



MINUTES OF BCOP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 30, 2021
Videoconference

Participated:

1. Aynura Bakaybayeva (Chair, Uzbekistan)
2. Mladenka Karacic (Deputy Chair, Croatia)
3. Ruzanna Gabreilyan (Armenia)
4. Marina Tikhonovich (Belarus)
5. Emil Nurgaliev (Bulgaria)
6. Ivan Rakovskiy (Russia)
7. Iryna Shcherbyna (BCOP Resource Team)
8. Naida Carsimamovic (BCOP Resource Team)

Observers:

9. Tatiana Vinogradova (BCOP Resource Team)
10. Ksenia Malafeeva (Secretariat)

Minutes:

Welcome, announcement of Deputy Chairs, and overview of the Agenda

Ms. Aynura Bakaybayeva and Ms. Iryna Shcherbyna welcomed participants and gave an overview of the agenda for this meeting. Ms. Bakaybayeva thanked the Executive Committee members for their trust in selecting her the BCOP Chair for this year and announced that Ms. Mladenka Karacic and Mr. Nikolay Begchin agreed to continue their role of Deputy Chairs.

BCOP FY22 activity planning (proposed revised FY22 time schedule) and update on BCOP Working Groups' activities and plans – two agenda items discussed jointly

Ms. Shcherbyna presented the proposed revised time schedule for FY22 activities and knowledge product development, which was prepared by the Resource Team and circulated to the Executive Committee prior to this meeting. Ms. Tikhonovich and Ms. Bakaybayeva also presented on BLWTG activities and Mr. Rakovskiy and Ms. Čaršimamović presented on PPBW activities.

The revised time schedule affects the first half year of FY22 (i.e., the remaining of calendar year 2021) and was prepared based on the discussions of the Resource Team with the BCOP leadership, as well as the progress on sourcing and contracting external thematic consultants for development of the FY22 knowledge products. The BLTWG virtual workshop on Ways for Ministries of Finance to improve transparency and budget literacy/understanding within the budget planning process will take place on October 13, 2021. This workshop will serve to provide a presentation by a globally renowned journalist specialized in PFM, who will discuss the demand side, as well as two PEMPAL country cases on supply side issues. After the presentations, participants will hold a planning session for the content of the knowledge



product on this topic that will be developed afterwards. This knowledge product will be presented at the BCOP plenary meeting planned for March 2022.

A PPBWG delegation will, as usually, attend the annual meeting of the OECD Network on Performance and Results in November, based on OECD's invitation. The exact date and format of the event will be confirmed by the OECD in the upcoming weeks. The finalization of the PBWG knowledge product on Trends in Spending Reviews in PEMPAL Countries Benchmarked to Trends in OECD Countries has been slightly delayed accommodating OECD's request on not publishing the survey dataset for OECD countries until the OECD published their report with this data, which is expected by early 2022. Thus, the Resource Team will draft the BCOP KP in October-December to be shared with the PPBWG in early 2022. It will be presented at the plenary meeting in March, and accompanied by the OECD presentation on their report. For the second PPBWG KP for FY22 on Step-by-Step Analysis of a Spending Review Approach in an Advanced Country, the Resource Team is in the process of contracting an international consultant, who will start the development with a draft knowledge product's concept note that will be shared with the PPBWG leadership and the BCOP Resource Team for comments. The consultant will then develop the knowledge product and present it at the plenary meeting in March, 2022.

The last event in this calendar year will be a virtual thematic BCOP seminar on medium-term budgeting for baseline versus new policy scenarios. For this new topic, two presentations from IMF on recent methodology approach and one country case from Slovakia are planned. The members discussed the potential dates for this event.

Conclusions:

- Executive Committee endorsed the revised BCOP FY22 time schedule.
- BCOP thematic workshop on medium-term budgeting for baseline versus new policy scenarios will be held on December 2, 2021. During this workshop, a roundtable session will be held after the presentations to gather participants' feedback on potential further deeper discussions. An online survey will also be conducted after the event to gather member countries' interest for potential creation of a new BCOP working group on this topic or some specific sub-topic within it.

Other business

In order to encourage additional contacts of members outside of BCOP events, Ms. Bakaybayeva proposed that member exchange invitations to relevant virtual events organized by the Ministries of Finance, as well as relevant materials,

Conclusions:

- Members agreed on creating a group BCOP page at the facebook.com.