

**Minutes of the B COP Executive Committee meeting  
Video Conference; April 14, 2011**

**1. Present**

Elena Nikulina (The World Bank); Deanna Aubrey (Community Facilitator); Florence Beraud (Facilitator); Alena Slizhevskaya and Edward Rizhkovsky (on behalf of the B COP Chair); Salamat Kussainova (WB resource person); Vladislav Karadžić (MoF, Montenegro); Senka Maver (PEM PAL Secretariat).

**2. B COP event in Minsk, Belarus on June 14-17, 2011: Reforms to capital budgeting practices**

*3.1. Discussion on draft agenda and pre-event surveys*

Deanna Aubrey gave an overview of the agenda. The following topics will be discussed in Minsk:

- (i) Best practices in capital planning, prioritization, implementation and audit.
- (ii) Review of reforms in capital budgeting practices in PEM PAL member countries.
- (iii) Discussions on the reform issues, challenges and priorities.
- (iv) International country case studies: the United Kingdom, Ireland and Slovak Republic.
- (v) PEM PAL member country case studies: Belarus, Ukraine, Turkey and Russia.
- (vi) Project appraisal techniques.

The WB resource team will participate in the discussions.

The B COP Executive Committee will meet to discuss strategic issues related to the B COP, Executive Committee membership and the future work program.

*3.2. Conclusions*

- (i) Open space discussions will provide the participants an opportunity to participate in discussions of their choice on reform issues and challenges (parallel sessions covering 6 to 9 topics). A survey to identify topics for the open space discussions will be run a few days ahead of the event.
- (ii) A pre-event survey will be conducted in early May to determine the current status of the PEM PAL member countries' reforms, issues and challenges. The existing draft survey will be amended to incorporate changes suggested by Ms. Slizhevskaya and Mr. Rizhkovsky.
- (iii) Deanna Aubrey will check availability of experts to present international and PEM PAL member countries' case studies as well as the results of the pre-event survey.
- (iv) Organization committee will be set up to coordinate preparations for the event and hold weekly meetings. Other members of the B COP leadership group will be included.
- (v) On Day 3 discussions will be held in the Mir Castle.
- (vi) Templates to guide the country cases presentations will be prepared.

**3. Update on registration, logistics, hotel etc.**

As of April 14, 2011, the PEM PAL Secretariat received 25 applications, but more are expected considering that the deadline was April 15. The hotel arrangements have already been made.

**4. Next VC:** April 26 at 2 p.m. CET.