

Brownbag Lunch

14 March 2018 - 12:30-14:00 – Room A3038

IMPROVING PUBLIC FINANCE SYSTEMS



The International Budget Partnership (IBP) presents the results from their latest round of the **Open Budget Survey** — the only independent, comparative, and regular measure of budget transparency and accountability around the world. Based on this data, *they formulated suggestions for improving countries' public finance systems and practices*. Mounting evidence shows that the best way to manage public funds efficiently and equitably is through budget systems that are transparent, inclusive, and monitored through strong, independent oversight institutions.

The International Budget Partnership (IBP) focuses on government budgets because they are *at the core of development*. Budgets are the government's most powerful tool to meet the needs of its people, especially those who are poor and marginalized. Leading the field for nearly 20 years, IBP has taken on the challenge of making public finance systems worldwide more transparent and accountable *through its work that combines country-based civil society pressure with increased pressure from international institutions*, together with efforts to generate effective advocacy for more open and responsive budgeting. The core of the International Budget Partnership's work in countries is deep, strategy-driven engagements in [India, Kenya, and South Africa](#) and support activities in China, Egypt and El Salvador.



**Vivek Ramkumar, Senior Director of Policy,
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Vivek oversees IBP's research and advocacy efforts to expand the adoption of transparent and accountable budget systems around the world. He previously worked with the MKSS – an Indian organization that pioneered the Right to Information movement in India.



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Anjali is responsible for conducting qualitative and quantitative social science research, providing technical assistance to partners and in-country peer reviewers, as well working with IBP partners to develop and implement advocacy strategies to promote budget transparency reforms.