

FOCUS SESSION 18

Title of the Session: Delivering development results through good governance, transparency and effective institutions: Open Government, civic engagement, and open data as enablers of development goals

8am-9.15am Wednesday 16th April
Room:

Objectives: *(maximum 4 lines)*

- 1) Explore how open government, open data and civic engagement can enable accelerated and socially-inclusive progress towards development goals.
- 2) Agree on concrete actions to improve quality and timeliness of development data, and to support all stakeholders to access and use this data.

Session Format: *(maximum 10 lines)*

The session will be interactive, with a panel debate moderated by the chair. The chair will facilitate a conversation amongst the panelists, allowing them to share their own experiences, as well as offering questions to drive the conversation. The session will incorporate questions and comments from the audience as well as from an online crowdsourcing exercise which will take place in advance, and through which the organizers will be able to identify the key issues that participants would like to see addressed. To participate in this exercise, please send questions and key topics you would wish the panelists to address with the hashtag **#HLMopen**. Word and word sequence frequency will be analyzed to capture common themes and include these questions during the session.

Speakers/Panellists:

- Chair: Guillermo Cejudo, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico
- H.E. Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, Minister of International Cooperation and Development, United Arab Emirates

- Ms Hillevi Engström, Minister for International Development Cooperation, Sweden.
- Ms Mireya Aguero, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Honduras
- Alejandro González, Director General de 'Gestión Social' (GESOC), Mexico
- Philipp Schönrock, Director, Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI), Colombia

Background/Narrative: *(maximum 10 lines)*

Financing and monitoring the post-2015 development agenda will require harnessing all of the available resources for poverty eradication and sustainable development. Essential for achieving this will be ensuring greater transparency of all resource flows for development supported by greater coverage and quality of statistics to monitor development outcomes. “Data revolutionaries”, including open government and open data movements, are at the forefront of such efforts to make governments and institutions more transparent, accountable and responsive to citizens. This focus session will explore the role of good governance, transparency and effective institutions in delivering development results, and consider how open government, civic engagement, quality statistics and open data can enable accelerated progress towards development goals.

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[OECD-DAC](#)
[PARIS21.org](#)
[www.openinggovernment.com](#)
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Organisers:

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