

PEM PAL TCOP

Minutes of Leadership meeting through video conference, September 23d, 2008.

TCOP leadership group met on September 23d through video conference to discuss the draft COP action plan circulated by the Chair and exchange views on the written comments that arrived from the TCOP members.

The meeting was attended by Alexandru Prohnutschi, Deputy Treasury Director and TCOP Chair from Moldova, Saidbek Zulpuev, Deputy Director of the Treasury from Kyrgyzstan, Anila Cili, Treasury Director from Albania, Ismatullo Hakimov, First Deputy Treasury Director from Tajikistan, who was joined by Rustam Babaev, Head of PFM project office at the MOF in Tajikistan, Hassan Aliev, Consultant at World Bank office in Dushanbe, Elena Nikulina, World Bank PEMPAL resource person for the TCOP.

Each of the participants was given time to summarize the comments he/ she prepared on the initial draft of the action plan. Written comments from Albania, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan are annexed to these minutes.

After the discussion, it was agreed that TCOP should organize itself around the themes, or topics of interest, with a member of the Leadership group assigned to each of the topics.

Following the discussion on the current status of relevant reforms in each of the countries, as well as the existing practical needs and interests, the agreed distribution of the leadership roles emerged as follows:

- Alexandru Prohnutschi, Moldova - Treasury Single Account / Cash Management
- Saidbek Zulpuev, Kyrgyzstan - Integration of the Budget Classification and the Chart of Accounts
- Anila Cili, Albania and Ismatullo Hakimov, Tajikistan - Transition to accrual accounting

Participants also discussed the resource requirements to move the agenda in each of the topic groups forward, as well as some organizational aspects.

It was agreed to compile and share the list of phone contacts for the leadership group use, to explore the practical aspects of operationalizing PEMPAL web site for the TCOP needs, and make more regular use of the VC facilities.

The preferred format for face-to-face activities are focused thematic workshops for a sub-group of countries, or with break-outs tailored to the needs of the member countries at different levels of development. The group also expressed a strong consensus view on combining the meetings / workshops with on-site visits to the hosting country Treasury / Ministry of Finance.

Draft TCOP action plan will be revised by Alexandru with Elena's help on the basis of the discussion held through this VC and circulated to the leadership group and the whole TCOP for final comments.

The next VC of the Leadership group will be organized after the October 15th PEMPAL Steering Committee meeting.