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Virtual Workshop on Tackling Public Investment in Challenging Times (21.43v)

September 6 – 10, 2021
New Delhi, India

PROGRAM (*India Standard Time*)¹

Introductory Call - Wednesday, September 1 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (IST): Verification of the functionality of the WebEx platform and Moodle access on participants' devices

Day 1: Monday, September 6, 2021

Moderator: Celeste Kubasta

9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Mr. David Cowen, Director, SARTTAC

Introduction to the Workshop

Ms. Celeste Kubasta, Public Financial Management Advisor (PFM), SARTTAC

Overview

Mr. Sailendra Pattanayak, Deputy Division Chief, Fiscal Affairs Department (FAD), IMF

L-1 How to Manage Public Investment During a Postcrisis Recovery

Mr. Eivind Tandberg, Fiscal Affairs Department (FAD), IMF

Day 2: Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Moderator: Celeste Kubasta

9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

L-2 Public Investment Management for Governments: Planning and Implementing Public Investment Activities in Coordination with Multiple Entities.

This session will cover maximizing efficient and effective public investment activities by coordinating the national and subnational level and with non-governmental entities.

Ms. Gemma Preston, FAD, IMF

A panel discussion with success stories and challenges.

(Using examples from the U.S., Australia, India and Bangladesh.)

Moderator: *Mr. Kris Kauffmann, FAD Expert*

¹ Course session will include a 15-minute break from 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. everyday

Ms. Pam Sharp, FAD Expert
Mr. Shaikh Moniruzzaman, FAD Expert
Mr. Rupa Narayan Das, Additional Secretary & Director, Treasuries,
Government of Odisha

Day 3: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Moderator: Raju Sharan

9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

L-3 **Planning for and Integrating Public Investment Management Policies into the Medium-Term Budget Process**

This session will highlight how strengthening the medium-term budget framework can be done to help integrate the budget process from policy planning to operationalization. Polling will be used during the session to help identify where strengths and weaknesses exist within the region.

Mr. John Grinyer, FAD Expert

L-4 **Budgeting for Infrastructure Maintenance**

Starting with the case for infrastructure maintenance, this session lays the ground work for providing adequate funding and identifies mechanisms to ensure proper infrastructure asset maintenance.

Ms. Celeste Kubasta, PFM, SARTTAC

Day 4: Thursday, September 9, 2021

Moderator: Raju Sharan

9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Delivering and Maintaining Productive and Durable Public Investment Assets

L-5 **Climate Change Considerations**

This session will focus on delivering productive and durable public investment assets while addressing climate risks. A presentation on maintenance funding will help to ensure the assets retain their useful life in these climate-challenged times.

Mr. Suphachol Suphachalasai, FAD, IMF

L-6 **Climate Change – Comparing Canada and the Caribbean**

While climate change activities in Canada include rising temperatures, shifting rainfall patterns, and increases in certain types of hazardous weather, the Caribbean has recently been bombarded with tropical storms, floods, and hurricanes during the pandemic. This session will provide a background on the two and their work in climate change.

Mr. Bruce Stacey, FAD expert

Day 5: Friday, September 10, 2021

Moderator: Celeste Kubasta

9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

L-7 Developing a Simple and Effective Cost Benefit Analysis

Cost benefit analysis is important to ensure that public sector resources are managed effectively for public investment activities. This session will identify a simple five step process to use when selecting between competing projects.

Mr. Dana Frey, FAD expert

L-8 Integrating Public Investment into the Recovery and Reform Plans

Ms. Celeste Kubasta, PFM, SARTTAC

Course Evaluation Survey

Closing Remarks

Mr. David Cowen, Director, SARTTAC
