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1. PUMA is lead manager of the Global Forum on Governance. This is one of eight Global Fora set up by the Committee on Co-operation with Non-Members (CCNM) in order to create a focus for previously dispersed country programmes. Global Fora address issues common to a wide range of countries and regions and where the relevance of OECD work can be enhanced by interaction and policy dialogue with relevant non-member actors from various regions of the world.

2. Guidance which PUMA has received indicates that in order to qualify for financial support:
   - A Global Forum must be global in terms of its participation. The content can be limited in scope but should cover priority issues of importance to a wide audience and the representation/participation must be genuinely global in its reach and not predominantly regional;
   - Preferably there should be a continuing agenda rather than creating a series of one-off events without follow-up. Thus the Forum should be part of a programme and should link into the relevant OECD Committees activities.

3. In line with these criteria, PUMA proposes to organise a Global Forum event back-to-back with the Autumn 2001 meeting of the Committee. This first Forum could be general in nature to set the broader agenda, with subjects drawn from, for example:
   - The concept of public governance;
   - Strengthening the public sector;
   - Budgeting and financial accountability;
   - Governance of agencies and the delivery of quality services;
   - E-government;
   - Quality regulation;
   - Government-citizen relationship;
   - New approaches to policy making;
   - Managing reform.

4. The meeting would include presentations by Member state practitioners, panels and workshops. Follow-up could take the form of further general seminars/fora or fora/workshops focussing on more specific themes. These fora could be either free-standing events or combined with a Committee meeting, if that were practicable, and could be hosted by interested Member countries. The global element common to all would be the range of participants and the involvement of Members and non-members alike.

5. The target audience would be OECD near or aspiring members. As CCNM indicates, global does not mean universal. The link is a common interest in governance and the ability to benefit from the sharing of information and knowledge. The Fora would naturally complement PUMA’s regional outreach events.

6. Committee action:
   - If agreed, propose topics for the first Global Autumn Forum.
   - Set criteria for non-member countries to be invited.