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Tuesday, 01 March 2022, Time: 08:30 – 12:00 Hours GMT (Abidjan time) Eastern Hemisphere

OPENING SESSION

Time	Theme	Presenters
08:20-08:30	Speakers to connect on the G-CoP Platform – Preparatory session	Ms Tania Adjan , CHIS/ECAD to connect Speakers and provide pre-seminar protocols
08:30-08:35	Welcoming Remarks	Prof Kevin Chika URAMA , FAAS Acting Chief Economist and Vice President, Economic Governance and Knowledge Management/Senior Director, African Development Institute, African Development Bank
08:35-08:40	Remarks by Institutional Partners	International Monetary Fund World Bank
08:40-08:45	Opening Speech	Ms Bajabulile Swazi Tshabalala Senior Vice President, African Development Bank Group
PLENARY SESSION 1		
08:45-09:00	Setting the Scene: Managing Public Finance in Times of Crises in Africa	Prof Kevin Chika URAMA , FAAS Acting Chief Economist and Vice President, Economic Governance and Knowledge Management/Senior Director, African Development Institute, African Development Bank
09:10-09:20	Innovative Financing of Covid Recovery in Africa	Ms Hassatou N'Sele Acting Vice President, Finance, African Development Bank Group
09:20-09:30	Resource Mobilisation (domestic and external) during crisis: Policy Lessons from previous and current crises for resilient recovery	Mr Logan Wort Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum South Africa
09:30-09:40	Resource Allocation and Utilisation during crisis: Policy Lessons from previous and current crises for resilient recovery	Mr Seth Terkper Former Finance Minister, Republic of Ghana
09:40-09:50	State of Public Finance Management capacity in Africa for resilient crisis response: Institutions, legislative and regulatory frameworks, systems, processes, and tools.	Mr Neil Cole Executive Secretary Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative, South Africa
09:50-10:00	Partnership and Coordination for Strengthening Public Financial Management capabilities in Africa for resilience in crisis: What policy lessons for Commitment, Collaboration and Coordination?	Prof Ibrahim El Badawi Managing Director, Economic Research Forum, Egypt
10:00-10:10	Role of the Private Sector in enhancing public finances during crisis: What lessons for post-crisis recovery and resilience policy actions?	Mr William Gyude Moore Senior Policy Fellow, Centre for Global Development, USA. Former Head of the President's Delivery Unit and Minister of Public Works, Liberia.
10:10-10:35	Facilitated Brainstorming Session: Participants/Delegates to contribute by raising hands	
10:35-10:40	Health Break – Interlude for Transition to Parallel Sessions	

