

## **Minutes of the PEMPAL TCOP Leadership Group meeting, April 23rd, 2013**

TCOP Leadership Group held a meeting on April 23rd, 2013 in Kiev, Ukraine.

The meeting was attended by: Mimoza Peco (Ministry of Finance, Albania), Vugar Abdulayev (Ministry of Finance, Azerbaijan), Nino Tchelishvili (Ministry of Finance, Georgia), Zaifun Yernazarova (Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan), Angela Voronin (Ministry of Finance, Moldova), Alexandr Demidov (Federal Treasury of Russia), Ismatullo Khakimov (Ministry of Finance, Tajikistan), Natalia Sushko (State Treasury, Ukraine), Elena Nikulina (PEMPAL Program Team Leader, World Bank), Ion Chicu (TCOP resource person, World Bank).

### **Agenda items discussed:**

- 1. Kiev TCOP workshop**
- 2. Discussions on TCOP Activity Plan for 2014-2015**
- 3. Issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group participation in the Bohinj (Slovenja) PEMPAL cross COPs leadership meeting**
- 4. Preparation of the TCOP Leadership Group study visit to the United Kingdom in September 2013**
- 5. Issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group membership**
- 6. Miscellaneous**

#### **1. Kiev TCOP workshop**

The meeting started with a brief update on the current status of preparation of the Kiev TCOP workshop. It was reported that all workshop preparation activities had been successfully accomplished.

The meeting participants have discussed and supported the final version of the tasks for the small groups discussion session envisaged by the Kiev workshop agenda. They have supported, also, the proposal to conduct a brief survey among the workshop participants in order to identify the TCOP members' preferences on the topics and formats for future events.

## **2. Discussions on TCOP Activity Plan for 2014-2015**

Ion Chicu has presented to the meeting participants the updated draft TCOP Activity Plan for 2014-2015, developed in line with the PEMPAL midterm Strategy 2012-2017. TCOP Leadership Group members have approved the document as a whole and made some suggestions related to some specific Annexes / parts of the Plan.

The Plan will be updated taking into account the results of the small survey conducted among the Kiev workshop participants and will be presented for TCOP Leadership Group approval during the July meeting in Bohinj, Slovenia.

## **3. Issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group participation to the Bohinj (Slovenja) PEMPAL cross COPs leadership meeting**

Elena Nikulina has updated the meeting participants with the latest information regarding the PEMPAL cross COPs leadership meeting, scheduled for July 1-4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Bohinj, Slovenia. She provided brief information on the event draft Concept and Agenda, as well as on other documents related to the July meeting preparation. Those documents have been posted on the wiki page - <https://cross-cop.wikispaces.com/>, and all participants are invited to make their comments and suggestions by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

According to the meeting Concept, all PEMPAL Leadership Groups will make during the meeting presentations about COPs activity, results and plans for the future. Draft presentations have to be provided to the meeting Organizational Committee by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. The draft presentation of the Treasury Community of Practice will be developed and submitted for comments to the Leadership Group members by **May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**.

Internal meetings of all three Leadership Groups are scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup>, where the COPs specific issues are expected to be discussed. In order to prepare for this meeting, as well as to discuss other issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group participation in the July cross meeting, TCOP leadership group decided to have a videoconference on **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. Draft Agenda of the videoconference will be circulated by May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## **4. Preparation of the TCOP Leadership Group study visit to United Kingdom in September 2013**

The meeting participants have discussed a previously launched proposal to organize a study visit for the Leadership Group members to the United Kingdom. The main topic of the visit is organization of public sector accounting and reporting. The event participants would like to have an opportunity to discuss this topic with the representatives of the UK Treasury. It is expected

that the event agenda will envisage, also, meetings with the representatives of some organizations based in London, including IFAC, IPSASB and CIPFA. One of the objectives of the meetings is to launch thematic cooperation between TCOP and these organizations.

In order to prepare the study visit to London an Organizational Committee has been created, comprising: Nino Tchelishvili, Zaifun Yernazarova, Angela Voronin, and TCOP resource team.

