**BCOP Working Group (WG) on Program and Performance Budgeting**

**Meeting of the WG to**

**Review Countries Examples of Performance Indicators and Agree on the Future Work in this Area**

**September 20, 12.00-14.00 Moscow time (11:00-13:00 CET)**

**World Bank Office, room 108**

**Moscow, Bolshaya Molchanovka st., 36/1**

**Background and context**

**This workshop is a part of the Working Group on Program and Performance Budgeting[[1]](#footnote-1)** of Budget Community of Practice (BCOP) under its Action Plan for FY18. The Working Group is led by BCOP Executive Committee members from the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation andtts activities are supported by the World Bank resource team. The objectives of this WG are: to identify key trends in program budgeting implementation and spending reviews and to learn from specific PEMPAL and international country examples in these areas.

Within the work of this WG, in 2016 thirteen countries have participated in the OECD Performance Budgeting survey including participating in explanatory survey workshops arranged through PEMPAL with OECD to facilitate documenting and benchmarking practices with those across the OECD region. Moreover, the WG has held in-depth discussions have also been held with representatives from the French Ministry of Finance, the World Bank, and the OECD SBO Performance and Results network on the use of spending reviews and other tools to strengthen performance.

The findings of the Performance Budgeting Survey indicate that PEMPAL countries have a common challenge in defining and tracking performance indicators. In addition, the overall PEMPAL country reform priorities collected in April 2017 also clearly indicate that performance indicators are one of the top overall priorities for BCOP countries. Thus, based on further WG discussions during BCOP’s plenary meeting in Bishkek in April 2017 and in the Executive Committee meeting in Paris in July 2017, the WG decided to focus in its future work on program budgeting performance indicators. By the time of the meeting announcement the WG has collected performance indicators from nine member countries.

This VC meeting is being held to review and discuss the submitted indicators, to identify general trends, and to discuss and agree what aspects of performance indicators the WG could continue working on in the future.

Moreover, as WG lead Mr. Nikolay Begchin was invited to hold a presentation on performance indicators in PEMPAL countries at the November 2017 meeting of the OECD Performance Network, this VC meeting will be used to prepare for this presentation.

**Participants**

**The 15 member countries of the working group are invited to the workshop**: Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kosovo, Kyrgyz R, Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. The meeting will be attended by the WB Resource Team. The moderator, Lead for Working Group from the Ministry of Finance, Russian Federation, Nikolay Begchin, will participate from the World Bank Office in Moscow.

**AGENDA**

Moderator: Nikolay Begchin, Lead for Working Group, Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation

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| 12.00-12.15  | ***Welcoming of the participants***Naida Carsimamovic, BCOP Resource Team, World Bank***Introduction of the agenda***Nikolay Begchin, Working Group Lead, Ministry of Finance of Russian Federation  |
| 12.15 -13.00 | ***Brief presentation of each country’s submission of performance indicators***Participants from the countries that submitted indicators (one presentation per country, 3 minutes each)Moderator: Naida Carsimamovic, BCOP Resource Team, World Bank |
| 13.00-13.30 | ***Discussion: Identifying common features and joint challenges in performance indicators in PEMPAL countries and discussing the WG’s future plans in this area*** |
|  | Nikolay Begchin, Working Group Lead, Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation  |

Background documents to be circulated:

* Offsets of performance indicators from Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kyrgyz R, Moldova, Serbia, Russian Federation.
1. Public Expenditure Management Peer Assisted Learning network established 2006 by the World Bank and other donors. Currently has 21 countries participating with members from budget areas of Ministries of Finance. Supported by World Bank, Ministry of Finance of Russian Federation, and SECO. See [www.pempal.org](http://www.pempal.org) for more information. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)