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AGENDA AND REGISTRATION FORM

35th ANNUAL MEETING OF OECD SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS

**Berlin, Germany
12-13 June 2014**

*The meeting is hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Finance.
The meeting will be chaired by Gerhard Steger, Austria.*

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AGENDA

Wednesday, 11 June 2014

from 19:00 *Welcome Reception Hosted by the German Ministry of Finance*

Thursday, 12 June 2014

from 8:45 **Registration**

9:30-9:45 **Opening by Chairman and OECD Secretariat
Delegates' Introductions**

9:45-10:00 **Welcome Address**

- **Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble**, Federal Minister of Finance, Germany

10:00-11:30 **SESSION 1: Budgeting in Germany**

The budgeting and public expenditure system of Germany will be reviewed during this session. The objective of the reviews is to provide a comprehensive overview of the budgeting process in the respective country based on a report prepared by the OECD Secretariat, and to offer other countries an opportunity to comment on specific budgeting issues in the country under review.

Two countries will act as "lead examiners" during the review.

11:30-12:00 *Coffee Break*

12:00-13:00 **SESSION 2: Evolving Role of Performance and Results**

The role of performance and results in budgeting is evolving significantly in a number of countries. How can central, government-wide political challenges (such as demographic change and climate change) be addressed in a performance and results framework? What impact has the use of performance information had for financial, non-financial and managerial accountability? What is the role of performance and results in managing fiscal relations across levels of government? How can IT processes facilitate – or transform – the effective use of performance information in the budget process?

The work in this area is guided by the SBO Network on Performance and Results.

13:00-14:30 *Luncheon*

14:30-16:00 **SESSION 3: Draft OECD Principles for Budgetary Governance**

The draft principles aim to provide a concise overview of good practices across the full spectrum of budget activity, taking account in particular of the lessons of the recent economic crisis, and to give practical guidance for designing, implementing and improving budget systems to meet the challenges of the future. The overall intention is to provide a useful reference tool for policy-makers and practitioners around the world, and help ensure that public resources are planned, managed and used effectively to make a positive impact on citizens' lives. The draft principles build upon the *OECD Best Practices for Budget Transparency*, which are long-established as an international point of reference for good budgeting.

The draft principles have been prepared by the OECD Secretariat based on the experiences of member countries and have been subject to extensive public consultation. Delegates will be asked to review the draft principles.

16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30-18:00 **SESSION 4: Controlling Health Care Expenditure**

Health care expenditures are currently rising at a higher rate than other expenditures in most countries and are forecast to rise significantly in future. Controlling expenditure in this area has proven elusive and poses unique challenges. The session will outline the drivers of health care expenditures and discuss measures being undertaken in countries to moderate the growth of health care expenditures.

The OECD's work in this area is guided by a joint network of the SBO and the Health Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of Health Systems.

from 18:00 Reception and Gala Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Finance.

Friday, 13 June 2014

The morning sessions will be devoted to a discussion of fiscal risks.

9:30-10:00 SESSION 5a: Fiscal Risks – Macroeconomics

This session – led by the Director of the OECD’s Economics Department – will discuss recent economic and fiscal developments in OECD and partner countries and the near-term outlook.

10:00-10:30 SESSION 5b: Fiscal Risks – New Approaches to Identification, Management and Mitigation

The experience of recent years suggests that the mechanisms and frameworks in place in many OECD countries to address the challenges posed by fiscal risks are not yet sufficiently well-developed and that more effective models must be identified and instituted. Implicit and/or unacknowledged contingent liabilities in key sectors of the economy (notably the banking sector) had a major impact on public finances. In some countries, over-reliance on growth in certain sectors of the economy was exposed. In others, precipitated by the broader economic crisis, a wide range of fiscal risks were realized at the same time. The session seeks to draw lessons from the crisis on how to improve identification, management and mitigation of fiscal risks, including a critical re-assessment of pre-existing concepts and procedures and the implications for budgetary institutions and processes.

10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:15-12:00 SESSION 5c: Fiscal Risks – Discussion Groups

Following the keynote introduction in plenary session, Delegates will form four separate groups to discuss new approaches to identification, management and mitigation of fiscal risks.

12:00-12:30 SESSION 5d: Fiscal Risks – Report by Rapporteur

The discussion of fiscal risks will conclude with a report by a Rapporteur who will offer his insights on the issue as well as informing the plenary the main conclusions of each discussion group.

12:30-14:00 *Luncheon*

14:00-15:00 **SESSION 6: Value for Money – Conclusion of the OECD Study**

The OECD Value for Money Study has collected data from 15 countries on the resources devoted to key government functions and conducted case studies of Australia, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden. This session will present the synthesis report of the Value for Money Study and highlight reforms that have led to substantial savings in various areas of government operation.

