**PEMPAL EXECUTIVE MEETING 2018**

**JULY 4-6, 2018, Budapest, Hungary**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND AGENDA**

**Background**

Public Expenditure Management Peer Assisted Learning network (PEMPAL) facilitates exchange of professional experience and knowledge transfer among public finance management (PFM) practitioners across 23 countries of the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) region. The network aims to contribute to strengthening PFM practices in the member countries through disseminating information on good PFM practices and their application.

PEMPAL has membership of Government officials from Ministries of Finance, national Treasuries, and other related central agencies that are responsible for government budget planning, preparation, execution, monitoring and coordination/harmonization of the internal audit and internal control function. PEMPAL is organized around three thematic communities of practice (COPs) focusing on budget, treasury and internal audit issues (Budget COP, Treasury COP, Internal Audit COP). Each COP has its own membership and activities are driven by member-led action plans that address key PFM priorities of member countries. PEMPAL COPs are led by the COP Executive Committees including volunteer representatives from the member countries.

The tradition was established for the three COP Executive Сommittees to meet together periodically and discuss issues of strategic importance for PEMPAL network development. These Executive meetings are also attended by the members of PEMPAL Steering Committee and the World Bank resource team supporting the COP activities. The next PEMPAL Executive meeting is planned for July 4-6 in Budapest, Hungary, and will be hosted by the Ministry of Finance of Hungary.

The main objective of the Executive meeting in Budapest is to review the results of the first year of implementation of the new Strategy 2017-22. Following the tradition of PEMPAL Executive meetings, the first day of the meeting will be dedicated to familiarization with the PFM system of the country in which the event will take place, Hungary. Parallel meetings of the COP Executive Committees are also planned for the day after the main Executive meeting, July 6. PEMPAL Steering Committee, an oversight body for PEMPAL program including representatives of the program donors (the World Bank, Swiss Secretariat for Economic Cooperation (SECO) and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation) as well as COP representatives (Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Executive Committees) will also have its meeting in Budapest in the afternoon of July 6th.

The event agenda was developed by the Event Organization Committee, including representatives of the COP Executive Committees and the World Bank resource team. The preliminary version of the agenda was endorsed by PEMPAL Steering Committee at its meeting held on May 31, 2018.

**AGENDA**

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**DAY ZERO**

**Date Tuesday 3 July**

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**Arrivals**

**Meeting of Event Organization Committee:** 18:00

**Welcome Reception** – 19:00

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**DAY ONE** **FAMILIARIZATION WITH PFM SYSTEM OF HUNGARY**

**Date Wednesday 4 July**

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**09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and Introductions**

**09:30 – 09:45 General introduction of Hungarian public administration system**

Edit Nemeth, Head of CHU, Ministry of Finance

**09:45 – 11:00 Budget planning and execution**

Laszlo Szabo, Head of Unit, Ministry of Finance

Questions and Answers

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**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

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**11:30 – 13:00 Treasury activity and IT systems**

Zsolt Tavaszi, Deputy President of Treasury (tbc)**,**Questions and Answers

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**13:00 – 14:15**   **Lunch**

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**14:15 – 15:45 A good practice of harmonization between reforms: public internal control and anti-corruption**
Edit Nemeth, Head of CHU, Ministry of Finance

Dr. Marianna Szabone Gal, Deputy Head of Anti-corruption Unit, National Protective Service

Questions and Answers

**15:45 – 16:00 Wrap up of the day**

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**16:30 Visit to the Parliament**

**19:00 - Dinner hosted by the MoF of Hungary**Urban Betyar Restaurant (<http://www.urbanbetyar.com/>)

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**DAY TWO** **PEMPAL STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS**

**Date Thursday 5 July**

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**09:00 – 09:30 Welcome, ice breaking exercise**

**09:30 – 09:40 Introduction to the agenda of the day**

**09:40 – 10:50** **Presentation of implementation progress for the first year of the new Strategy –**

- Elena Nikulina - World Bank Team Leader

* Budget COP – Kanat Asangulov, Mladenka Karacic, BCOP Deputy Chairs
* Treasury COP – Angela Voronin, TCOP Chair

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**10:50 – 11:10 Coffee Break**

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**11:10 – 11:50** **Presentation of implementation progress for the first year of the new Strategy**

* IA COP –IA COP Ex Comm members

**11:50 – 12:20 Overview of the issues under PEMPAL Strategy 2017-22 Action Plan that require discussion** - World Bank team

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**12:20 –13.30** **Lunch** *-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------*

**13:30 – 15:10 Addressing financial sustainability issues: small group discussion on selected issues under the Strategy 2017-22 Action Plan:**

* Savings initiatives
* Learning from experiences of other networks in achieving financial sustainability
* Formalizing requirements for the hosting countries and reflecting these in PEMPAL Operational guidelines

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**15:10 – 15:40** **Coffee Break**

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**15:40 – 16:30 Reports from the small groups, conclusions**

**16:30 – 17:10 Discussion on the Strategy 2012-17 completion report**

**17:10 – 18:00**  **Bringing it all together, wrap up**

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**DAY THREE**

**Date Friday 6 July**

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**09:00 – 12:00 PARALLEL MEETINGS OF COP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES** (separate agendas)

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**12:00 – 13:30** **Lunch**

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**13:30 –16:30** **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

(extended format, all participants expected to attend). Agenda to be distributed separately.

* The Steering Committee will discuss the results of the Executive meeting and take decisions required under the Strategy action plan.

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**Departures late evening or Saturday 7 July**

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