Integrity Insider

Welcome to the first edition of our "Global Integrity Insider", a snapshot of what we've been up to over the last couple of months in our efforts to explore the value (and limits) of data-driven, learning-centered, and politically-savvy approaches to supporting governance reform.

The current plan is to share some highlights - and, coming soon, lowlights and learning opportunities - every couple of months. But we're very open to feedback about what would be most interesting and useful. So, let us know what you'd like!

Beyond the exciting progress across our program areas, and at the OpenGov Hub, particular highlights have been:

- the publication of a World Development Report that, with our nudges helping things along, moves squarely beyond "best practice";
- our engagement in the early stage design of a learning network on power and politics; and
- the publication of our Annual Report on "Listening, learning and open governance".

We've also had two excellent board meetings where we've been pushed to communicate more clearly our ambition, to give additional thought to how our US-focused work might adapt to the new political context, and to further strengthen our systems for monitoring, evaluation and learning.

Watch this space for updates. Or, if you're super-keen, just drop me a line Alan.Hudson@globalintegrity.org or @alanhudson1
Governance, Integrity, & Anti-Corruption

What We've Been Doing
A number of activities under this theme are in full swing, including the following highlights:

- Release of provisional data for the Africa Integrity Indicators Project which is currently in a feedback period (through May 31!). The Africa Integrity Indicators assess key social, economic, political, and anti-corruption mechanisms at the national level across all 54 African countries.
- Participated in 2017 Mo Ibrahim Foundation Governance Weekend with insightful conversations on the use and impact of data at the country level.
- Stay tuned for updates on our current fieldwork in Tunisia and Georgia with Transparency International as we dive into the triggers that determine whether or not citizens engage in Anti-corruption initiatives in different contexts.

Related Blogs

One Step Forward, Two Steps Back? The Africa Integrity Indicators 2017

Africa Integrity Indicators: Data, Use and Impact
Interesting Reads

**Aid Data** (Samantha Custer and Tanya Sethi): [Avoiding Data Graveyards: Insights from Data Producers & Users in Three Countries](#)

**Aid Data** (Takaaki Masaki, Tanya Sethi, and Samantha Custer): [In the Eye of the Beholder: When is Governance Data "Good Enough"?](#)

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**Multi-Stakeholder Governance Initiatives**

**What We've Been Doing**

In late January 2017, as part of our [Learning to Make All Voices Count](#) project, we organized and led the second of four reflective learning workshops. This workshop brought together our six CSO partners from across the world, along with Making All Voices Count (MAVC) staff to explore the ways in which our partners are engaging with, and adapting to, power, politics, and participation in their work. Learn more about the workshop, and the project at large, from [this blogpost](#).

We’ve also been working with partners in Costa Rica and Tanzania under the auspices of our [Learning to Open Government](#) project. In March, our partners at [Costa Rica Integra](#) convened OGP stakeholders from government and civil society to reflect on the lessons that emerged from our 2016 research into OGP, and to plan the future of OGP in the country. We’re currently planning a similar event in Tanzania, to take place in June 2017.

**Related Blogs**

- Power to the People - Participatory Tracking, and Learning to Navigate Complexity
- Learning to Make All Voices Count: Pursuing Openness Through Iterative Adaptation
Interesting Reads


Institute of Development Studies (Marina Apgar) Evaluators in Africa (unknowingly) rise to the challenge of complexity

Open Fiscal Governance

What We’ve Been Doing

• We have been highly engaged in the evolution of the Follow the Money network developing a note with ideas coming from many organizations around the world working to improve the use of public resources in their countries.
• In March, we participated in the Stewards Meeting of the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency and presented a project idea about strengthening the impact of the members of the network by exploring how to improve the use of fiscal data.
• Finally, continuing our engagement in Mexico, in January we participated in an open government event in the state of Chihuahua. We are also taking forward conversations with Mexican partners - INAI and GESOC - to use our Treasure Hunts method to support progress towards open fiscal governance in three states.
Related Blogs

Supporting the Evolution of Fiscal Transparency - Global Integrity at the GIFT Stewards Meeting in Mexico

Interesting Reads

International Budget Partnership (Paolo de Renzio and Massimo Mastruzzi): How Does Civil Society Use Budget Information? Mapping Fiscal Transparency Gaps and Needs in Developing Countries

National College of Public Administration and Governance - University of the Philippines (Erwin A Alampay and Pauline Bautista): Harnessing Open Data for Fiscal Transparency in Local Governments in the Philippines

Transforming Government: People, Process and Policy (Gisele da Silva Craveiro and Claudio Albano): Open Data Intermediaries: Coproduction in Budget Transparency

Money in Politics

What We've Been Doing
We continue to stay in touch with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, and with other organizations in the Political Finance Community of Practice. For instance, we met with colleagues from International-IDEA, one of the lead organizations in this space, at the Mo Ibrahim Foundation Governance Weekend in early April. In our engagements with these organizations we are advocating for the importance of iterative, politically informed approaches to political finance reform, an argument which has gotten some positive responses.

Interesting Reads

Building State Capability, Harvard Kennedy School (Matt
Initiating PDIA: Start by Running...and Then Run Some More

Electoral Integrity Project (Pippa Norris): Strengthening Electoral Integrity: The Pragmatic Case for Assistance

OpenGov Hub

What We've Been Doing
The OpenGov Hub (OGH) has launched several new collaborative activities in 2017. (Read more about the Hub's 2017 plans)

Some highlights include:

- Launching 4 new collaborative Working/Learning Groups on the 4 Hub strategic themes (open data, adaptive learning, difficult places, and localizing opengov)
- Launching 3 “Skillshare Guilds,” groups of Hub members interested in improving their organization’s work along shared functional areas - on Communications, Research, and Innovation
- Virtual Exchange with OpenGov Hub affiliate hub in Nepal
- Launching monthly movie night, and monthly welcome “coffee and donuts” for new members
- First quarterly Ignite Talk Night and first Innovation Sprint

Related Blogs

Catalytic Collaboration - What it Means for the OpenGov Hub

Interesting Reads
Open Government Partnership: OGP Strategic Refresh: Inviting Public Comment

Stanford Social Innovation Review (Tris Lumley): A New Paradigm: Toward a User-Centered Social Sector