Time	10:40-11:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS ON THEMATIC AREAS (Delegates will be pre-mapped to specific sessions based on indicated interest, with early registration)			
	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
Policy Themes	Resource Mobilisation – Domestic and External Resources	Resource Allocation and Utilisation	Public Financial Management and Accountability Capabilities	PFM for Managing Global Commons	Partnership and Coordination for Strengthening Public Financial Management capabilities in Africa for resilience in times of crises
10:40-10:45	Chair (to set the scene) Dr Abebe Shimeles Director of Research African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Kenya.	Chair (to set the scene) Mr Mohamed Boussaid Former Minister of Finance, Morocco Former Governor, African Development Bank	Chair (to set the scene) DG EL AZIZI Mohamed, Director General for North Africa, Regional Development & Business Delivery office. African Development Bank Group	Chair (to set the scene) Prof Gunnar Köhlin Director Environment for Development Initiative, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden	Chair (to set the scene) Mr Seth Terkper Former Finance Minister Republic of Ghana
10:45-10:50	Conversation Starter: define key policy questions for Discussion Mr Logan Wort Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum South Africa	Conversation Starter: define key policy questions for Discussion Mr Neil Cole Executive Secretary Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative South Africa	Conversation Starter: define key policy questions for Discussion Prof Ibrahim Elbadawi Managing Director, Economic Research Forum, Egypt	Conversation Starter: define key policy questions for Discussion Mr Antonio Leonardo Blasco. Senior Financial Management Specialist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank	Conversation Starter: define key policy questions for Discussion Mr Baba Yusuf Musa Director General West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) Nigeria
Sub-themes-Linked to questions raised in the concept note					
10:50-10:55	<i>Digitisation in Domestic Resource Mobilisation in Times of Crisis: Implications for Digital taxes, and digital tax administration for Africa</i> M Moumouni LOUGUE Directeur Général des Impôts Direction Générale des Impôts. Burkina Faso Ms Danielle Serebro Acting Programme Manager, CABRI, South Africa	<i>Prioritising Sectoral Resource Allocations and Expenditures in times of crisis – Critical Considerations and Measures</i> Mr Chidiebere Ibe Consultant African Development Institute African Development Bank	<i>Digitisation of Public Financial Management Systems and Processes for Transparency and Accountability in Public Finance Management During Crisis in Africa</i> Mrs Paula Santos Da Costa Director, Office of Integrity and Anticorruption African Development Bank Cote D'Ivoire	<i>Public Finance Management Strategies and Mechanisms for Meeting Nationally Determined Commitments to the Net-Zero Target in Africa</i> Dr Mallé Fofana Director and Head of Programs Africa Global Green Planning & Implementation – GGP&I The Global Green Growth Institute	<i>Contributions of Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) to Mobilising and/or Demobilising Public Finance in Africa</i> Dr Friday Ohuche Development Economist and Public Finance Expert Economic and Management Insights Limited, Abuja, Nigeria.
10:55-11:00	<i>Debt Sustainability and Management for Avoidance of the HIPC experiences in post-Covid-19 Africa</i> Mr Tim Jones Head of Policy Jubilee Debt Campaign The UK.	<i>Innovative Fiscal Forecasting and Modelling Techniques for Equitable Public Budgeting in Periods of Crisis in Africa</i> Dr Sam Omenka Technical Advisor to the Director-General on Budget, Budget Office of the Federation. Federal Republic of Nigeria	<i>Roles and Capabilities of Africa's Legislatures and Supreme Audit Institutions in PFM Oversight, and Accountability, Especially During Crisis</i> Ms Josephine Mukomba Executive Officer AFROSAI-E South Africa	<i>Techniques for Climate Budgeting in times of crisis, and building resilience in public financial management</i> Dr Hassan Mahmud Director Monetary Policy Department, Central Bank of Nigeria	<i>Partnership and Coordination for Building Back Better in Africa: The Role of International Development Institutions</i> Prof Sylvain Boko Director of Programs ACBF Zimbabwe

