



AGENDA – FISCAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY – PEMPAL CROSS-COP MEETING, MOSCOW, RUSSIA 27-29 MAY 2014

The overall objectives of the meeting are to a) share information about the concepts and tools of fiscal transparency and accountability and how these can be applied (from a central finance agency perspective) and b) to form a long term view of how the topic can be involved in the future work of PEMPAL Communities of Practice (COPs).

Pre-meeting events¹

Day Zero-2, Sunday 25 May **COP Executive Committee meetings**

IACOP working group meeting

Day Zero-1, Monday 26 May **BCOP and IACOP working group meetings**

TCOP plenary meeting with group work sessions

18.00 Meeting of technical Resource Team

19.00 Cocktail welcome drinks

¹ Separate agendas for pre-meetings were forwarded to the participants.



Day One – Tuesday 27 May

Day One Objectives: To ensure all participants have a shared understanding of (i) COP progress and achievements including past and possible future work in fiscal transparency and accountability; and (ii) fiscal transparency and accountability concepts and tools.

Time	Activity
08.00	Registration
08.30-8.50	<p>Opening and Agenda Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Head of Federal Treasury of Russia, Alexander Demidov • PEMPAL Secretariat, Gašper Pleško, Project Manager, Center for Excellence in Finance, Slovenia • Event Organizing Committee, Elena Nikulina, PEMPAL Team Leader, World Bank Overview of Agenda and Background Materials,
8.50-9.00	Introductions around the tables
09.00-10.00	<p>Session: PEMPAL Facilitating Practical Solutions in Public Financial Management across Europe and Central Asia: Report on Progress and Results from PEMPAL Team Leader and COP Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEMPAL Team Leader: Elena Nikulina, Senior Public Sector Specialist, Public Sector and Institutional Reforms, ECA, World Bank • BCOP: Gelardina Prodani, BCOP Chair, Secretary General, Ministry of Finance, Albania • TCOP: Angela Voronin, TCOP Chair, Deputy Head of State Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Moldova • IACOP: Edit Nemeth, Acting Vice Chair, IACOP, Head of Central Harmonisation Unit, Ministry for National Economy • Feedback Collection Mechanisms: Arman Vatyanyan and Diana Grosu-Axenti (IACOP, World Bank), Collecting Feedback During the Meeting through Enabling Groups
10.00-10.30	Coffee Break
10:30-10:45	<p>Official welcome statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of Finance of the Russian Federation, Anton Siluanov • Minister of Open Government of the Russian Federation, Mihail Abyzov • World Bank Country Director for Russia, Michal Rutkowski
10.450-12.00	<p>Session: Key Concepts, Performance and Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Participation – Adrian Fozzard, Sector Manager, Public Sector and Institutional Reforms, ECA, World Bank • International Monetary Fund’s New Fiscal Transparency Code and Evaluation – Richard Hughes, Division Chief, Public Financial Management Division, Fiscal Affairs



	<p>Department, IMF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Openness, Transparency, Accountability: towards OECD Budgeting Principles – Jón Ragnar Blöndal, Head of Budgeting and Public Expenditures, OECD <p>Collation of fiscal transparency related assessments of PEMPAL member countries has been prepared by BCOP and has been distributed as background to all participants in the concept note (eg PEFA, OBI, IMF Fiscal ROSC, OECD surveys).</p>
12.00-12.30	Questions to Session Speakers: Key Concepts, Performance and initiatives
12.30-12.45	Group Photo
12.45-14.15	Lunch
14.15-15.30	<p>Session: Transparency Tools – Practical Experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects of FMIS on Budget Transparency: Do Governments Report on Where the Money Goes? – Cem Dener, Senior Public Sector Specialist, and Saw Young (Sandy) Min, Junior Professional Officer, Governance & Public Sector Management, World Bank • Complex IT Solutions applied in the Russian Federation to assure Transparency and Accountability in the Public Sector – Elena Chernyakova, Director, Department of Information Technologies in Public and Municipal Financial Management and Budget Process Information Support, Ministry of Finance • BOOST – Public Expenditure Database – Ion Anghel, Head of IT Systems Development, S.E. "Fintehinform", Ministry of Finance, Moldova
15.30-16.00	Questions to Session Speakers: Practical Experiences
16.00-18.00	<p>Reform Issues and Challenges discussion - the plenary will be broken into groups to discuss questions on the topics of budget and treasury portals and/or transparency frameworks. Groups will meet back in plenary on the morning of Day 2, where overview presentations will be given on results of group discussions. (2.0 hours)</p> <p>Self-service coffee available from 16.00 in or near the discussion room venues.</p>
19.30-	Dinner in hotel



Day Two – Wednesday 28 May

Day 2 Objectives: To identify key tools that can facilitate fiscal transparency and accountability and to share information on how they have been used by PEMPAL and other countries.

