

Minutes of the PEMPAL TCOP Leadership Group meeting, June 24th, 2012.

TCOP Leadership Group held a meeting on June 24th, in Moscow, Russian Federation.

The meeting was attended by: Vugar Abdulayev (Ministry of Finance, Azerbaijan), Zaifun Yernazarova (Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan), Nazgul Duishembieva (Ministry of Finance, Kyrgyzstan), Angela Voronin (Ministry of Finance, Moldova), Nina Lupan (Ministry of Finance, Moldova), Alexander Demidov (Federal Treasury of Russia), Renoild Rubinov (Federal Treasury of Russia), Rustam Boboev (Ministry of Finance, Tajikistan), Ismatullo Khakimov (Ministry of Finance, Tajikistan), Natalia Sushko (State Treasury, Ukraine), Elena Nikulina (PEMPAL Program Team Leader, World Bank), Deanna Smith (PEMPAL PFM Advisor, World Bank), Ion Chicu (TCOP resource person, World Bank), Senka Maver (CEF).

Objectives of the meeting:

- 1. Moscow TCOP workshop**
- 2. TCOP workshop planned for November 2012**
- 3. Issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group participation in the Paris PEMPAL cross COPs leadership meeting**
- 4. Preparation of other activities envisaged in TCOP Activity Plan 2012-2014 for the fall 2012**
- 5. TCOP Strategy 2012-2017**
- 6. TCOP Chair election process**

1. Moscow TCOP workshop preparation

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

Questions to be discussed during both small group discussions sessions have been selected, taking into account the results of the preliminary online survey performed among the workshop participants. TCOP leaders decided to split the workshop participants in four groups for each small group discussion session, according to the thematic preferences expressed by the TCOP members.

2. TCOP workshop planned for November 2012

TCOP Activity Plan for 2012-2014 envisages organization of a plenary workshop on public sector accounting and reporting issues in November 2012.

The meeting participants have accepted **Vugar Abdullayev's** invitation to conduct the workshop in **Baku, Azerbaijan**. The workshop will take place on **November 6-8th, 2012**.

Azerbaijan's representative has informed the meeting participants about his country's experience in reforming public sector accounting and reporting and the results of the evaluation made for assessing the compliance with IPSAS of the accounting standards used in Azerbaijan.

Also, other meeting participants have presented brief information on the status of public sector accounting and reporting reforms in their countries. At the end of discussions, the majority of meeting attendees have expressed their willingness to participate in the working group created for Baku workshop preparation.

The meeting participants have agreed to hold a TCOP Leadership Group videoconference on July 31st, where Baku workshop organizational issues will be discussed. It is expected that by **July 27th, 2012** TCOP leaders will provide their proposals for the specific issues to be discussed during the November workshop. Those proposals will be discussed during the videoconference and will be used for developing the workshop concept.

3. Issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group participation in the Paris PEMPAL cross-COP leadership meeting

Elena Nikulina and Deanna Smith have informed the participants about the status of preparation of the PEMPAL cross-COP leadership meeting, scheduled for September 3-5th, 2012, in Paris, France. TCOP leaders have been informed, also, about the Paris meeting organizational committee decisions regarding member countries representation at the event. It was mentioned, that only one representative per member country, represented in COPs leadership groups, will be invited to the Paris meeting.

Besides the issues related to the PEMPAL further activity, the agenda of the Paris meeting will include the so-called "French day", during which the experience of France in reforming Public Finance Management system will be presented. TCOP leaders have already provided their questions regarding France experience, which are expected to be addressed by the French speakers.

Taking into account the tight agenda of the Paris meeting and the need to continue discussions on TCOP internal issues as well, TCOP leaders proposed to request additional time for TCOP internal discussions in Paris, on **September, 6th**.

During the extra day the issues related to the Baku workshop preparation and the TCOP Strategy 2012-2017 development are intended to be discussed.

4. Preparation of other activities envisaged in TCOP Activity Plan 2012-2014 for the fall 2012

Along with the workshop on the public sector accounting and reporting issues, the TCOP Activity Plan for 2012-2014 envisages for the second part of 2012 two events on use of information technologies in treasury operations –thematic videoconference and a study tour.

