

MARCH 10, 2008

DAY 1: THE POLICY REFORM DIMENSION OF

BUDGET TRANSPARENCY, VOICE, AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT

Principal Facilitator: Mr. George Matovu, Regional Director, Municipal Development Partnership for Eastern and Southern Africa

7:30-8:30 Registration and Welcome Tea and Coffee

8:30-9:15 Session 1 - Opening Presentation

Welcome: Mr. Maurice Mbolela, Member of MDP-ESA Board; Secretary General of the Local Government Association of Zambia
Ms. Angélique Habils, Associate Human Settlements Officer, UNHabitat
World Bank Representative

Official Inauguration: His Worship Obed Mlaba, Mayor of Durban

9:15-10:30 Session 2 - Key Note Presentation

Speaker: Mayor Eneas Conceico Comiche
Mayor of Maputo and Vice President United Cities and Local Governments of Africa

Discussant: Professor Paul Smoke, New York University

Objectives: Overview of key factors underlying policy reforms in Africa to strengthen budget transparency, voice and independent oversight. Issues to be addressed:

- Defining policy scenario
- What are the challenges associated with policy reforms in Africa today that promote budget transparency, voice and independent oversight, particularly regarding limited decentralization in many African countries?
- How does participatory budgeting enhance accountability of executive and legislative branches of local government?
- What are the recent policy innovations in Africa to strengthen budget transparency, voice and independent oversight, specifically taking in to consideration different levels of decentralization and democratization?
- What is the role of political leadership, CSOs, and the private sector in such reforms and innovations?
- How can policy reform innovations be scaled up, institutionalized, and main streamed?
- What are the challenges ahead?

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Session 3 - African Good Practices

Speaker: Hon. Protais Musoni, Minister of Local Administration, Good Governance,

Community Development and Social Affairs, Rwanda

Discussant: Mr. Jeffrey M. Thindwa, Senior Social Scientist, World Bank

Objectives: Present good practices on African policy reforms which promote transparency, accountability and participation in municipal public expenditure management and service delivery.

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-16:00 Session 4 - International Good Practices

Speakers: Mr. Roger Salhuana Cavides, Ministry of Finance Representative, Peru
Mrs. Margret Kiener Nellen, Mayor of Bolligen, Member of Swiss Parliament

Discussants: Dr. Jaime Vasconez, Centro Internacional de Gestión Urbana
Dr. Brian Wampler, Associate Professor of Political Science, Boise State University

Objectives: Present good practices on international policy reforms which promote transparency, accountability and participation in municipal public expenditure management and service delivery

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:30 Session 5 - Panel Discussion

The Future of PB in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges

Chair: Mr. George Matovu, Executive Director, Municipal Development Partnership for Eastern and Southern Africa

Panelists: Honorable Minister Protais Musoni (Rwanda)

Mr. Kwamena Ahwoi, Honorable Former Minister of Local Government (Ghana)
Mayor Eneas Conceico Comiche, Mayor of Maputo and Vice President United Cities and Local Governments of Africa

Mayor Celestine Keutch Courtes (Cameroon)

Ms. Ziria Ndifuna, Deputy Chairman, Uganda Local Government Finance Commission (Uganda)

Mrs Dorothy Adebajo, Executive Director, Zimbabwe Womens Resource Centre and Network

Objectives: Panel discussion aimed at identifying potential policy reforms in Africa that strengthen budget transparency, voice and independent oversight

18:00-20:00 Reception at Ushaka MarineWorld, Hosted by His Worship Obed Mlaba, Mayor of Durban

MARCH 11, 2008

DAY 2: TRANSPARENCY AND DEMYSTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES, AND EXPENDITURES

Principal Facilitator: Ms. Ziria Ndifuna, Municipal Development Partnership for Eastern and Southern Africa

8:30-10:00 Session 1 – Operational Principles of Budget Transparency and Demystification

Speaker: Ms. Thandiwe Mlobane, Municipal Finance Expert, Municipal Development Partnership for Eastern and Southern Africa

Objectives: Overview of key operational issues associated with implementing mechanisms to improve transparency and enhance citizens' understanding of municipal revenue and expenditure management. Issues to be addressed include:

- The key principles, benefits, and challenges in promoting transparency in local government budgeting management (fiscal policies, resource generation, current and capital investment planning)
- The role local government and civil society organizations play in demystifying the local government budgeting process
- Legislative and institutional arrangements which support increasing transparency and public understanding of fiscal policy, revenue generation and expenditures
- Designing municipal finance information systems to ensure reliable revenue and expenditure information management, as well as budget transparency
- Organizing public campaigns and civil society actions to promote better public understanding of local government revenues and expenditures

