

ECA PEMPAL Budget Community of Practice (BCOP) Virtual Workshop

GREEN BUDGETING: STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF MINISTRIES OF FINANCE IN DRIVING CLIMATE ACTIONS

January 26, 2023

Videoconference, 14.00-16.30 CET

Public Expenditure Management Peer Assisted Learning (PEMPAL) is a peer-learning platform that facilitates knowledge exchange among public finance practitioners from the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) region. The platform, launched in 2006, allows members to develop solutions to common public financial management (PFM) problems in the areas of budget, treasury, and internal audit. The network is organized around three thematic communities of practice: Budget Community of Practice (BCOP), Treasury Community of Practice (TCOP), and Internal Audit Community of Practice (IACOP). The main overall objective of BCOP is to strengthen budget methodology, planning, and transparency in member countries. BCOP members represent 21 ECA countries. Members are typically mid- to high-level officials in budget planning or budget methodology/policy units in the budget departments/sectors in Ministries of Finance. BCOP strategic priorities are: i) sharpening tools for effective fiscal management, ii) strengthening fiscal transparency and accountability, and iii) expanding internationally available fiscal data on PEMPAL countries.

This virtual workshop is organized to familiarize BCOP members with the recent international experience and advice in green budgeting and to collect BCOP members' feedback on the desired content of a BCOP's knowledge product that will be developed on this topic. Members will also exchange information among BCOP countries on this topic. In an online survey on priority budgeting topics conducted in the summer of 2022, one of the most commonly selected topics chosen by the representatives of BCOP countries was green /environmentally responsive budgeting.

AGENDA

14.00- 14.10 CET	Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of the Workshop Objectives <i>Aynura Bakaybaeva, Lead Economist in State Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance of Uzbekistan, BCOP Chair</i> <i>Iryna Shcherbyna, World Bank Senior Public Sector Specialist and Coordinator of BCOP Resource Team (meeting moderator)</i>
14.10 - 15.00	Strengthening the Role of Ministries of Finance in Driving Climate Actions: A Framework and Guide for Ministries and Ministries of Finance <i>Pekka Moren, Special Representative of the Minister of Finance of Finland, Co-chair of the Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action</i> <i>Nick Godfrey, Senior Advisor at the Grantham Research Institute at the London School of Economics and Political Science and Advisor to the Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action</i> Q&A
15.00 - 15.40	Climate Change Governance: Entry Points <i>Adrian Fozzard, Practice Manager, Governance Latin America and Caribbean ELCG and Governance and Climate Change, World Bank</i> Q&A
15.40 - 16.20	Round Table Discussion (<i>moderated by Iryna Shcherbyna, World Bank Senior Public Sector Specialist and Coordinator of BCOP Resource Team</i>)
16.20- 16.30	Conclusions and Next Steps <i>Aynura Bakaybaeva, Lead Economist in State Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance of Uzbekistan, BCOP Chair</i> <i>Richard Allen, BCOP Strategic Adviser</i>

Simultaneous interpretation in English / Russian / Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian will be provided during the meeting.