



**MINUTES**  
**PEM PAL B COP Executive Committee Meeting**  
**September 6, 2011 through Adobe/Internet**

1. **Present:** Alena Slizhevskaya (Belarus), Sanja Nježić-Mišić (Bosnia), Jamila Tokabekova, partly (Kazakhstan), Salamat Kussainova and Maya Gusarova (The World Bank), Florence Beraud (Moderator), Deanna Aubrey (PEM PAL Community Facilitator), Dragica Todorović (Translator), Bojana Crnadak and Senka Maver (PEM PAL Secretariat).

**Excused in advance:** Croatia.

2. **Evaluation of July Bern meeting**

PEM PAL Secretariat reported on the post-event survey results: Participants considered the discussion on the strategy development useful (4.4/5). In particular they valued the presentation of the Swiss experience (4.9/5). The overall satisfaction with the event was very positive (4.7/5), especially as it provided the opportunity for the three COPs to exchange views and work closer together.

3. **Update on the upcoming events**

- 3.1. PEM PAL Secretariat provided an update on the following events:
  - (i) T COP meeting: Use of IT in Treasury Systems; September 26–29, 2011; Astana, Kazakhstan: Four B COP members will attend the T COP meeting in Astana (Kazakhstan (2), Belarus (1), Moldova (1)).
  - (ii) Study visit: Uzbek Ministry of Finance to the Slovenian Ministry of Finance, organized jointly with the UNDP Office in Uzbekistan; October 11-14, 2011: Fiscal policy implementation, budget methodology, public procurement.
- 3.2. Location/timing/agenda for the B COP program budgeting event was discussed:
  - (i) Location: Kazakhstan, or Kyrgyz Republic, or Georgia; PEM PAL Secretariat will approach the three countries to check their interest to host a PEM PAL event.
  - (ii) Timing: March 12-15, 2012 or February 20-24, 2012; PEM PAL Secretariat will check countries' preferences.
  - (iii) Agenda will be compiled based on a survey, which will be conducted in the second half of September (to be prepared by Deanna, Alena, Florence, Maya and Senka) to establish countries' preferences and interest, as well as their readiness to present

their experience. Agendas/documents from program budgeting seminars in Moscow and Minsk will also be reviewed.

- (iv) It will be investigated whether the recent GIZ and the WB 2010 publication (Result, Performance Budgeting and Trust in Government) will be translated for this seminar, and whether other materials are available. These materials should be relevant for the countries preparing for program budgeting, or at the early stages of its implementation.

#### **4. Finalization of updates to B COP Action Plan 2010 – 2012**

The B COP Action Plan was finalized, based on indicative budget available for the B COP until end-June 2012 (see PEM PAL Secretariat e-m of August 22) and planned activities (program budgeting event in early 2012; back-to-back meeting with SBO/OECD in June 2012; study visit, TBC). The requests for the study visit will be considered after 2012, Q1.

#### **5. Update on development of PEM PAL Strategy 2012 – 2017**

Community Facilitator reported on the status of the PEM PAL Strategy 2012-2017: Its first draft will be discussed at the Steering Committee meeting on September 22; consultations will also be conducted with PEM PAL members. The Strategy will be published in March 2012, and will also serve as a marketing document.

#### **6. Update on development of PEM PAL initiatives**

PEM PAL Secretariat reported on ongoing preparations for the launch of initiatives discussed in the Bern meeting: virtual library, “success stories” portal, glossary of terms. As a part of “success stories” portal a series of interviews are planned, including one with the BCoP Chair, Maksim Ermolovich.

**7. Next meeting:** October 18, 2011, 2 p.m. CET.

#### **8. Other:**

Discussion on two topics from the agenda: “Development of B COP Strategic Plan and indicators”; and “B COP Action Plan 2012 – 2014” was moved to the next B COP Executive Committee meeting.