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**13th ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL, EASTERN & SOUTH EASTERN SENIOR BUDGET  
OFFICIALS (CESEE SBO)**

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**OECD Conference Centre, Paris  
6-7 July 2017**

*The meeting will be chaired by Peter Stein, Deputy Director, Budget Directorate, Ministry of Finance, Netherlands*

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*OECD Conference Centre, Paris, France*

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## **AGENDA**

**Thursday, 6 July 2017**

**9:00-9:30**      *Registration*

**9:30-10:00**    **Opening and Welcome Remarks by Chair and OECD Secretariat  
Delegates' Introductions**

**10:00-11:00**   **SESSION 1 - Roundtable on developments in budgeting**

The Chair will invite Delegates to make brief presentations on specific recent budgeting and public expenditure developments in their respective countries that they would like to draw to the attention of all Delegates.

**11:00-11:30**    *Family Photo and Coffee Break*

**11:30-13:00**   **SESSION 2 - Results of the OECD-PEMPAL Survey on Performance Budgeting and  
developing OECD Best Practices for Performance Budgeting**

Performance budgeting is a deceptively simple concept and its successful implementation has proven elusive in many countries. The Secretariat will present a set of draft Best Practices for Performance Budgeting based on analysis of reform experiences – successes and challenges – in OECD countries, as well as discussions at the SBO and its Network on Performance and Results. PEMPAL will present an overview of Results of the OECD Performance Budgeting Survey, highlighting key trends in the OECD and PEMPAL countries.

***Presenters:***

- **Ivor Beazley**, Senior Policy Analyst, Budgeting and Public Expenditures, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD
- **Naida Carsimamovic**, World Bank Resource Expert, PEMPAL Budget Community of Practice (BCOP)

**13:00-14:30**    *Luncheon, Restaurant des Nations*

**14:30-16:00 SESSION 3 - Implementing Spending Reviews: Dilemmas and Choices**

This session will explore the process of introducing spending reviews, including debates on key questions such as who should conduct the review, who should oversee and steer the review, what areas should be reviewed, what the output of the review process should be, efficiency questions, and how the review could potentially be linked to other developments in modern budgeting.

*Presenters:*

- **Birgit ten Cate**, Deputy Head, Bureau for Strategic Analysis, Ministry of Finance, the Netherlands
- **Steffen Bach**, Deputy Head of Division, Spending Reviews, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany
- **Hana Zoričić**, Head of Department, Ministry of Finance, Croatia

*16:00-16:30 Coffee Break***16:30-18:00 SESSION 4 - Gender Budgeting**

Gender budgeting practices are gaining momentum. Today over a third of OECD countries report that they have introduced, or plan to introduce, gender budgeting. This session will examine key findings from *Gender Budgeting in OECD Countries* and provide an opportunity for consultation on the OECD's forthcoming *Gender Budgeting Toolkit* which seeks to identify essential tools for gender budgeting, good practice examples and lessons learned from countries experience. Country case studies will follow.

*Presenters:*

- **Scherie Nicol**, Policy Analyst, Budgeting and Public Expenditures, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD
- **Herdis Haraldsdottir**, Head of Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Iceland
- **Ermira Lubani**, Regional Project Manager, Promoting Gender Responsive Policies in South East Europe, UN Women
- **Olena Mykhailenko**, Head of Section, State Budget Department, Ministry of Finance, Ukraine

*18:00 Welcome reception, OECD Headquarters*

**Friday, 7 July 2017**

## **Symposium on Promoting Fiscal Transparency**

### **9:30-10:30 SESSION 5 - Launch of the Toolkit on Budget Transparency**

In 2016 the CESEE SBO contributed to discussions that informed the new Toolkit on Budget Transparency. The Toolkit, which was developed on a collaborative basis between the OECD and the Global Initiative of Fiscal Transparency (GIFT) Network<sup>1</sup>, was adopted by the G20 Anti-corruption Working Group (AWG) in Spring 2017. The launch will be followed by a forward-looking discussion of how countries can continue to push forward the budget transparency debate and frontier areas for the future.

