Short Session Report

Session Title: AntiCorruption Reform Victories
Date & Time: 3 December 2016, 9am.
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We need to pay as much attention to our mistakes as we do our successes.

Experts:
Name, Position, Organisation
Dan Krasner, Director, Represent.us
Johannes Tonn, GlobalIntegrity.org
Carla Miller, Founder, CityEthics.org & Ethics Director, City of Jacksonville, FL

Moderated by:
Session coordinated by: Government Accountability Project and Transparency International

Main issues raised in kick off remarks. What’s the focus of the session?

Looking for lessons learned around the world in reform activities.
Structured in two parts
  1. Ecosystem & why that matters
  2. Problem solving a method or activity designed to reach the desired result.

Strategy, then reprioritized our goals to achieve the objective.
Analysis of a problem involves a clear objective as the first step.
Some things that are being used now in terms of an ecosystem
We want to succeed in anticorruption reform activities.

What initiatives have been showcased? Briefly describe the
Game Changing strategies/ ideas (if applicable)

2012 thru 2015 assessing corruption in the 50 states in various areas
like FOI, procurement, etc.

We hired journalists in each state to do the initial research ended up
with 26,000 data points.

Partnered with the CPI *Center for Public Integrity

2000 news stories or mentions.
53 in the NY Times
7000 people sent emails to their state legislators
12 States has introduced legislation as a result
e.g. Vermont, NM, SD, MA, NV, OR pushed for new ethics laws

OTHER ACTORS in the U.S. ecosystem
Sunlight Fdn

Compared to international efforts, the U.S. has a very strong AC
grassroots network.

Represent.us
Goes around the voting structure a bypass if you will
People can go around the elected officials to create state and local
laws by use of the referendum

Played 3 example Videos from Represent.us
Honest Gil
Analysis of the relationship between Anticorruptionact.org Ballot initiatives

2014 the first city level ballot initiative won using legislation written by Carla Miller

Question.. How to educate about the issues without destroying any remaining trust.

Dan K. introduces Carla Miller (who had arrived late)

Carla is focussed on working from the inside to implement the laws and the research materials. She described her career track in Jacksonville, FL and the attacks that she experienced in the early days when she tried to call for changes to how certain key bills were dealt with in the City Council.

Briefly describe the highlights including the thematically interesting questions and ideas that were generated from the discussion or from the floor, and session quotes.

Concerns were raised about the use of extreme language like anticorruption during the ballot initiatives may do more damage than good to the peoples trust in government.

Reform requires courage.

The citizens were a key factor in the successes that Carla described in establishing an independent ethics office for Jacksonville, FL
What are the key recommendations, follow-up Actions (200 words narrative form)

We need to be more aggressively taking the latest research and establishing alliances with grassroots organizations to achieve more reform successes.

Key Insights that could be included in the IACC Declaration

Rapporteur’s name and date submitted
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