

Minutes of the PEMPAL TCOP Leadership Group meeting, May 29th, 2012.

TCOP Leadership Group held a videoconference meeting May 29th, 2012.

The meeting was attended by: Anila Cili (Ministry of Finance, Albania), Nazim Gasimzade (Ministry of Finance of Azerbaijan), Zaifun Yernazarova (Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan), Angela Voronin (Ministry of Finance, Moldova), Renold Rubinov (Federal Treasury, Russia), Elena Nikulina (WB TTL), Ion Chicu (TCOP resource person).

Objectives of the meeting:

1. Status of Moscow TCOP workshop preparation
2. Preparation of the next face-to-face meeting of TCOP Leadership Group in Moscow (June 24th)
3. Discussions on the TCOP plans for the second half of 2012
4. Information on the development of TCOP Strategy for 2012-2017
5. Discussions on the use of IT communication tools within TCOP Leadership Group

I. Moscow workshop preparation

The discussions on this point started with a brief update on the current status of Moscow TCOP workshop preparation and the discussion of the workshop draft agenda. The participants have agreed on the final list of presentations for Moscow workshop, the proposed format and timeframe for small group discussions sessions, as well as on the detailed agenda for each day of the workshop.

Mr. Renold Rubinov has proposed to organize the bilateral meeting requested by the Albanian delegation with the Federal Treasury representatives, at the end of the workshop in Vladimir. It was agreed to identify the options for arranging the bilateral meeting as proposed. Also, Albanian delegation will have the possibility to address their questions during the small group discussions devoted to the experience of Federal Treasury of Russian Federation on June 25th.

The meeting participants have discussed the issues related to the organization of the small group discussion sessions during the workshop. A list of questions¹ for discussions during those sessions has been preliminarily collected among TCOP leaders. The meeting participants have confirmed their interest to discuss in Moscow the following issues:

¹ Posted on the TCOP wiki page

- Centralization and decentralization of the public sector accounting and reporting
- Federal Treasury experience in reforming the treasury system of the Russian Federation. Stages of the reform and lessons learnt.
- The role of the treasury in PFM reforms and their impact on the treasury functions.
- Strategic level issues related to the impact of the treasury reforms on the broader PFM reform process
- Use of the new IT solutions, including “cloud” technologies in treasury operations

It was agreed that additional proposals for questions to be discussed during the small group sessions will be collected by June 8th, 2012. Along with the above mentioned, these questions will be addressed by participants of the small group discussion sessions. In order to provide relevant information and answers, these sessions will be attended by the Federal Treasury representatives responsible for the respective thematic areas.

The final list of questions and specific tasks for the small group discussions sessions will be approved by the TCOP Leadership group during its face-to-face meeting on June 24th, in Moscow.

II. Preparation of the next face-to-face meeting of TCOP Leadership Group in Moscow (June 24th)

The meeting participants have agreed to submit their proposals for the agenda of the Leadership Group meeting in Moscow, by June 8th, 2012.

According to the decisions taken last February in Tbilisi, the discussions on the issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group coordination will be continued in Moscow. The process for elections of the chair of the group will be agreed during the meeting. Also, TCOP plans for the second part of 2012 will be discussed during the Moscow workshop.

TCOP leaders have discussed the issue related to the Kyrgyz representation in the Leadership Group, after Nargiz Djumaeva’s withdrawal. It was agreed to invite, as candidate to the Leadership Group membership, an alternative representative from Kyrgyzstan to the meeting in Moscow. A final decision regarding Kyrgyzstan further representation on the group will be taken depending on the activities performed within the TCOP leadership by this country’s representatives. A thank you letter on behalf of TCOP Leadership Group meeting will be sent to Nargiz Djumaeva.

Anila Cili has informed the meeting participants that the flight schedule does not allow her to attend the meeting from the very beginning on 2 p.m, and have asked for adjustments in the agenda. The majority of TCOP leaders have agreed to postpone the meeting for 3 p.m, June 24th, in order to offer Anila the possibility to attend the meeting.

II. Discussions on the TCOP plans for the second half of 2012

The meeting participants have been informed about the decisions taken by the PEMPAL Steering Committee during its meeting on May 15th, where TCOP Activity Plan for 2012-2014 has been approved. A total budget of **US \$465.000** for 2012-2013 has been approved for TCOP activities.

According to TCOP Activity Plan for 2012-2014, a plenary workshop devoted to public sector accounting and reporting topic will be organized in November 2012. The meeting participants have confirmed their interest and intention to hold this workshop according to the plan. **Elena Nikulina** has invited TCOP leaders to express their interest to take part in thematic working group proposed to be formed for preparation of the meeting. Composition of the working group will be confirmed during the Moscow meeting.

According to PEMPAL Steering Committee decision, a cross PEMPAL COPs leadership meeting will be held on September 3-5th, 2012 in Paris, France. The videoconference participants have discussed the issues related to the participation of TCOP leaders to the Paris meeting. A list of questions² to be addressed during the “French day” of the meeting was developed and approved by TCOP leaders. Further discussions on TCOP leaders’ participation at the cross COPs leadership meeting will be organized in Moscow.

Also, the videoconference participants have agreed to discuss during their meeting in Moscow the issues related to the organization of other events planned for the fall 2012 in the TCOP Activity Plan 2012-2014.

IV. Information on the development of TCOP Strategy for 2012-2017

According to the decisions taken by the TCOP Leadership Group in Tbilisi, the process of TCOP Strategy for 2012-2017 has been launched. Ion Chicu has briefed the meeting participants on the current status of the document development. Draft structure of the Strategy has been developed so far. This draft structure and initial draft of the Strategy will be discussed by TCOP leaders during their meeting in Moscow.

V. Discussions on the use of IT communication tools within TCOP Leadership Group

The videoconference participants have discussed the current issues related to the use of IT communication tools and the knowledge resources available for PEMPAL members.

² Posted on the TCOP wiki page

It has been agreed that additional support on the use of TCOP wiki page by community's members will be provided by TCOP resource team. The page will be further updated in order to meet TCOP members' expectations.

TCOP members will further participate to the completion of the PEMPAL virtual library, which is available on the PEMPAL webpage.

Main conclusions of the TCOP Leadership Group meeting:

- TCOP Leadership Group revised and approved the proposed agenda for the Moscow workshop, planned for June 25-27th, 2012. Besides the main agenda of the workshop, a leadership group meeting will be held on June 24th, starting at 3 p.m.
- TCOP leaders will provide their additional proposals on the list of questions for the workshop small group discussions sessions, by June 8th, 2012.
- The agenda of the face-to-face meeting of the TCOP Leadership Group in Moscow will envisage different issues related to the community's further activity organization and coordination, including the process for elections of the chair of TCOP Leadership Group.
- TCOP leaders will provide additional proposals for the agenda of the group face-to-face meeting in Moscow, by June 8th, 2012. The final agenda and informative materials for the Leadership Group meeting in Moscow will be circulated by June 15th, 2012.
- A working group including TCOP leaders will be created for preparation of the community's workshop devoted to the issues of public sector accounting and reporting, planned for November 2012.
- During the meeting in Moscow the issue related to the organization of the events planned for the fall of 2012 will be discussed.
- TCOP Leadership Group will continue in Moscow the discussions related to the participation of the group's representatives to the PEMPAL cross COPs leadership meeting in Paris, on September 3-5th, 2012
- Additional support for TCOP Leadership members will be provided by community's resource team in the area of using the IT communication tools. TCOP leaders will continue to contribute to PEMPAL virtual library.
- Ion Chicu will prepare and circulate the minutes of the leadership group meeting, by June 11th, 2012.