

The following summary provides a record of key discussions and decisions made by the Program and Performance Budgeting Working Group (PPBWG) in its videoconference meeting held on September 20, 2017, to review and discuss performance indicators countries use to track performance under government programs, and to decide further agenda of the WG’s on performance indicators.

In this meeting, PPBWG discussed examples or whole sets (depending on the country) of performance indicators from nine BCOP countries collected by the WG in Summer 2017. In the meeting each member country presented on six criteria (predefined by PPBWG Leader and the Resource Team) for assessing the performance indicators. It was decided that these six criteria assessed based on PPBWG discussions and countries’ submissions of PIs combined with additional information from the countries’ responses from the OECD’s Performance Budgeting Survey for total of ten criteria that PPBWG will use to assess performance indicators in nine BCOP countries. It was decided that this assessment will be presented by PPBWG in the OECD Performance and Results meeting in November 2017, as PPBWG was invited by OECD Public Expenditure Division to make a presentation on PEMPAL practices in using indicators at this meeting.

Furthermore, it was also decided that the PPBWG would further collect indicators from these countries in the area of health and education, translate them into all three PEMPAL languages (English, Russian, and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian), and also include the review of these indicators into the presentation.

This performance indicator assessment that will be presented at the OECD meeting will serve as a knowledge product for the PPBWG members along with the more extensive submission of performance indicator example which member countries shared among themselves and with the comprehensive set of health and education indicators that will be translated into PEMPAL languages.

In terms of future work, the PPBWG will decide on topics for its future work in its next meeting, among topics initially discussed, which are:

* Key National Indicators (KNIs) - possibly preparing a handbook for PEMPAL countries with sources of global indicators for which data is collected for PEMPAL countries and examples of KNIs used by developed countries
* Impact and performance evaluations of government programs
* Further discussions on spending reviews
* Performance budgeting at local governance levels

PPWG is also considering a study visit to an OECD country with advanced reforms in the areas mentioned above to get detailed technical information on methodology, formats, and lessons learnt that could be useful for PEMPAL countries.