

Dear readers,

As the Co-chairs of the Effective Institutions Platform, we are proud to share with you the first edition of our Newsletter! Future editions will be circulated on a quarterly basis, keeping our membership updated and informed on EIP news, projects and upcoming events.

Given the broad range of issues covered by the EIP mandate, we've decided that—to be most useful to you— each edition should focus on a particular issue from the field of public sector reform. This newsletter is dedicated to measuring and evaluating government performance.

While this is a topic that always attracts a great deal of attention—reputations and financing are increasingly linked to results—it is also a very timely subject given the release of the [Busan Monitoring Report](#) and ongoing discussions on what the [post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals and targets](#) will entail. Indeed, politicians, practitioners and the public will be carefully scrutinising the content and validity of existing data and methodologies, and holding serious discussions on how best to assess progress and aid effectiveness in the areas of governance and public sector reform.

The EIP has a lot to offer to these important deliberations, with one of our five areas of work (or pillars) dedicated to overcoming the challenges of measurement and evaluation in this sector, fittingly named '[Indicators for Success](#)'. This newsletter contains information on this pillar's key initiatives, including the innovative [iChallenge](#), our research on alternative indicators on public financial management for Busan monitoring, as well as the now widely-used "[MAPS](#)" framework for evaluating procurement systems. We look forward to continuing to work with our members in moving this pillar forward!

We hope you will find our newsletters valuable and relevant for your day-to-day work.

Best regards,



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