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INVITATION TO CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PARTICIPATORY MECHANISMS IN FISCAL POLICIES PILOT PROJECT

National Treasury is inviting groups or coalition of civil society with an interest in budgeting and fiscal policy matters to be part of a 3-year pilot project for public participation in fiscal policies.

South Africa's budget transparency is internationally recognised through ranking as a global leader in the Open Budget Index (OBI). However, South Africa does not do well in terms of budget public participation, scoring only 24 out of 100 on this category in the latest survey.

This challenge is not unique to South Africa. Various governments have sought to address this challenge using different methods, with varying degrees of success. South Africa has since accepted an invitation to be part of a pilot project sponsored by the International Budget Partnership (IBP) and the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT) to assist countries such as South Africa, Benin, Liberia, Nigeria and Senegal.

The main objective is to build the technical capacity for governments to implement effective mechanisms for public participation in fiscal policies, while providing an open dialogue between civil society and public finance authorities on the use of public resources. It is therefore fitting that National Treasury works with representatives of civil society to ensure the success of this reform. The project requires up to 10 country representatives to form part of an advisory body that will meet and take actions forward from time to time. All organisations participating must be willing to fund their participants to be part of the engagements – whether physically or virtually.

Please submit the details of **one representative** from your **CSO group, association or coalition** (full names, telephone number and e-mail address) with the list of organisations being represented by that person to andisile.best@treasury.gov.za by **10 February 2020**. Should the nominated representatives be more than five, representatives will discuss and reduce. When nominating representatives, organisations are encouraged to also consider the vulnerable and under-represented individuals of the population.

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