

## 2011 Annual Policy Conference

# International trends in public sector accounting reforms

Ljubljana, Slovenia

April 20 - 22, 2011

## AGENDA

### TUESDAY, April 19, 2011

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18:00 – 20:00 **Welcome reception**

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### WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2011

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8:00 – 9:00 **Registration of participants**

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9:00 – 9:30 **Opening remarks**

**Franci Križanič**, Slovenian Minister of Finance

**Gerard Byam**, Director, Operational Services and Quality, Europe and Central Asia,  
The World Bank

**Peter Murphy**, Senior Economist, International Monetary Fund

**Mira Dobovišek**, Director, Center of Excellence in Finance

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9:30 – 10:30 **Building accountability and financial transparency in the public sector**

*Discussion of the unique characteristics of the public sector and its stakeholders,  
and how accounting is developing to meet the needs, particularly in light of the  
lessons learned from the financial crisis.*

Facilitator: **Lewis Hawke**, Senior Financial Management Specialist, The World Bank

Keynote address:

**Frans von Shaik**, Member of the IFAC IPSAS Board, International Public Sector  
Accounting Standards Board, IPSASB

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10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

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10:50 – 12:30 **Public finances and fiscal sustainability after the financial crisis**

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*Perspective on how the financial crisis has reshaped the fiscal policy agenda and how accounting serves to meet the needs for quality, comprehensive and reliable information and accountability.*

Panel discussion:

**Brian Olden**, Regional IMF Public Financial Management Advisor , International Monetary Fund

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**Gonzalo Capriolo**, Senior Economist, Institute for Macroeconomic Analysis and Development

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12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

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14:00 – 15:20 **Role of accounting in effective fiscal and public sector management and audit**

*The interrelationship between accounting, public sector management, sustainable finances at the national, sub-national and organisational levels and audit.*

Panel discussion/presentations:

**Noel Hepworth** , Former CIPFA CEO and currently Sigma Expert, OECD-SIGMA

**Peter Murphy**, Senior Economist, International Monetary Fund

**Leslie Milne**, Chairman of CIPFA's European Regional Group , European Commission

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15:20 – 15:40 Coffee break

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15:40 – 17:00 **Speaking the same language: International standards for accounting and statistics – what are the links?**

*Setting out the distinctions and interrelationships between international accounting and statistical standards. Explaining what is essential, what is desirable and how to satisfy the needs of external and internal users e.g. through classification and charts of accounts.*

Panel discussion:

**Denis Besnard**, Senior Expert, National and European accounts ,EU Commission – Eurostat

**Peter Murphy**, Senior Economist, International Monetary Fund

**Michael Parry**, Principal, Michael Parry Consulting

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**THURSDAY, April 21, 2011**

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9:00 – 10:30 **Reforming public sector accounting: International experience**

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*An overview of accounting around the world covering standards applied, reform developments and good practices, challenges and achievements, built around the theme of public sector accounting as an integrated component of economic and fiscal management.*

Speakers:

**Moustapha Ndiaye**, Financial Manager, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank  
**Noel Hepworth**, Former CIPFA CEO and currently Sigma Expert, OECD-SIGMA  
**Julia Attridge**, Assistant Director, Education and Membership(Development & Regions), The Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy, CIPFA

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10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

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10:50 – 12:30 **Sharing of country experience on implementing international accounting standards**

*Panellists would address common themes including: the origin and impetus for reform, the role of stakeholders, the process of reform, results achieved, positive effects and disappointments, lessons learned.*

Speakers:

**Nino Tschelimsili**, Deputy Head of Treasury Service, Ministry of Finance of Georgia  
**Doina Ilie**, Director of General Directorate for Public Accounting Methodology Ministry of Public Finance, Romania  
**Georgeta Alecu**, Head of office of General Directorate for Public Accounting Methodology Ministry of Public Finance, Romania  
**Karen Sanderson**, Head of Government Estimates Accounting and Reporting, HM Treasury, United Kingdom

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12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

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14:00 – 15:20 **Implementing accounting reform**

Sharing experience: Concurrent discussion sessions led by practitioners:

- Which international standards: accrual, cash or modified standards  
Speakers:

