

**COP Plan Submission Sheet:
Treasury Community of Practice**

October 08 - September 09

Summary

The Treasury Community of Practice action plan is organized around thematic groups. The main themes of interest for the TCOP members were identified through TCOP participant survey during the meeting in Istanbul in February 2008.

These are :

- Group 1 - Public sector accounting standards and practices
- Group 2 - Budget classification and chart of accounts integration
- Group 3 - Single treasury account and cash management

Leadership of the groups has been confirmed. Each of the groups has an initial plan of activities as detailed in section B below.

The main instrument for overall planning and coordination of TCOP activities are regular videoconferences of the leadership team.

The culminating event for the year is expected to be a full TCOP workshop in the second half of the period. Active planning and preparation of the event, however, can not be started until the funding is identified/ confirmed.

A. Purpose:

The main purpose of the activity plan is to support the work of the TCOP leadership group aimed at consolidating the Treasury Community of Practice.

Specific goals for the current year are to:

- Facilitate implementation of member initiatives for various forms of peer interaction and learning
- Lay foundation for TCOP knowledge base on priority themes of interest for TCOP members
- Establish a pool of thematic resource persons committed to support TCOP
- adopt communication tools and means provided by PEMPAL and develop a workable internal communication network for TCOP
- develop TCOP leadership structure

B. Timing of the activity (ies)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Group 1: Public sector accounting standards and practices</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o VC presentation - Azerbaijan and Tajik IPSAS feasibility studies o Follow-up discussion on accounting standards and practices 	<p>January 22, 2009</p> <p>t.b.d.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Group 2: Budget classification and chart of accounts integration</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o VC presentation – members experience o Electronic database of member documents o Small group meeting in Chisinau (Albania, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova) (other countries to be invited to join) 	<p>February 2009</p> <p>continuous</p> <p>March / April 2009</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Group 3: Single treasury account, cash management</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Confirmation of thematic resource person for the group o electronic survey of TCOP members (benchmarking) o presentation of survey results o discussion of survey results and identification of issues for TCOP meeting agenda o Study visits of Tajik treasury to Moldova (to be combined with small group meeting on theme 2) 	<p>January 2009</p> <p>t.b.d.</p> <p>t.b.d.</p> <p>April 2009</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leadership group meetings (VCs) 	<p>At least once a quarter (1st meeting held in September, 2^d meeting held in October, 3^d meeting planned for January 09)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full TCOP meeting 	<p>t.b.d.</p>

C. Expected results

The expected results correspond to specific goals for the current year, as follows:

- Member initiatives are acted upon, reflected in TCOP activity plan;
- Knowledge generated by the Community is accumulated and made available to the members;
- Each thematic group has a clearly identified resource person to interact with on thematic professional issues;
- Experience with communication tools provided by PEMPAL is accumulated, preferred means of communication are identified, used;
- Leadership group is active, meets regularly, reaches out to the Community.

D. Additional descriptive information:

E. Total PEM PAL Budget support required:

\$ 110.000,00 (see detailed attachment) – no additional funding from other sources has been identified so far. The financing gap is estimated at \$70.000.

Technical expert resources were identified / are used (Elena Nikulina, Ranjan Ganguli, World Bank; SECO, Professor Bergmann). TCOP also plans to approach the new IMF regional fiscal advisor to be based at CEF with the invitation to become lead resource person for thematic group on cash management .