

## Results from Panel 1 Small Group Discussion

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### Accountability & Transparency are Key



- Transparency and accountability go hand-in-hand
- Transparency of data is required for accountability
- Corruption is the biggest obstacle to development

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION is Vital to Making Transparency and Accountability Work



- Social Audit is an important mechanism by which citizens can influence policy making
- Awareness of and engagement in participatory democracy is key
- Grassroots efforts must be supported

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**There is a Paradigm Shift:  
Providing Access to  
Information is a Critical  
Government Function...**

- Information is a tool for reform
- Presentation or structuring of information is at least as important as transparency itself
- It is essential to stimulate the demand for facts and that those facts be accurate

**...BUT Information by Itself  
is NOT Enough**

- Statistics are important but how do we measure intangible notions such as quality-of-life issues?
- Leadership is key & management of information is critical. Which data? How will we use the data? What's the purpose?
- Must be aware of information overload

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**Legal and Political Frameworks MUST be  
In-Place for Innovation to Succeed**



- Rule of law is a critical precursor to transparency and freedom of information
- Process of moving to a transparent society differs across countries, in terms of legislative processes, etc.
- Leadership and political will are required for transformation to succeed

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### Role of Leadership



- Cultivating and investing in leadership
- Courage and ability to “react” to results at political level
- Accountability for leadership (not just government)

### Role of Citizens



- Ease of access to and of supplying information
- Develop process that includes and encourages citizen participation
- Responsibility of citizens to know, organize, and act

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### Indicators, and Reporting Results

- Agreed upon community-, national-, and international-level indicators of success
- Tie results to budgetary formulation and execution (also transparent)

### Rewards & Incentives

- Reward actions (trying, piloting, inside government)
- Reward good reporting (failures *and* success)
- Performance outcomes and rewards; positive incentives environment

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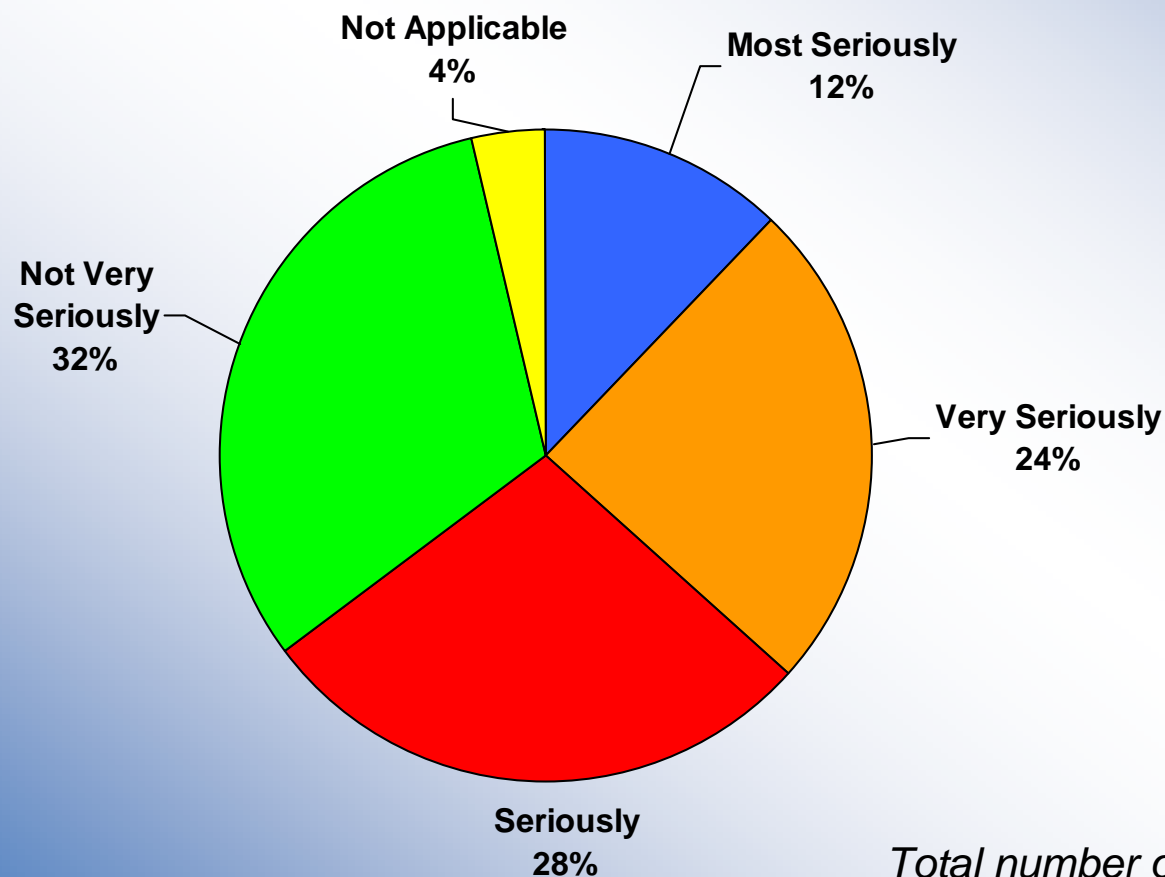
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### Facilitating Innovation

- Encourage reasonable risk-taking
- Balance transparency with the desire for innovation and creativity
- Allow for mistakes

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Question 3: *In your country, how seriously do governments take important anti-corruption initiatives?*



Total number of responses: 243