11:00-11:05	<p><i>Deepening Domestic and Regional Financial Markets in Africa for Flexible Debt Financing During and after Crisis</i></p> <p>Mr Edward Marlow Managing Director Head of Sub-Saharan Africa Credit Suisse International Switzerland.</p>	<p><i>Innovative Measures for More Responsive Public Procurement in Times of Crisis</i></p> <p>Dr Kingsley T. Udeh, Esq. Public Procurement Expert Nigeria.</p>	<p><i>Capabilities for Managing Illicit Financial Flows and Financial Corruption in Africa, Particularly During Crisis</i></p> <p>Dr. Abdoulaye Coulibally Director, Governance and Public Financial Management (ECGF), African Development Bank Group.</p>	<p><i>Innovative Public Finance Management for Mitigating and Managing Conflicts (terrorism, insurgencies, etc.) for Building Back Better</i></p> <p>Dr Yero Baldeh Director, Transition States Coordination Office, African Development Bank</p>	<p><i>Responses of Countries to International Development Partners' Contribution to Improving Public Financial Management Capacity in Africa</i></p> <p>Mr Ben Akabueze Director General Budget Office of the Federation. Nigeria</p>
11:05-11:15	<p><i>Balancing the Adverse Effect of the AfCFTA on Domestic Revenue Mobilization and Supply Chain Management</i></p> <p>Mr Jean-Guy Afrika The Regional Integration Department African Development Bank Group.</p> <p>M Kokou Philippe TCHODIE Commissaire Général de l'Office Togolais des Recettes (OTR) Togo</p>	<p><i>Considerations for Public-Private Partnerships in Public Service Delivery, Particularly in Times of Crisis</i></p> <p>Mr Frejus Lingue Senior Associate - WAHO Health & Institutional Capacity Strengthening, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change</p>	<p><i>Fiscal Risk Management and Reporting Capabilities and Sovereign Risk Rating for Managing Public Finance in Times of Crisis</i></p> <p>Dr Eric K. Ogunleye, Advisor to the Chief Economist /Vice President, ECVP, Ag. Manager, Policy Management Division, ADI – AfDB, Cote D'Ivoire</p>	<p><i>Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic: PFM Strategies and Mechanisms to Address Global Health Challenges and Build Back Better in Africa</i></p> <p>Prof Akpan Ekpo Professor of Economics, University of Uyo, Nigeria Former Director-General WAIFEM</p>	<p><i>Role of African-based PFM Knowledge Management and Capacity Development Institutions in Providing PFM Reform Interventions to African Countries</i></p> <p>Dr Roberto Tibana Director of Research African Center for Economic Transformation Ghana</p>
Rapporteur:	<p>Mr Mamoru ENDO Principal Governance Officer Governance and Public Financial Management Coordination Office African Development Bank</p> <p>Mr Raphael N'guessan Consultant African Development Institute African Development Bank</p>	<p>Mr Ibrahim AMADOU, Chief Governance Officer Governance and Public Financial Management Coordination Office African Development Bank</p> <p>Mr Chidiebere Ibe Consultant African Development Institute, African Development Bank</p>	<p>Mr Jean-Phillip VION, Senior Governance Officer Governance and Public Financial Management Coordination Office African Development Bank</p> <p>Mr Bacar Saindou Principal Capacity Development Officer African Development Institute African Development Bank</p>	<p>Ms Carina Sugden Chief Governance Officer Governance and Public Financial Management Coordination Office African Development Bank</p> <p>Mr Nkoanyane Sebutsoe Senior Capacity Development Officer African Development Institute African Development Bank</p>	<p>Dr Seedwell Hove Chief Capacity Development Officer Policy Management Division African Development Institute African Development Bank</p> <p>Dr Njeri Wabiri Principal Capacity Development Officer African Development Institute African Development Bank</p>
11:15 -11:25	Facilitated Brainstorming Session: Delegates to contribute by raising hands				
11:25 -11:30	Health Break – Interlude for Transition to Plenary Session				

PLENARY SESSION 2: Identification of Key Policies and Strategic Actions for each PFM Sector in the Short, Medium & Long Term – Each thematic group to recommend five key policies only		
Time	Theme	Speakers
11:30-11:35	Key Policies and Strategies for Enhancing Resilience in Domestic and External Resource Mobilisation during crisis in Africa	Chairs or Rapporteurs of Sessions
11:35-11:40	Key Policies and Strategies for Enhancing Resilience through Resource Allocation and Utilisation during crisis in Africa	Chairs or Rapporteurs of Sessions
11:40-11:45	Key Policies and Strategies for Enhancing Public Financial Management Capacity for Resilience during crisis in Africa	Chairs or Rapporteurs of Sessions
11:45-11:50	Key Policies and Strategies for Managing Global Commons for Resilience during crisis in Africa	Chairs or Rapporteurs of Sessions
11:50-11:55	Key Policies and Strategies for Partnership and Coordination for Better PFM during crisis in Africa	Chairs or Rapporteurs of Sessions
11:55-12:00	Facilitated Open Discussion Delegates to be identified by raising hands to intervene, focusing on actionable policies and policy prioritisation only	
Closing Session		
12:00-12:05	Closing Remarks by Institutional Partners	The International Monetary Fund The World Bank
12:05-12:10	Closing Remarks from AfDB	Prof Kevin Chika URAMA, FAAS Acting Chief Economist and Vice President, Economic Governance and Knowledge Management / Senior Director, African Development Institute, African Development Bank

Notes to Speakers:

