

International Budget Partnership and UNICEF

Budget Transparency Webinar

“Open budgets as the driving force of effective COVID-19 response and recovery: What can countries in Eastern and Southern Africa do better?”

23 September 2020, 14:00 Johannesburg; 15:00 Nairobi Time

15:00 – Introduction

- *David Robins, IBP*

15:05 – Budget openness: Saving children’s lives and the cornerstone of UNICEF’s business

- *Bob Muchabaiwa, UNICEF ESARO*

15:10 – Transparency trends in ESA, the pandemic pivot, and global standards

- *Alex Kreko, IBP*

15:20 – Views from Ministries of Finance: Innovations and progress on the openness front

- *Maleshoane Lekomola-Danziger, the Head of Budget Department, Kingdom of Lesotho*
- *Jeanette Rwigamba, Director of Budget Management and Reporting, MINECOFIN, Rwanda*
- *Martha Gunda-Pule, Chief Finance Officer, Development & Budget Division, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development, Botswana*

15:45- View from Civil Society

- *Jay Kruuse, Director, PSAM*

15:52 –Plenary and Group Discussions

- *Facilitated by David Robins, IBP*

16:26 – Concluding thoughts

- *Matthew Cummins, UNICEF & David Robins, IBP*