**Anila Çili**, Director Central Harmonization Department on Financial Management & Control, Albanian Ministry of Finance Albanian Ministry of Finance  
**Biljana Chiplakoska**, Associate, Ministry of Finance, Macedonia  
**Ana Popovska**, Junior Associate, Ministry of Finance, Macedonia  
**Jorg Kristijan Petrovič**, Supreme State Auditor for Local Communities, Court of Audit, Slovenia



Session facilitator: **Peter Murphy**, Senior Economist, International Monetary Fund

- Before you begin: pre-requisites for moving to accrual accounting and optimal sequencing

Speakers:

**Friederike Schwarzendorfer**, Deputy Director of General Budget Directorate, Austrian Ministry of Finance

**Karen Brutyan**, Head of the Public Internal Financial Control and Public Procurement Methodology Department, Armenian Ministry of Finance

**Gunta Medne**, Deputy Treasurer, Treasury of Republic of Latvia

**Noel Hepworth**, Former CIPFA CEO and currently Sigma Expert, OECD-SIGMA

Session facilitator: **Brian Olden**, Regional IMF Public Financial Management Advisor, International Monetary Fund

- Which IT: choosing the right financial management information system

Speakers:

**Ivor Beazley**, Lead Public Sector Specialist, The World Bank

**Ferhat Eker**, State Accounting Expert, Ministry of Finance, Turkey

Session facilitator: **Lewis Hawke**, Senior Financial Management Specialist, The World Bank

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15:20 – 15:40 *Coffee break*

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15:40 - 17:00 **Implementing accounting reform**

Sharing experience: Concurrent discussion sessions led by practitioners:

- The big picture: Importance of accounting for macro-economic policy

Speakers:

**Ivana Maletić**, Minister Assistant, Ministry of Finance, Croatia

**Andrej Flajs**, Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia

Session facilitator: **Peter Murphy**, Senior Economist, International Monetary Fund

- Mind the gap: transition from national to international standards

Speakers:



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**Doina Ilie**, Director of General Directorate for Public Accounting Methodology Ministry of Public Finance, Romania  
**Georgeta Alecu**, Head of office of General Directorate for Public Accounting Methodology Ministry of Public Finance, Romania  
**Zaifun Yernazarova**, Deputy Director of Department of Accounting and Financial Reporting, Auditing Methodology Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan

Session facilitator: **Brian Olden**, Regional IMF Public Financial Management Advisor, International Monetary Fund

- So that we all understand: Training and communication strategy  
 Speakers:  
**Friederike Schwarzendorfer**, Deputy Director of General Budget Directorate, Austrian Ministry of Finance  
**Karmen Stariha**, Project Manager, Sila advertising, Slovenia

Session facilitator: **Lewis Hawke**, Senior Financial Management Specialist, The World Bank

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## FRIDAY, April 22, 2011 \*

9:00 – 9:20	<b>Challenges of transition from cash to accrual in Slovenia</b>
	Speaker: <b>Marija Janc</b> , General Director of Directorate of Public Accounting, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia
9:20 – 10:30	<b>Methodological aspects of the reform in Slovenia</b>
	Panel discussion will be led by <b>Zdenka Vidovič</b> , External Auditor, KPMG Slovenia
	Panellists: <b>Jasna-Ida Zafred</b> , Certified State Internal Auditor, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia; <b>Zoran Mladenovič</b> , Deputy President, Slovenian Court of Audit; <b>Peter Kocjančič</b> , Senior Advisor, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia
10:30 – 10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:50 – 12:30	<b>Challenges of reform implementation in Slovenia</b>
	Panel discussion will be led by <b>Marija Janc</b> , General Director of Directorate of Public Accounting, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia



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Panellists: **Ada Klemenak**, Deputy General Director, Tax Administration of the Republic of Slovenia; **Nataša Puc**, Councillor of Financial Accounting Office, Slovenian Office for Employment; **Silva Jamnik**, Head of Internal Audit Services, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia.

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12:30 – 12:50 **Closing Session**

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\* The working language of the third conference day will be Slovenian and simultaneous interpretation into English will be provided.

