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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of the lead organization	Open Government Partnership
City and country where the lead organization is based	Washington, DC, USA
Title of the event	City Innovations in Open Government
Date	10/17/2016
Room number	R19
List of partner organizations	World Resources Institute - Washington, DC USA
Number of attendees	61-80
Percentage of women participating	51-60%
Background information on the event (themes, issues, context).	<p>This panel of open government leaders in cities focused on the importance of innovation in open government and transparency for addressing urbanization challenges. City pioneers in open government shared specific examples, such as participatory budgeting at the neighborhood level or opening up municipal transport data to improve the quality of service. This led to a discussion amongst participants about how open government innovations can help achieve the New Urban Agenda. Panelists addressed questions of how local governments can implement the New Urban Agenda in their urban areas, how the NUA can be supported by open government reforms, what potential open government innovations can aid implementation of the NUA for their cities, and how open government and transparency for improvements in service delivery at the city level.</p>



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<p>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed</p>	<p>Maimunah Moh'd Sharif presented how she has built her citizens' trust in her government through open government reforms. Through a smart monitoring system, citizen engagement, awareness campaigns, and participatory budgeting she has created more quality public spaces, increased the cleanliness of her municipality, and decreased costs for the government, particularly around waste management. Participant questioning the panel about how to ensure the work on open government is sustainable and not only focused on self-promotion or marking for future elections. Participant from Nigeria reminds the panelists that the elected officials have the power and that open government should be sure to support citizen power- questioning who to we ensure that when 100 houses are built and delivered, that they are for those who actually need the houses receive them, not the mayor's friends. Sandra Pepera, Director for Gender of NDI asks us how gender is being mainstreamed into the OGP and urges us to ensure gender features in our future work. Jean-Louis Missika, Deputy Mayor of Paris for Urban Planning, spoke about participatory budgeting in Paris, where in 2015 they had 5K submissions of ideas, 70K inhabitants participating and 188 projects in implementation - with 100MEuros/year getting allocated. In 2016, 30 million euros will be specifically allocated to poorer areas of Paris in response to some elite capture in 2014 and 2015. Maimunah Moh'd Sharif presenting her work on gender responsive participatory budgeting - stating that this is a tool for a better quality of life and to build essential trust in government. "People when they engage they want a result".</p>
<p>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.</p>	<p>Fernando Straface, General Secretary and International Relations, Government of Buenos Aires, Argentina</p>
<p>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.</p>	<p>Dato' Maimunah Mo'd Sharif, President of the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai, Malaysia</p>
<p>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event.</p>	<p>Jean-Louis Missika, Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of Urban Planning, City of Paris</p>
<p>Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?</p>	<p>Via twitter, newsletter, blog, and other social media.</p>