

## **Minutes of the PEMPAL TCOP Leadership Group meeting, September 29th, 2011.**

TCOP leadership group held a meeting on September 29th, in Astana, Kazakhstan.

The meeting was attended by: Irada Ayyubova (Ministry of Finance, Azerbaijan), Solmaz Yahyayeva (Ministry of Finance, Azerbaijan), Aliona Hylevich (Ministry of Finance, Belarus), Zurab Tsitlauri (Ministry of Finance, Georgia), Levan Todua (Ministry of Finance, Georgia), Zaifun Yernazarova (Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan), Nargiz Djumaeva (Ministry of Finance, Kyrgyzstan), Angela Voronin (Ministry of Finance, Moldova), Elena Nikulina (WB TTL), Ion Chicu (TCOP resource person), Senka Maver (CEF, Slovenia).

At the beginning of the meeting, the participants welcomed the new members of the TCOP leadership group representing Belarus.

Objectives of the meeting:

1. Discussions on the TCOP Activity Plan for October 2011- June 2012
2. TCOP Activity Plan for 2012-2014

### **1. TCOP activities October 2011 – June 2012**

At the beginning of the meeting, Angela Voronin has informed TCOP leaders about the decisions taken by PEMPAL Steering Committee, during the meeting held on September 22, 2011, with regard to the available CoPs budgets for the period October 2011 – June 2012. Taking into account that the funds available for financing TCOP activities are limited, some of the events included in the community's Activity Plan for 2010-2012 must be postponed for a later stage. Due to the budget limitations, TCOP can conduct only one workshop in spring 2012. According to TCOP Activity Plan for 2010-2012, this workshop was tentatively envisaged to be held in Tbilisi, Georgia, in March 2011. The tentative themes of the workshop are: 1. Use of treasury systems for implementation of donor funded projects, and 2. Project management in implementation of the Treasury systems.

The representatives of Georgia attending the meeting have reconfirmed their country's interest to host this event, but proposed to move it to February 2012. Also, they suggested to revise the proposed workshop topics, adding the demonstration of their country's experience in developing and implementing FMIS.

Elena Nikulina thanked Georgia's representatives for their country's availability to host TCOP workshop and the willingness to present their experience in reforming PFM. At the same time, she warned TCOP leaders that Tbilisi can be a comparatively expensive destination, and there is a high probability that budget limitations will not allow to hold a full plenary meeting in Georgia. It was therefore suggested to consider a small group format for the next TCOP meeting (as envisaged by the earlier versions of the TCOP activity plan for the current year).

In order to meet the whole TCOP expectations regarding the activities planned for the spring of 2012, the leadership group has decided to include in the Astana event evaluation survey some

questions related to the topic, location and timeframe of the next workshop. Also, Georgia's representatives have asked for a few additional days, in order to coordinate with the MoF management their views regarding the topics, format and timeframe of the workshop. After collecting the opinions of TCOP members through the survey (expected by October 20th), as well as receiving the views of the Georgian representatives as potential hosts of the meeting, TCOP leadership group will take a final decision regarding the future workshop.

### **TCOP Activity Plan 2012 – 2014**

TCOP leaders have discussed the draft Activity Plan for 2012-2014, developed by resource team working with the Treasury Community. This draft plan has been discussed, also, by all TCOP members during the small group discussion session on the third day of Astana workshop.

The meeting participants appreciated the quality and relevance of the proposed draft, but suggested to use the opportunity available through the Astana workshop evaluation survey for collecting the whole community's comments and proposals for the 2012-2014 activity plan. It was therefore agreed to include in the survey questions related to the themes and format of the future TCOP activities.

After receiving TCOP member's comments and proposals, the draft Activity Plan for 2012-2014 will be revised accordingly and submitted for approval to the PEMPAL Steering Committee.

#### **Main conclusions of the TCOP Leadership Group meeting:**

- At the videoconference planned for the end of October, TCOP Leadership Group will take a final decision regarding the activities to be performed during the spring of 2012, after receiving TCOP members' responses to the Astana workshop evaluation survey. This decision will also take into account the views of the representatives of the Georgian Ministry of Finance as potential hosts of the next TCOP workshop.
- TCOP draft Activity Plan for 2012-2014 will be revised and submitted to the PEMPAL Steering Committee after receiving TCOP members comments and proposals through the evaluation survey following Astana workshop.
- Ion Chicu will prepare and circulate the minutes of the leadership group meeting by October 15th, 2011.