

Questions for the Participatory Exercise of the WBI-ICGFM Workshop

1. What region of the World do you come from?
 - a. Africa
 - b. Asia
 - c. Europe
 - d. North, Central, and South America

2. Are you primarily involved in
 - a. Budget preparation
 - b. Accounting
 - c. Auditing
 - d. Oversight – parliament
 - e. Development Assistance

3. In your own opinion, how effective is public spending in your country in achieving policy objective?
 - a. Very effective
 - b. Somewhat effective
 - c. Not very effective
 - d. Very limited

4. In your opinion, how effective is the financial management system in your country in making good use of public financial resources?
 - a. Very effective
 - b. Somewhat effective
 - c. Not very effective
 - d. Very limited

5. In your opinion, how effective is the financial management system in your country in fulfilling its mandate?
 - a. Very effective
 - b. Somewhat effective
 - c. Not very effective
 - d. Very limited

6. What do you believe to be the primary barrier to improving performance of your country's financial management system?
 - a. Lack of clear objectives for the system
 - b. Limited discretion for managers to manage effectively
 - c. Lack of skilled personnel
 - d. Corruption

7. Does your organization monitor its performance?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

8. How much impact do you believe that performance monitoring has on what your organization does and on its effectiveness?
 - a. A great deal of impact
 - b. Some impact
 - c. Limited impact
 - d. Almost no impact

9. Is the performance of your organization evaluated by a national or international body?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

10. How much impact do you believe that evaluation has on what your organization does and on its effectiveness?
 - a. A great deal of impact
 - b. Some impact
 - c. Limited impact
 - d. Almost no impact

11. What role do you believe international standards should play in defining the work of the financial management system?
 - a. International standards define the objectives of the financial management system.
 - b. International standards are not particularly relevant for my country in the area of financial management.
 - c. International standards are important for my country to understand but we are not in the position to try to achieve them.
 - d. International standards are tools to achieve good practice but my country must define what we want our financial management system to do.

12. Are there reforms under way in your country designed to improve the effectiveness of public spending?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

13. For your country, what do you think is the most effective relationship between reforms in the budget process and reforms in financial management?
 - a. Financial management reforms should be a part of a single package of public expenditure reforms
 - b. Financial management reforms should run parallel to public expenditure reforms.

- c. Financial management reforms can and should be pursued separately from public expenditure reforms.

14. Who do you think is best situated to lead reforms in financial management in your country?

- a. The Office of the President/Prime Minister
- b. The Ministry of Finance
- c. The Leaders of the Financial Management Organizations – Office of the Accountant General, Auditor-General, etc.
- d. A coalition of government and non-government groups