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