



Minutes of the PEMPAL TCOP ExCom Meeting October 11, 2018

A regular meeting of the PEMPAL TCOP Executive Committee (ExCom) took place on October 11, 2018.

The meeting was attended by Angela Voronin (Chair, MoF, Moldova), Ludmila Gurianova (Vice Chair, MoF, Belarus), Ilyas Tufan (Vice Chair, Ministry of Treasury and Finance, Turkey), Mimoza Pilkati (MoF, Albania), Nazim Gasimzade (MoF, Azerbaijan), Zaifun Yernazarova (MoF, Kazakhstan), Levan Todua (MoF, Georgia), Elena Nikulina (PEMPAL Leader), Elena Slizhevskaya (TCOP Adviser, World Bank), Ekaterina Zaleeva (PEMPAL Secretariat, World Bank).

Discussion Outcomes

1. Announcement of the ExCom Chair elections voting outcomes

Ms. Ekaterina Zaleeva informed the TCOP ExCom members on the outcomes of ExCom Chair elections. By a majority of votes Ms. Angela Voronin, Director of the State Treasury of the Republic of Moldova, was reelected to this position. Ms. Voronin expressed her gratitude for the confidence in her and obtained consent of Mr. Ilyas Tufan and Ms. Ludmila Guryanova to continue as Vice-Chairs of the TCOP ExCom.

2. Update on the preparation for the meeting of the TCOP Thematic Group on Cash Management scheduled for November 7-9, 2018, in Vienna, Austria.

Ms. Voronin advised the TCOP ExCom members about the plans to hold a regular face-to-face meeting of the TCOP Thematic Group on Cash Management between November 7 and 9, 2018 in Vienna, Austria. Preparation for the event was discussed during VC of the Thematic Group (the final minutes are available on the PEMPAL website in the TCOP section: <https://www.pempal.org/event/treasury>). Ms. Zaleeva informed the ExCom members on the logistics of the upcoming event, and Ms. Slizhevskaya presented the event agenda and information on the meeting substance development.

Mr. Tufan agreed to the Resource Team's proposal to co-moderate the meeting. Ms. Pilkati advised the VC participants on her participation in a cash forecasting training workshop held in Macedonia in October by the World Bank; she proposed to describe her experience in more detail during the news session. The Resource Team noted the proposal and moved it to be included into the meeting agenda.

3. Planned TCOP activities until the end of FY2019.

3.1. TCOP Thematic Group on Public Sector Accounting and Reporting:

i) developing an extended version of the paper describing integration of budget classification and chart of accounts

Ms. Slizhevskaya advised the TCOP ExCom members that Mark Silins was working on a paper dealing with integration of budget classification and chart of accounts. It is expected that draft chapters of the paper may be ready by late November 2018 or mid-January 2019, so that they could be discussed and commented upon during a VC of the Thematic Group. The TCOP ExCom members endorsed the approach.

ii) cooperation with PULSAR

Ms. Voronin shared with the TCOP ExCom members her experience of attending the PULSAR program activities. The PULSAR has produced Best Practice and Road Map templates for public sector reporting and accounting reform that may be of interest for the TCOP Thematic Group on Accounting and Reporting. Ms. Voronin and Ms. Guryanova promised that during upcoming Ministerial conference in Vienna (Austria) they would discuss with Arman Vatan possible modalities (VC, or – in case additional funding is available - a joint workshop) and timeline of cooperation with PULSAR.

iii) session on centralization of public administration accounting during the Moscow Financial Forum (2018)

Ms. Elena Nikulina shared with the TCOP ExCom members her experience of attending the Moscow Financial Forum (MFF) in September 2018. At one of the MFF sessions, representatives of the RF MoF, Federal Treasury, Chamber of Audits and Rosatom Corporation presented a new pilot model of public administration accounting centralization. The Resource Team shared with the TCOP ExCom a link to the video of the session: <http://mff.minfin.ru/program/6-sentyabrya/Centralizaciya-buhgalterskogo-ucheta-v-sektore-gosudarstvennogo-upravleniya/>. Members of the TCOP ExCom confirmed that the topic was highly relevant for all Thematic Group member-countries and suggested to incorporate it into a list of future VCs of the Thematic Group (possibly also engaging members of the Thematic Group on the Use of IT in Treasury Operations).

3.2. TCOP Thematic Group on the Use of IT in Treasury Operations

Ms. Slizhevskaya informed that the Resource Team had submitted to the Public Services Center of Estonia a study visit request for the TCOP Thematic Group on the Use of IT in Treasury Operations. No response has been received yet. Mr. Nazim Gasimzade, leader of the Thematic Group, suggested that such event - if delivered - would greatly benefit the TG members. With the information from the Estonian party on whether it would be ready to host the study visit absent, Ms. Nikulina suggested to discuss possible alternatives with Mr. Cem Dener (World Bank expert in the relevant area).

3.3. Discussion of other TCOP VC proposals

Ms. Yernazarova suggested to devote a VC to international experience with in-year budget adjustments; she also stressed that principles and mechanisms used in different countries vary significantly. Ms. Nikulina supported the idea and suggested to consider this as a discussion topic for upcoming plenary TCOP meeting.

4. Discussion of a venue for 2019 TCOP plenary meeting.

Ms. Ernazarova advised the ExCom members that the MoF of Kazakhstan currently could not confirm whether it would be able to host the TCOP plenary session in 2019. There is likely to be more certainty once the Chair of the Treasury Committee has been appointed (the position is currently vacant).

Ms. Nikulina emphasized to the TCOP ExCom members the fact that the decision regarding the venue for the plenary meeting had to be taken no later than January 2019. The same deadline applies to the plenary topic and concept. She suggested to revisit these issues with ExCom members during the upcoming meeting of TCOP Thematic Group on Cash Management scheduled to take place on November 7-9, 2018 in Vienna, Austria.

5. Miscellaneous

The TCOP ExCom leadership decided to hold its next meeting in the VC format in the second half of January 2019.

Key Meeting Outcomes and Decisions

- Ms. Angela Voronin, Director of the State Treasury of the Republic of Moldova, elected as the Chair of the TCOP ExCom;
- A VC of the Thematic Group on Public Sector Accounting and Reporting is tentatively scheduled for mid-December 2018 to discuss an extended version of a paper on integration of budget classification and chart of accounts;
- By the next VC Ms. Voronin and Ms. Guryanova will develop PULSAR cooperation proposals to be discussed with TCOP ExCom members;
- The next VC of the TCOP ExCom is to discuss the venue and key issues of the concept of the upcoming plenary meeting;
- The next meeting of the TCOP ExCom will take place in the second half of January 2019.