- **Ronnie Downes**, Deputy Head of Division, Budgeting and Public Expenditures, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD
- **Juan Pablo Guerrero Amparán**, Network Director, Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT)
- **Lewis Hawke**, Head, PEFA Secretariat
- **Vincent Tophoff**, Senior Technical Manager, Global Accountancy Profession Support, International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)

### *10:30-11:00 Coffee Break*

### **11:00-12:00 SESSION 6 - How are independent fiscal institutions impacting on the transparency of budgetary processes: perceptions and realities**

This session will examine recent research on independent fiscal institutions and the impact they are having on promoting transparency in national budget processes.

- **Michal Horvath**, Lecturer in Economics, University of York, founding Member of the Council for Budget Responsibility (CBR), Slovak Republic

### **12:00-13:00 SESSION 7 - Citizen's budgets – enhancing public engagement**

This session will examine efforts by PEMPAL's Working Group on Budget Literacy and Transparency to develop and promote good practices around citizen's budgets with the aim to improve budget transparency and allow citizens to better engage with the budget process.

- **Anna Belenchuk**, Ministry of Finance, Russian Federation, Chair, Executive Committee, PEMPAL Budget Community of Practice (BCOP)
- **Maya Gusarova**, World Bank Senior Public Sector Specialist and Resource Expert for PEMPAL Budget Community of Practice (BCOP) and **Deanna Aubrey**, World Bank Public Finance Management Adviser for PEMPAL

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<sup>1</sup> Including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank Group, the International Budget Partnership (IBP), the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), and the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) Program.

*13:00-14:30 Luncheon, Restaurant des Nations*

**14:30-15:00 SESSION 8 - Report on Relevant Activities and Future Work**

The OECD Secretariat will provide a report on relevant activities since the last meeting of the CESEE SBO. It will also highlight the activities of the Working Party of the Senior Budget Officials and each of the SBO subsidiary bodies.

Delegates will then be asked to identify future work priorities for the OECD's Programme of Work in the area of budgeting and public expenditures, and indicate their interest in particular studies.

***Presenter:***

- **Jón Blöndal**, Head of Division, Budgeting and Public Expenditures, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD

**15:00 Closing by Chairman and OECD Secretariat**

## MEETING INFORMATION

### Accommodations

Delegates are responsible for their own accommodation. Information on hotels close to the OECD at special rates and our online booking system can be found at: <http://www.oecd.org/site/conferencecentre/hotels-close-to-oecd.htm>

### Catering

Luncheon will be served in the Restaurant des Nations located on the first floor of the Conference Centre.

### Format of Discussion

Each session will open with one or more lead presentations. These should be no more than 15 minutes in length. This will be followed by several rounds of questions and comments by Delegates. Please limit each intervention to no more than 5 minutes in order to foster discussion.

### Interpretation

Interpretation into English, Russian and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian will be provided.

### Meeting Location

The meeting will take place at the Conference Centre at OECD Headquarters – *Château de la Muette* – which is located at: 2, rue André Pascal in the 16th *arrondissement* (district) of Paris. The closest metro station is “*La Muette*” on line 9 or “*Boulaivilliers*” or “*Henri Martin*” on line C of the RER. More information on getting to the OECD can be found at: <http://www.oecd.org/site/conferencecentre/gettingtotheoecd.htm>

### Registration Form

All delegates must complete the registration form and return it to the Secretariat ahead of the meeting.

### Security and Badges

Please be advised that OECD Headquarters is a secure complex. Badges can only be issued to registered delegates, and a passport or national identity card is required. Delegates must go to the main entrance and pass through the security checkpoint. Please allow up to 15 minutes to complete these formalities.

### Welcome Reception

All delegates are invited to a reception on the evening of the first day of the meeting, Thursday, 6 July.

### Wi-Fi Internet Access and Business Centre

The OECD Conference Centre features complimentary Wi-Fi Internet Access throughout its facilities. There is also a Business Centre located in the Conference Centre offering complimentary desktop computers with standard Microsoft Office software, Internet connection and printers.