



CSO APPROACHES TO AN INDEPENDENT MONITORING OF THE OGP

Wednesday, April 18, 2012: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

The *Alianza Regional por la Libre Expresión e Información* (the Regional Alliance for Freedom of Expression and Information), Transparency International and the International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) invite you to a workshop to: **explore ideas for how CSOs might best organize to generate a strong and independent monitoring of the OGP.**

This workshop will explore ideas and approaches for effective CSO monitoring of national action plans by presenting some approaches, mapping ideas from all participants, and identifying through facilitated discussion one to three key actions regional and international coalitions can take in order to facilitate national CSOs in monitoring.

Some key questions to explore, for example, are how do we ensure principles of access to information as a transversal baseline for any “open government” initiative? Do we want to consider generating simple, international report card tools that could be comparable across country? Do we want to think about tools at all? Do we just want a community of practice with effective info sharing and the occasional collective messaging? What role can CSOs play in non-participating and non-eligible countries? Our goal is to come out of the meeting with four or five (ideally) good proposals that we can use, or you can use, for fostering further collective engagement on the OGP. Panelists will present for ten minutes each followed by group discussion.

Panelists

Derek Dohler, Digital Projects Manager, Transparency International – Georgia

Elisabeth Ungar, Executive Director, *Transparencia por Colombia*

Vitus A. Azeem, Executive Secretary, Ghana Integrity Initiative

Eleonora Rabinovich, Director of Freedom of Expression, *Asociación por los Derechos Civiles* (Civil Rights Association), Argentina (TBC)

Eduardo Bohorquez, Executive Director, *Transparencia Mexicana*

Moderator: Andrés Hernández, Transparency International

Location

Open Government Partnership Annual Meeting Side Event
Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center
(Centro de Convenções Ulysses Guimarães)

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