The visit is tentatively planned for the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, but the final dates will be coordinated with the event hosts. The issues related to the event organization will be discussed during the TCOP Leadership Group meetings scheduled for June and July, 2013.

## **5. Issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group membership**

This item has been included in the meeting agenda due to the increasing role of the Leadership Group in the TCOP activity organization, and the necessity for a deeper involvement of all leadership members in the process of preparation of a growing number of events conducted within the treasury community. The necessity of a clear definition of criteria for the Leadership Group membership has increased as well, after the recent decision of the PEMPAL Steering Committee, limiting the number of the COPs Leadership Groups members to 9 persons for each community of practice.

During the Tbilisi meeting of the TCOP Leadership Group, (February 2012) a number of criteria have been approved for the group's membership. The main criterion is an active participation of the candidate in the TCOP events preparation, including those conducted in their countries. Considering the busy schedule of activities, envisaging a large number of events to be performed in the medium term, the meeting participants have stressed the importance of each leadership member's deep involvement in community's activity organization. If by any circumstance a TCOP Leadership group member cannot pay sufficient attention to the community's activities, he/she can be replaced anytime by a more active TCOP member.

In order to exclude differences in interpretation of the level of activity of the TCOP Leadership Group members, it was decided that by the July meeting in Bohinj a set of clearer membership criteria will be developed by the resource team.

The TCOP leaders have discussed as well the issue of Nazguli Duishembieva's (Kyrgyzstan) further membership in the Leadership Group. Her membership has been suspended, as she left her position in the treasury and has been appointed as head of department in the ministry of finance. Recently, the TCOP resource team has received an e-mail, containing a letter addressed by the Minister of Finance of Kyrgyzstan to the former PEMPAL Steering Committee Chair, Mrs. Salome Steib. The minister is asking to accept Nazguli Duishembieva's further membership in the TCOP Leadership Group, considering the good impact of PEMPAL activities on Kyrgyz PFM reforms.

During discussions on this matter, the meeting participants have stressed the fact that all TCOP members have equal opportunities to benefit from PEMPAL activities, irrespective of the membership in the Leadership Group. According to PEMPAL rules of operation, the issues related to membership in the COPs Leadership Group are the competence of the Leadership Group itself, and specific decisions are taken considering the above mentioned membership criteria. In this particular case, it was unanimously decided to withdraw the membership status.

A thank you letter will be forwarded to Nazguli Duishembieva for her participation in the TCOP Leadership Group. Her further participation in TCOP activities is welcome.

## **6. Miscellaneous**

Nino Tchelishvili and Zaifun Yernazarova have informed the meeting participants about the results of the recent workshop devoted to the public sector accounting, conducted in Bangkok, Thailand. The event has been organized by the Asian Development Bank.

The TCOP Leadership Group members have decided to identify the possibilities of establishing thematic cooperation with the Bangkok forum organizers.

### **Main conclusions of the TCOP Leadership Group meeting:**

- The TCOP Leadership Group members have approved in principle the TCOP Activity Plan for 2014-2015. The Plan will be updated taking into account the results of the small survey conducted among the Kiev workshop participants and will be presented for TCOP Leadership Group approval during the July meeting in Bohinj, Slovenia;
- The documents related to the preparation of the PEMPAL cross COPs leadership meeting in Slovenia have been posted on the wiki page. All participants are invited to make their comments and suggestions by **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**.
- The draft presentation of the Treasury Community of Practice for the cross COP meeting in Slovenia will be developed and submitted for comments to the Leadership Group members by **May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**.
- In order to discuss the issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group participation in the PEMPAL leadership meeting, a videoconference of the group will be held on **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**;
- A study visit of the TCOP Leadership group will be conducted in mid September in London, UK. The event will be prepared by the Organizational Committee comprising: Nino Tchelishvili, Zaifun Yernazarova, Angela Voronin, and TCOP resource team;

- A revised version of the TCOP Leadership Group membership criteria will be developed by the meeting in Bohinj, Slovenia;
- A thank you letter will be forwarded to Nazguli Duishembieva for her participation in the TCOP Leadership Group during June 2012-March 2013;
- Ion Chicu will prepare and circulate the draft Minutes of the meeting.