

# Parliaments, money and participation



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# Overview



- 1) Introductions
- 2) The budget cycle
- 3) Breakout sessions
- 4) Panel discussion

# Open Parliament Portal



- New initiative of ParlAmericas
- Tool for education, participation, networking
- Contribute your practices, connect with colleagues, access resources

<http://parltools.org/>

# Parliaments and money

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**The power of the purse resides with  
Parliament.**

# Fiscal scrutiny



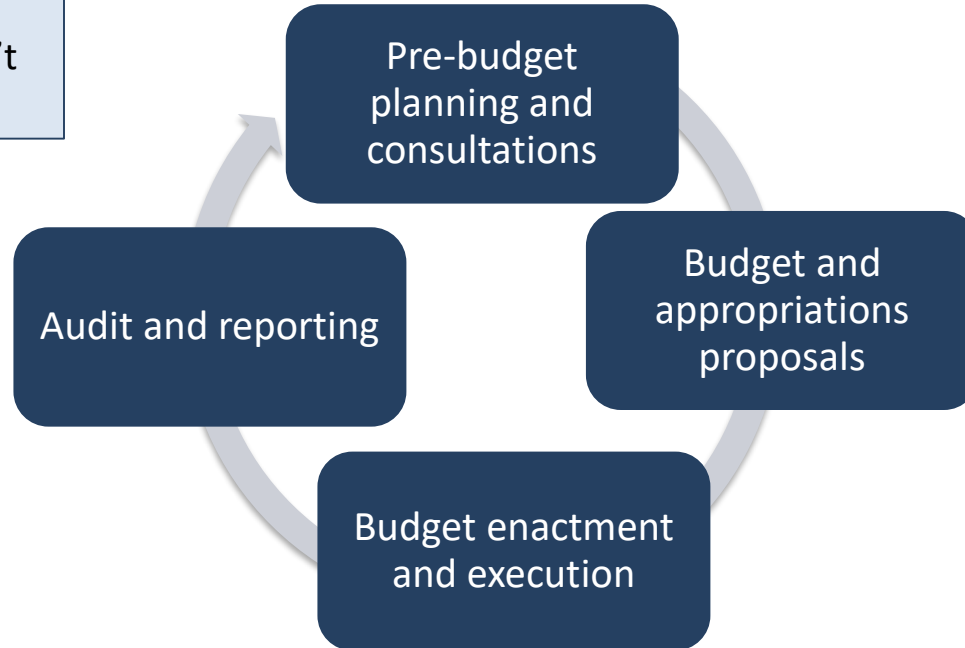
- There are three parts to fiscal scrutiny:
  - 1) **Contextual analysis:** accounting of a country's broad economic environment.
  - 2) **Planning:** assessment of the executive's content and tools in their plans that extend from budget to estimates to the tabling of the public accounts.
  - 3) **Performance evaluation:** assessment of whether the government's contextual assumptions and plans hold up in reality.