The Covid-19 Pandemic did not entirely create Africa's public finance management challenges. It exacerbated them. Although the Covid-19 induced recession is set to be the deepest since the second World War-induced recession in 1945-46, and more than twice as deep as the recession associated with the 2007- 2009 global financial crisis, it is not the first, neither will it be the last. Africa's sustainable recovery from the fiscal impacts of Covid-19 will largely depend on the availability and efficient management of affordable financing for inclusive and sustainable development in Africa. Without such financing and a prudent public finance management system, the continent will not achieve the 2030 global Sustainable Development Goals. For sustainable recovery, there is a need for PFM systems reforms and fiscal and monetary buffers that minimise the impact of more frequent crises (e.g., conflicts, environmental, periodic commodity price oscillation, forex reserves crisis, and exchange rate depreciation).

This is a brainstorming e-policy dialogue. All individual contributions are under the **Chatham House Rule**. Please feel free to think freely and innovatively. Experts in each thematic area of public financial management are purposively invited to allow us to think outside our core disciplines, institutional positions, and comfort zones. **Africa needs practical and feasible policies and strategies in public financial management to mobilise, allocate and manage resources for more inclusive and resilient development.**

Suggested Policy Questions for each Thematic Area:

Resource Mobilisation

- What are the key policies and strategies deployed in managing public finances during global financial crises in the past? What worked and what did not work, and what lessons can be learned for managing the short-, medium-, and long-term implications of current policy responses to Covid-19.
- What practical actions, if any, should African Central Banks and monetary authorities (including regional banks and other international financial institutions) take to support public finance management in times of crisis and post Covid-19?
- How did the disruptions in global trade and supply chain affect the public finances of African countries? How did governments respond to these? What countermeasures should be put in place to mitigate this risk in future?
- What policy measures are required to mitigate [blockade or tightening of market access, especially, L-MICs—the Role of Rating Agencies during a crisis?] increasing debt sustainability challenges in Africa in the short, medium, and long term? How can Africa prevent a re-occurrence of the HIPIC experiences post-Covid-19?

Resource Allocation

- How has Covid-19 affected the financing of non-health public service delivery in countries; what examples of good and bad practices were observed? What lessons for future crises? What are the implications for investments in quality health care infrastructure in good times?
- During commodity and environmental crises, how does subsidy for petroleum, utilities and agriculture affect allocations to the social sector, especially health and education?
- What public financial management mechanisms can African countries deploy to scale up Covid-19 vaccine coverage and strengthen local vaccine research and production capacity for current and future health crises?
- What PFM policy priorities, trade-offs in budget allocation, and tough choices must countries make to achieve resilient and sustainable PFM Systems?

PFM Capacity

- What are the case examples of good and bad practices in managing public finances during the Covid-19 pandemic? What can be learned to improve public finance management practices and build fiscal resilience in Africa post-Covid-19? How can we improve: (a) revenue mobilisation, (b) public expenditure management, and (c) PFM legal and institutional frameworks, systems, process, and tools to better manage the crisis and rebuild economies?
- What strategies, actions, and instruments can be used by Ministries of Planning and Budgets, Finance/Treasuries, Debt Management Offices, and legislatures to strengthen fiscal resilience readiness for future global crises such as Covid-19? What lessons can be learned from the past and current crises?
- What are the implications of fiscal risk management and reporting and country risk rating for public finance management in times of Crisis?

Global Commons / International Development Partners

- Post-CoP 26 Commitments: PFM Implications to Meet RMCs Net Zero Targets: What are the potential public finance management implications of net-zero transitions in Africa? What are the potential costs, benefits, and co-benefits to developed and developing economies? What measures are required to address the distributional effects on developed and developing countries, especially Africa?
- What role can multilateral development finance institutions such as the AfDB, IMF and World Bank, other DFIs and bilateral development agencies play to improve the global responses to global commons challenges such as climate change, Covid-19, and international security challenges? And how can this support sustainable public finance management?
- What are potential improvements in public investment institutions and processes needed to build low-carbon and climate-resilient infrastructure?