15:00-16:00 **SESSION 7: Report by OECD Secretariat and Future Work Programme**

The Secretariat will provide a general report on activities since the last meeting of the Working Party, including an update on the work of each of the SBO subsidiary bodies.

There is currently a review being undertaken of the structure of the various bodies in the sphere of the Public Governance Committee, including the SBO. This may result in the transformation of the SBO to a committee in its own right. The Secretariat will outline the implications of this potential development.

The Secretariat will highlight the work of the Regional SBO Networks and the possibility to hold a single Global SBO event. The OECD's new South East Asia regional program will also be outlined.

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

16:00 **Closing by Chairman and Secretariat**

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Format of Discussion

Each session will open with one or more lead presentations. These should be no more than 20 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.

Venue - Meeting Location

The meeting will take place at the Federal Ministry of Finance, which is located at Wilhelmstrasse 97, in Berlin's government district.

Accommodations

The German authorities have negotiated special rates at several conveniently located hotels in Berlin. Please see attached hotel information note for further information.

Registration Form

All Delegates need to complete the attached registration form and return it to the Secretariat. **Entry passes can only be issued to registered Delegates** and a passport or national identity card needs to be presented in order to receive an entry pass.

Hospitality

The German Ministry of Finance invites all Delegates to a Welcome Reception on the eve of the meeting, Wednesday, 11 June, from 7:00 p.m. It will take place at the [**Grand Hyatt Berlin Hotel**].

The German authorities invite all Delegates to a Reception and Gala Dinner at the **Bode Museum** on Berlin's Museum Island at the conclusion of the first day of the meeting, Thursday, 12 June, from 6 p.m. Transportation to and from the event will be provided.

Spouses are welcome to join Delegates at the above social events.

Please confirm your attendance at these events by completing the appropriate "Social Activities" box on the attached registration form.

All Delegates are also invited to luncheons on both days of the meeting. These will take place at the conference venue.

Entry Formalities

Delegates are advised to confirm any necessary visa requirements for entry in to Germany.

Documentation

Background documents will be available for all substantive sessions of the meeting. The documents will be distributed electronically to all registered Delegates prior to the meeting.

Simultaneous Translation

Simultaneous translation between English and French, the OECD's two official languages, will be available throughout the meeting.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The German authorities have negotiated special rates at the following four hotels. To benefit from these rates, please contact the hotel prior to the deadline indicated, providing the reservation keyword: **“SBO Berlin.”**

The Mandala Potsdamer Straße 3 10785 Berlin +49 30 590 05 00 00 www.themandala.de	Reservation Deadline:	9 May 2014 (30 city studios have been blocked)
	Special Rate:	160 € - for single and double room 28 € breakfast per person
	Cancelation policy	5 days prior to arrival
Grand Hyatt Marlene-Dietrich-Platz 2 10785 Berlin +49 30 2553 1212) berlin.grand@hyatt.com	Reservation Deadline:	12 May 2014 (40 grand rooms)
	Special Rate:	180 € - single room 200 € double room (breakfast is included)
	Cancelation policy	24h prior to arrival
Mövenpick Schöneberger Str. 3 10963 Berlin +49 30 23 00 60 hotel.berlin@moevenpick.com	Reservation Deadline:	14 May 2014 (20 comfort rooms)
	Special Rate:	129 € - single room 149 € - double room (breakfast is included)
	Cancelation policy	3 days prior to arrival
Scandic Gabriele-Tergit-Promenade 19 10963 Berlin +49 30 700 779 0 berlin@scandichotels.com	Reservation Deadline:	14 May 2014
	Special Rate:	117 € - single room 137 € - double room 137 € - superior single room 157 € - superior double room (breakfast is included)
	Cancelation policy	2 days prior to arrival



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Meeting Registration Form

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NAME (in block letters please):

First Name:

JOB TITLE:

ORGANISATION:

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Social Activities

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person(s) will participate

Thursday 12 June – Reception and Gala Dinner at the *Bode Museum* on Berlin's Museum Island

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For the above-mentioned event, I have made my hotel reservation at...

- the **Mandala** Hotel: www.themandala.de
- the **Grand Hyatt** Hotel: berlin.grand@hyatt.com
- the **Mövenpick** Hotel: hotel.berlin@moevenpick.com
- the **Scandic**: berlin@scandichotels.com
- another** hotel: _____

Meals

Special requests: vegetarian, allergies, ... _____