Time	Activity
08.45-09.00	Introduction to Day's Agenda (including brief report from feedback groups)
09.00-09.40	Discussion Group presentations from Day One afternoon discussions Presentations (partly prepared in advance with standardized 2 page format with assistance by Resource Team) to summarize key points covered by discussion groups held on Day One (4 Presentations - 10 minutes each).
09.40-10.40	Session: Transparency and Accountability Tools – Treasury Community of Practice perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the role of financial reporting in fiscal transparency and accountability? Michael Parry, TCOP international expert ○ Development of national financial reporting standards based on accrual and consolidation principles in line with international standards, as a basis for improving fiscal transparency: experience of the Russian Federation, Svetlana Sivets, Deputy Head of Budget Methodology Department, Ministry of Finance
10.40-11.10	Coffee Break
11.10-11.40	Questions to Session Speakers: TCOP perspective
11.40-12.40	Session: Transparency and Accountability Tools – Internal Audit Community of Practice perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can internal and external audit be used by central budget agencies to facilitate accountability and transparency? Richard Maggs, IA COP international expert ○ Expert Panel Discussion
12.40-13.10	Questions to Session Speakers: IACOP perspective
13.10-14.30	Lunch at Hotel
14.30-15.30	Group Discussions – on identification of good practices in context of plans and progress of country members
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break
16.00-17.00	Group Discussions – on identification of good practices in context of plans and progress of country members



18.00-22.00	Cultural Program hosted by the Ministry of Finance of Russia
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Day Three – Thursday 29 May

Day 3 Objectives: To exchange information on how tools such as citizen guides to budget and participating in the open budget surveys can facilitate transparency and accountability.

Time	Activity
8.45-9.00	Introduction to Day’s Agenda including update from feedback groups
9.00-10.30	<p>Session – Transparency and Accountability Tools: Engaging Citizens in the Budget: why and how?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT) High Level Principles on Fiscal Transparency, Participation and Accountability, Juan Pablo Guerrero, Executive Director, GIFT ● Good practices from PEMPAL members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Russia: Citizen’s Budget Project in Russia , Alexey Lavrov, Deputy Minister of Finance ○ Turkey: Budget Transparency in Turkey, Hakan Ay, Deputy Director General, DG Budget and Fiscal Control, Ministry of Finance ● Good practices from outside PEMPAL region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mexico: Right to Information and Budget Transparency in Mexico: A Decade of Achievements and Challenges, Juan Pablo Guerrero, former Information Commissioner and Secretary General, Federal Institute for Access to information and Data Protection <p>Russia and Turkey have been cited as examples of good practice. Mexico has also been suggested by IPB as a good example from outside the region. Examples of citizen budgets have been provided on USB stick (with other background materials) and some will be demonstrated throughout meeting.</p>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-11.30	Questions to Session Speakers: Transparency Tools: Engaging Citizens in the Budget: why and how
11.30-12.45	<p>Session - Transparency Tools: How to improve budget transparency as measured by the Open Budget Index?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The International Budget Partnership (IBP): Open Budgets Transform Lives - Warren Krafchik, Director, IBP



	<p>Country Cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia: Open Budget Index of the Russian Federation: goals and achievements, Ilya Sokolov, Director of the Budget Policy Department, Ministry of Finance • South Africa, Dr Kay V. Brown, Chief Director, Budget Planning, National Treasury <p>Note Russia came first in ‘Open Budget’ Index of PEMPAL members on 74/100, South Africa second worldwide on 90/100.</p>
12.45-14.15	Lunch at Hotel
14.15-14.45	Question to Session Speakers: Transparency Tools: How to improve budget transparency as measured by Open Budget Index?
14.45-16.30	<p>Formal Plenary Closing – Facilitated wrap up including emphasis of highlights and priorities for possible follow-up for each COP. Includes presentations from groups from IACOP assigned to collect feedback during meeting.</p> <p>Also includes Discussion Group presentations from Day Two afternoon discussions</p> <p>Presentations (partly prepared in advance with standardized 2 page format with assistance by Resource Team) to summarize key points covered by discussion groups held on Day Two (4 Presentations - 10 minutes each).</p>
16.30-17.00	Coffee - including Certificate and picture distribution , PEMPAL Secretariat

Friday May 30 – Departures except for Steering Committee members

9.00-12.00 PEMPAL **Steering Committee meeting**