Public Governance Directorate
Public Governance Committee

Working Party of Senior Budget Officials

14th OECD-Asian Senior Budget Officials Annual Meeting
Provisional Agenda

Bangkok, Thailand
13-14 December 2018

The meeting is co-chaired by Ms. Rosemary HUXTABLE, Secretary, Department of Finance, Australia, and Mr. Dechapiwat NA SONGKHLA, Budget Director, Budget Bureau, Office of the Prime Minister, Thailand, or his nominee.

The meeting is hosted by the Budget Bureau, Office of the Prime Minister, Thailand.

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Thursday, 13 December 2018

8.30-9:30  Registration
9:30-10:00  Keynote Address by Prof. Narumon PINYOSINWAT, Vice-Minister for Finance, Thailand

10:00-10:30  Family Photo followed by Coffee Break

10:30-10:45  Welcome Remarks by Co-Chairs and the OECD Secretariat

10:45-13:00  SESSION 1 – Roundtable on Recent Budgeting Developments in Asia
This session is for participants to make brief presentations on recent budgeting and public expenditure developments in their countries/economies. This allows participants to exchange information on budgetary practices and current and/or envisaged reforms in individual countries/economies. It provides an opportunity for participants to keep up to date with developments in an informal setting. Given constraints on time within this roundtable discussion, participants may wish to provide short, written statements to supplement their presentations.

13:00-14:30  Luncheon

14:30-16:00  SESSION 2 – Budget Management and Transformation
This session will discuss the opportunities and challenges for managing a budget and the context of technological and organisational change. Delegates from Australia and Singapore will each give a presentation; the floor will then be opened for discussion among all Delegates.

16:00-16:30  Coffee Break
16:30-18:00  SESSION 3 – Developments in Performance Budgeting

The OECD will update delegates on the latest developments in performance budgeting, drawing on material from the 2018 OECD Performance & Results Network Meeting. Malaysia will then give a presentation on its work in relation to performance budgeting, and will then open the floor for discussion.

From 19:00  Chaophraya river dinner cruise hosted by the Royal Thai Government
Friday, 14 December 2018

9:00-9:45  SESSION 4 – Developments in budget frameworks
In this session, the New Zealand delegate will deliver a presentation on adopting a wellbeing approach within the New Zealand budget framework. Following the presentation, the floor will be opened for general discussion.

9:45-10:30  SESSION 5 – Green Budgeting, an emerging trend report through budgetary practices, the progress toward environmental objectives
Green Budgeting describes a country’s/economy’s initiatives to use its budgeting systems to identify, analyse and report proposals related to environmental and biodiversity goals. This session will commence with a short presentation by the OECD on emerging practices across countries and the high-level political commitments to the topic. It will be followed by a presentation from Indonesia to update delegates on its emerging practices. The floor will then be opened for general discussion among all Delegates.

10:30-11:00  Coffee Break

11:00-12:30  SESSION 6 – Infrastructure development and budget management
Many countries and economies have identified a shortfall in the infrastructure needed to achieve their social, economic and or environmental objectives. As a result, countries and economies have identified goals for infrastructure development, which can create both opportunities and challenges for budget management and fiscal policy. In this session the International Monetary Fund will deliver a presentation on infrastructure development and the Asian Development Bank will discuss the material. The Philippines will then give a presentation on infrastructure development in the Philippines. The floor will then be opened for general discussion among all Delegates.

12:30-14:00  Luncheon
14:00-15:00  SESSION 7 – OECD Indicators

The Asian Budget Processes and Procedures data will be published in early 2019 in the OECD-ADB Southeast Asia Government at a Glance report. This data, which was a collaborative effort of the PEMNA, World Bank and OECD, helps to provide context and benchmarking for ASEAN countries looking to construct a more citizen-centric civil service, and will be published alongside other original data on digital government, open government and strategic human resource management, collected by the OECD and the ADB. The OECD will present the budget data and consult the Asian SBO on how it could support a next edition covering topics such as public-private partnerships, public infrastructure investment, performance budgeting, and public sector productivity.

15:00-15:30  SESSION 8 – Report by the OECD Secretariat & Future Work Programme

This session is to update participants on current and future projects and publications by the OECD.

It is an opportunity for Delegates to identify emerging priority areas for future work, the nature of their interest in the subject and their willingness to support the areas of work.

15:30  Closing by Co-Chairs and OECD Secretariat
GENERAL INFORMATION

DISCUSSION FORMAT
The meeting is designed for maximum interaction among participants. Each substantive session will open with one or more brief lead presentations. This will be followed by several rounds of questions and comments by Delegates. Please limit each intervention in length in order to foster discussion.

CONFERENCE LOCATION & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
The meeting will take place at The Oriental Hotel, which is located by the Chao Phraya River at 48 Oriental Avenue, Bangkok -- http://www.mandarinoriental.com/bangkok/

Special room rates have been negotiated for conference participants at The Oriental Hotel. Please see the attached Mandarin Oriental Online Booking Instructions note for the procedures to reserve a room with these special rates.

REGISTRATION
All participants are requested to complete the registration form and return it to the Secretariat ahead of the meeting.

The meeting will commence promptly at 9:30 a.m. on 13 Dec. and at 9:00 a.m. on 14 Dec. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and Delegates are asked to kindly arrive with sufficient time to complete the registration formalities.

DOCUMENTATION
Background documents and/or PowerPoint presentations will be available for each of the main substantive sessions. The documents will be distributed electronically to all registered participants prior to the meeting.

ENTRY FORMALITIES
Delegates are advised to confirm any necessary visa requirements for entry in to Thailand.

LANGUAGE
The meeting will be conducted in English.