Taking into account that besides the events envisaged by TCOP Activity Plan for the fall 2012 an additional 4-days event was scheduled for this period (Paris cross-COP leadership meeting), TCOP Leadership Group has decided to postpone the events on IT topic for 2013. This decision is based, also, on the fact that IT topic is being addressed during many events performed within TCOP, including the forthcoming Baku workshop.

If there are specific requests to perform these events during the initially planned timeframe, the TCOP Leadership Group will additionally assess the possibilities to organize them.

5. TCOP Strategy 2012-2017

According to the decisions taken by TCOP Leadership Group in Tbilisi, **Rustam Boboev**, supported by Ion Chicu, has developed the draft structure of the TCOP Strategy for 2012-2017. The meeting participants have discussed the proposed draft and accepted it as a basis for developing the Strategy.

Alexander Demidov, Zaifun Yernazarova and other meeting participants have commented the presented draft, and proposed to consider the following issues in the process of the Strategy development:

- TCOP vision, role and values for the envisaged period;
- TCOP mission;
- The added value expected from TCOP activities in the area of treasury systems development and PFM reforms in the member countries;
- Political dimension – the level of involvement of the treasury and MoFs top management;

- Specific terminology.

TCOP Strategy is to be developed in line with the main provisions of the whole PEMPAL Strategy for 2012-2017. In this context, the meeting participants have requested the translation of the PEMPAL Strategy into Russian language. Senka Maver has informed the meeting participants, that the translated version should be available soon.

It was decided to have additional discussions on the structure of the TCOP Strategy during the videoconference scheduled for July 31st, 2012. TCOP leaders are expected to provide their proposals to document by **July 27th, 2012**. Based on those proposals, the final structure and the first draft of the Strategy will be developed, and discussed on September 6th, 2012, in Paris.

6. TCOP Chair election process

According to the provisions of the Article 21 of PEMPAL Rules of operations, the Chair of PEMPAL COP is to be elected on a yearly basis, from among the COP Leadership Group members. Taking into account that Anila Cili is the Chair of the TCOP from 2008, and no elections have been organized since then, the meeting participants have decided to launch the process of elections of the new TCOP Chair, which will be performed in two rounds.

At the first stage, by July 26th, 2012, the TCOP leaders will nominate the candidates to the position of the Treasury Community Chair. Two candidates, who will accumulate the biggest numbers of nominations, will participate to the second round of the elections, the Chair of TCOP will be elected by the leadership group members. The Chair will be elected by the simple majority of votes, for one year, with the possibility of extension for another year.

Main conclusions of the TCOP Leadership Group meeting:

- The list of questions to be discussed during the small group discussions sessions is developed according the workshop participants thematic preferences, expressed through the preliminarily performed on-line survey. Four small groups are created for both discussion sessions;
- A plenary workshop devoted to the public sector accounting and reporting topic will be held on November 6-8th, 2012, in Baku, Azerbaijan;
- TCOP leaders will provide by July 27th, 2012, their proposals on the specific issues to be discussed in Baku. Those proposals will be discussed during the videoconference scheduled for July 31st, 2012;
- A working group from TCOP leaders will be created for preparing the Baku workshop;

- An additional day for discussing the TCOP internal issues will be allocated on September 6th, during the Paris PEMPAL cross COPs leaders meeting. The issues related to the Baku workshop preparation and the TCOP Strategy 2012-2017 development will be discussed.
- Two events on IT issues envisaged by the TCOP Activity Plan 2012-2014 for the fall 2012 will be postponed for 2013;
- Based on the PEMPAL Strategy for 2012-2017, the TCOP leaders will provide their proposals on the structure of the TCOP Strategy, by **July, 27th, 2012**. Those proposals will be discussed during the videoconference scheduled for July 31st, 2012;
- The final version of the structure and the first draft of the TCOP Strategy will be developed and presented to the community's leaders in Paris, on September, 6th, 2012;
- According to the provisions of the Article 21 of PEMPAL Rules of operations the new Chair of TCOP will be elected. The elections will be performed in two rounds: 1st - nomination of the candidates, 2nd – election of the Chair, from two candidates which accumulated the biggest number of nominations.