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Agenda

Day 1: Monday

09:00 – 09:15 Opening
ICGFM President, Graham Joscelyne

Session I

Setting the Scene

09:15 – 09:45 Participatory Exercise
Facilitated by World Bank Institute

Participants will respond to a set of questions regarding the source of major performance risks in the use of public funds in their home country. Responses will be tabulated and utilized in a later portion of the workshop.

09:45 – 10:15 Financial Management and the Poverty Reduction Process
J. Klugman, World Bank Poverty Reduction and Economic Management group

This presentation will highlight the connection between ineffective use of public financial resources, inadequate financial accountability and poverty. In addition, the discussion will explore how the poverty reduction impact of public spending can be strengthened through an integrated and inclusive approach to change.

10:15 – 10:45 Prioritizing Challenges in Improving the Use of Public Spending
Graham Joscelyne, President. ICGFM

This talk will present an approach to prioritizing improvements in the use of public money that focuses on determining what prevents public spending from being effective in reducing poverty. It will include a discussion of methodologies for determining the risks of non-performance, as well as the process of creating and implementing risk mitigation strategies.

10:45 – 11:15 Discussion

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break
Session II

Risks to Performance in the Design and Planning of Public Spending

This session will focus on some of the primary risk areas in the design and planning of public spending – including the misestimation of revenues and/or expenditures; the insufficient connection between governmental priorities and spending; and the inefficient design of programs to meet societal needs. The discussion will highlight the manner in which countries have identified risks and moved to mitigate those risks through the adoption of new procedures.

11:45–12:15  Risk to Performance in the Design and Planning of Public Spending: Lessons from International Experience
Simon Gill, Department for International Development, United Kingdom

12:15 – 12:45  Reducing the Risk of Revenue and Expenditure Misestimation: A Country Case Study
Dr. Árpád Kovács, President of the State Audit Office of Hungary

12:45 – 13:15  Discussion

13:15 – 14:30  Networking Lunch

14:30 – 15:00  Reducing the Risk of Public Spending not being Directed towards Government Priorities
Dr. Michael Parry, International Management Consultants Limited

15:00 – 15:30  Reducing the Risk of Inefficient Program Design
Neil Cole, Director: Budget Reform, South African National Treasury

15:30 – 16:00  Discussion

16:00 – 16:30  Coffee Break

Session III

Risks to Performance in the Purchasing of Goods and Services

This session will focus on some of the primary risks in governmental contracting with the private sector for goods and services – including purchase of goods at inflated prices, and/or improper or shoddy provision of goods and services.

16:30 – 17:00  Risks to Performance in the Purchase of Goods and Services: International Experience
Jack Brock, Managing Director for Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO
17:00 – 17:30  Reducing the Risk of Money Wastage through Inflated Pricing and Shoddy Provision of Goods and Services: A Country Case Study
Dr. Thimothy Thahane, Minister of Finance and development Planning, Lesotho

17:30 – 18:00  Reducing Risks Associated with Poor Payroll Management
World Bank PREM

18:00 – 18:30  Discussion

Day 2: Tuesday

**Session IV**

**Risk to Performance in the Execution of Budgets**

This session explores some of the primary challenges to effective public spending that arise from the execution of budgets, including: insufficient information regarding how money is being spent; ineffective control over the diversion of public spending, and; inadequate consideration of the extent to which public programs are meeting their objectives.

9:00 – 9:30  Risks to Performance in the Execution of Budgets: International Experience
Paul L. Posner, Managing Director for Federal Budget Issues, United States of America General Accounting Office

9:30 – 9:45  Discussion

9:45– 10:00  Coffee Break

10:00 – 10:40  Reducing Risks to Performance by Increasing Information about the Spending of Public Money: A Country Case Study 1
Carmén Zuleta, Bolivian Government

10:40 – 11:20  Reducing Risks to Performance by Increasing Information about the Spending of Public Money: A Country Case Study 2
Leonardo Sánchez, Chilean Government

11:20-11:30  Discussion

11:30 – 12:00  Reducing Risks to Performance by Establishing Effective Anti-Corruption Provisions
Daniel Kaufmann, World Bank Institute

12:30 – 13:00  Reducing Risk to Performance by Establishing Effective
Monitoring of Program Performance: A Country Case Study
To be determined

13:00 – 14:30  Networking Lunch

Session V

Moving Forward

14:30 – 17:00  Regional Break-out discussions – Divided by region, participants will seek to identify and prioritizing risk mitigation steps that are needed in order to improve the poverty reduction impact of public spending.
Facilitators:
Lynnette Asselin, Senior Public Financial Management Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank
Everett Moseley, Inspector General, USAID
Peter Aliferis, Director, Government Audit Training Institute USDA Graduate School
Relmond Van Daniker, Executive Director, National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT)
Jacquie Williams-Bridgers, United States of America General Accounting Office

Day 3: Wednesday

Session V (Continued)

09:00 – 11:00  Regional reports to the plenary on the results of the discussions held in the previous day’s break-out session.
Facilitated by World Bank Institute

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30  Panel discussion regarding moving from planning changes in public spending to implementing change, and how the ICGFM and the community of practice that has begun at this workshop can best support these efforts to improve the poverty reduction impact of public spending.
Chair: Relmond Van Daniker - incoming President of the ICGFM

12:30 – 12:45  Official closing of the workshop.