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FISCAL AFFAIRS



AGENDA: WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING MEDIUM-TERM FISCAL FRAMEWORKS

Johannesburg – December 16-20, 2024

	Monday December 16	Tuesday December 17	Wednesday December 18	Thursday December 19	Friday December 20
THEME	INTRODUCTION TO MTFF AND FORECAST VARIANCE ANALYSIS	REAL SECTOR FORECASTING AND REVENUE PROJECTIONS	FINANCING OPTIONS AND EXPENDITURE FORECASTING	CONSIDERATION FOR DEBT AND POLICY SCENARIO ANALYSIS	INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MTFF
Session 1 9:00-10:30	Opening Remarks Sukhwinder Singh Group Photo Varsha Lowtoo Introductions - Trish Chiinze Course overview Trish Chiinze Opening Quiz Trish Chiinze	L4: Real Sector Forecasting - best practices for preparing real sector forecasts- Yannick Vel L5: Revenue Forecasting - Yannick Vel	L6: Expenditure Forecasting Joao Jalles L7: Financing Options and their Linkages - impact of financing strategies on monetary policy, external sector and debt sustainability Jyoti Tahman	L8: Debt Dynamics and Fiscal Policy - interaction between fiscal policies and debt. fiscal rules Jyoti Rahman L9: Incorporating uncertainty into fiscal frameworks - Yannick Vel	L10: Institutional arrangements for effective MTFF implementation -with international examples - Trish Chiinze Group presentations ALL
Break (10:30 - 10:50)					
Session 2 (10:50-12:30)	L1: Macro-fiscal forecasting and the Medium-Term Fiscal Framework -The medium-term perspective to macro-fiscal management.- Trish Chiinze L2: Long-term fiscal sustainability - managing long term fiscal pressures- Yannick Vel and Jyoti Rahman	Breakout Group Session 2 Reviewing country-specific real sector trends and identifying key factors influencing revenue and expenditure forecasts ALL Country Presentation 2: MTFF Preparation process (TBA)	Breakout Group Session 3 Discuss how selected financing strategy interacts with external and monetary sectors. ALL	Group Exercise 4 Prepare baseline Scenario and Policy Options- Yannick Vel, Jyoti Rahman and Joao Jalles (putting all parts together)	Group presentations Final quiz- Trish Chiinze - Feedback and evaluations - Varsha Lowtoo Workshop closing
Lunch (12:30-13:30)					
Session 3 (13:30 – 15:00)	L3: Macroeconomic fiscal risks and Forecast Variance Analysis - identifying potential discrepancies in macro- fiscal forecasts. Yannick Vel	Group Exercise 2 Revenue Forecasting Using the Tool Yannick Vel	Group Exercise 3 Expenditure Forecasting, Financing Options and impact on debt- Joao Jalles and Jyoti Rahman	Group Exercise 4 Cont'd	

	<p>Breakout Group Session 1 Common fiscal challenges being faced in the region. ALL</p> <p>Country Presentation 1: MTFF Preparation process (TBA)</p>					
Session 4 (15:20-1700)	Group Exercise 1 Familiarizing with common features of a MTFF Tool Jyoti Rahman	Group Exercise 2 Cont'd Revenue Forecasting Using the Tool	Group Exercise 3 Cont'd Expenditure Forecasting, Financing Options and impact on debt	Group Exercise 5 Prepare presentations on findings, including fiscal challenges, policy choices, and their impact on the debt-to-GDP ratio. ALL		