Asymmetry in information can be a challenge

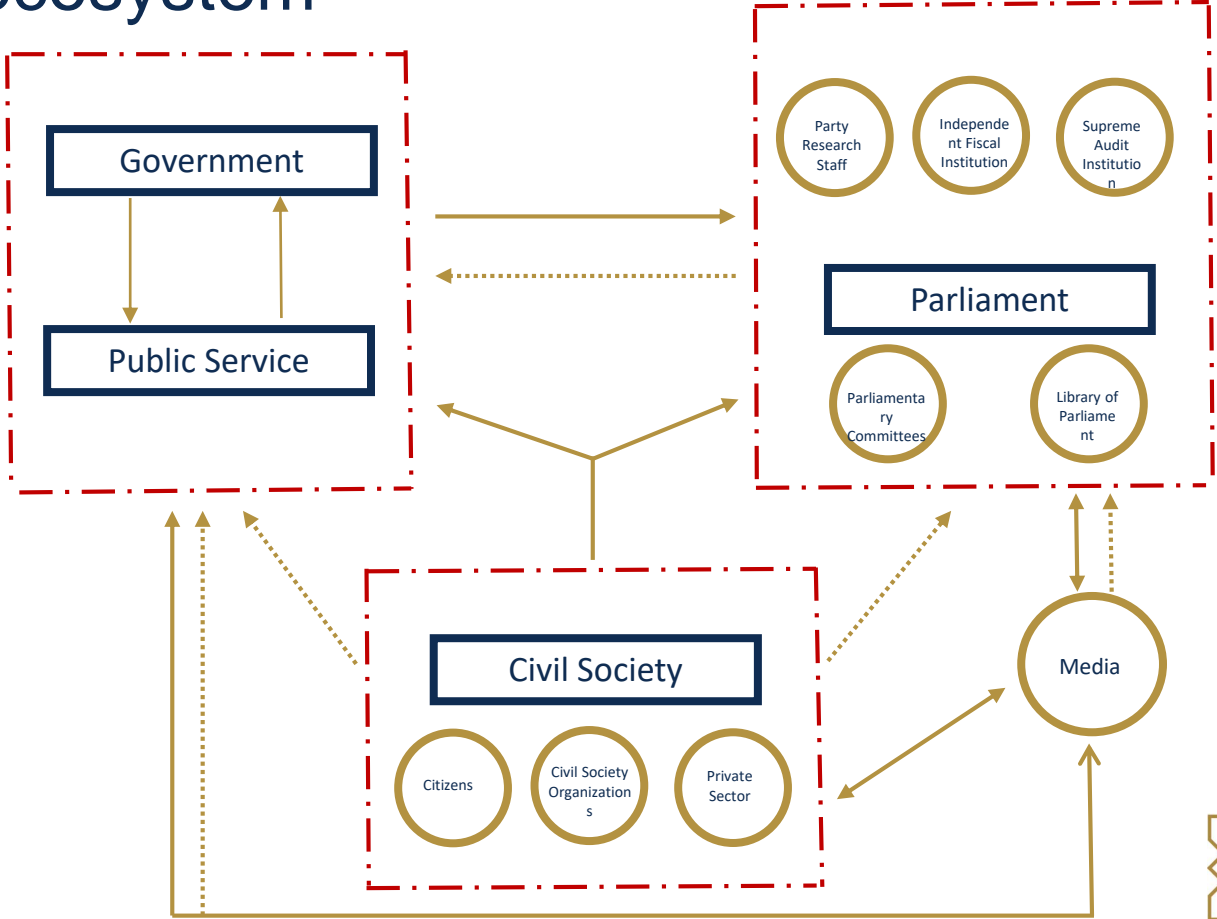
# Budget cycle



Most focus is on the budget...but that doesn't cover the full cycle



# Fiscal ecosystem



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- Parliamentarians have two types of financial accountability:
  - *Ex-ante* (before money is appropriated, i.e. appropriations and plans)
  - *Ex-post* (after the books have closed, i.e. public accounts and results reporting)
- How can public participation in the financial cycle support their roles?



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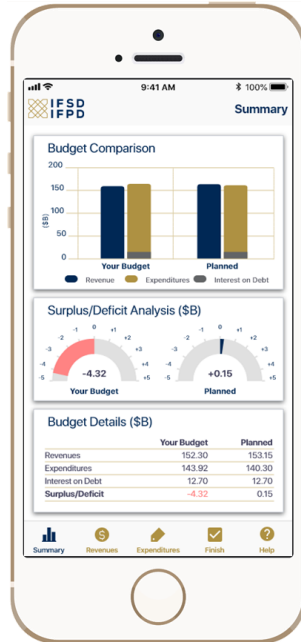
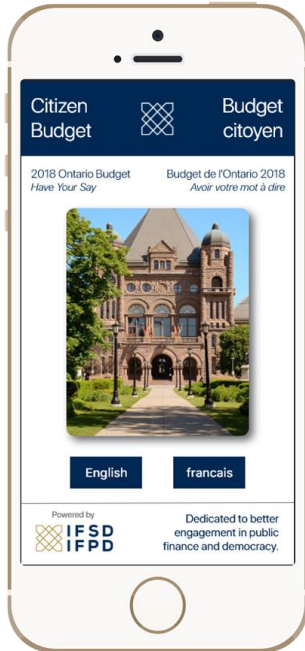
- Guidelines to consider: [GIFT's 10 Principles of Public Participation in Fiscal Policy](#)
  - Accessibility, openness, inclusiveness, respect for self-expression, timeliness, depth, proportionality, sustainability, complementarity, reciprocity
- IBP's [Open Budget Survey](#) covers the full financial cycle, from pre-budget to audit, including executive and legislative activities in citizen engagement in budget formulation (consultative and reporting).

# Citizen Budget



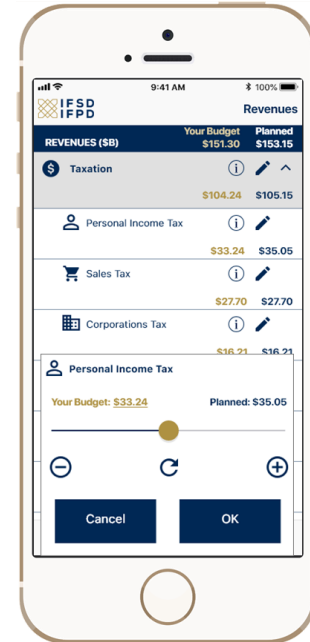
- Empowering citizens and the legislators who represent them
- Multilingual, easy-to-use, customizable tool for citizens to have their say
- [Interactive tool](#)
- [Powerful analytics](#)

# Citizen Budget



IFSD/IFPD Revenues Summary

REVENUES (\$B)	Your Budget	Planned
Taxation	\$104.24	\$105.15
Personal Income Tax	\$33.24	\$35.05
Sales Tax	\$27.70	\$27.70
Corporations Tax	\$16.21	\$16.21
Employer Health Tax	\$6.50	\$6.50
Education Property Tax	\$6.29	\$6.29
Ontario Health Premium	\$3.90	\$3.90



# Group discussions: Current practices



- How do your parliaments engage with citizens?  
(Consider GIFT principles)
- Are there new opportunities or approaches you would consider?
- Do you have practices to share, e.g. gender budgeting?

# Panel discussion: Parliament as a Facilitator for Citizen Participation in the Budget Process

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- The Hon. **Wayne Easter**, Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance, House of Commons of Canada
- **Kate Ryan-Lloyd**, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
- The Hon. **George Norton**, Minister of Social Cohesion of Guyana

# Conclusion



- Comments on the handout
- Evaluation
- Key takeaways