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Session 2 – African Case Studies

Speakers: Mrs. Sophie Kalimba, Chief Executive Officer, Blantyre City Assembly, Malawi
Mr. Mamadou Bachir Kanoute, Environment et Développement-Economie Populaire Urbaine, Senegal
Ms. Courtney W. Babcock and Ms. Shital Shah, New York University

Discussant: Mr. Dalitso Kingsley Kubalasa, Director of Programmes, Malawi Economic Justice Network

Objectives: To present African experiences in promoting transparency and demystification of local revenue and expenditure management

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-15:00 Session 3 – International Case Studies

Speakers: Mrs. Nilza Oliveira, Participatory Budgeting Coordinator, Andre, Brazil
Ms. Tatyana Saltos, Coordinator Participatory Budgeting, Cotacachi, Ecuador

Discussant: Professor Gianpoalo Baiocchi, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Objectives: To present international experiences in promoting transparency and demystification of local revenue and expenditure management

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:30 Session 4 – Fostering Mutual Learning On Participatory Budgeting

Objectives: Launch the Peer-to-Peer Mutual Learning Program between the African Continent and Latin America. Seminar participants will have an opportunity to explain their link to participatory budgeting, how they can contribute to mutual learning, and identify specific issues they want to learn more about by engaging with their peers through the pilot initiative

MARCH 12, 2008

DAY 3: STRENGTHENING CITIZENS' VOICE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PLANNING

Principal Facilitator: Dr. Takawira Mumvuma, Municipal Development Partnership for Eastern and Southern Africa

8:30-10:00 Session 1 - Operational Principles of Citizens' Voice in Revenue and Expenditure Planning

Speaker: Dr. Mohamed Halfani, Chief, Urban Governance Section, UN-Habitat

Objectives: Overview of the key operational issues to increase citizens' voice in revenue and expenditure planning. Issues to be addressed include:

- The key principles, benefits, and challenges associated with engaging citizens' to voice their preferences in revenue and expenditure planning
- The role of local government and CSOs in strengthening citizens' voice in revenue and expenditure planning
- How participation complements the executive and legislative responsibilities in revenue and expenditure planning?
- What are the legislative and institutional requirements to ensure effective citizens' voice?
- How to monitor quality of participation in revenue and expenditure planning?
- How to empower traditional excluded people (the poor, women, ethnic minorities, displaced groups, etc) to have an equal voice in revenue and expenditure planning?

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Session 2 – African Case Studies

Speakers: Ms. Mary Rusimbi, Gender Development Specialist, D & D Consulting

Mr. Krish Kumar, Treasurer, eThekweni Municipality

Objectives: To present African experiences in strengthening citizens' voice in revenue and expenditure planning

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-15:00 Session 3 – International Case Studies

Speakers: Mr. Mariano Curicama, Governor of Chimborazo
Mr. Galo Ramon, Executive Director, Comunidec
Professor Giovanni Allegretti, Center for Social Studies, Coimbra University

Objectives: To present international experiences in promoting citizens' voice in revenue and expenditure planning

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:30 Session 4 – Fostering Mutual Learning on Participatory Budgeting

Objectives: Provide participants with the opportunity to begin discussions on areas of participatory budgeting where they want to form learning partnerships

Participants will divide into small groups and begin preparing a preliminary proposal for mutual learning on the different thematic areas of participatory budgeting

MARCH 13, 2008

DAY 4: STRENGTHENING INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT IN BUDGET EXECUTION

Principal Facilitator: Mr. Kinuthia Wamwangi, Municipal Development Partnership for Eastern and Southern Africa

8:30-10:00 Session 1 - Operational Principles of Independent Oversight in Budget Execution

Speaker: Mr. Kwamena Ahwoi, Hon. Former Minister of Local Government, Ghana

Objectives: Overview of the key operational issues to strengthen the role of citizens and CSOs in monitoring and evaluating the quality of public expenditures and delivery of infrastructure and services. Issues to be addressed include:

- The key principles, benefits and challenges associated with strengthening independent oversight in budget execution
- The role that local government and CSOs play in promoting the independent oversight of budget execution
- How to design mechanisms to engage citizens and CSOs to monitor and evaluate budget execution?
- The capacity building needs for effective independent oversight of budget execution and delivery of service and infrastructure
- How information and communication technology (such as e-Governance) can be embedded into budget oversight? And what are the potential benefits?

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Session 2 – African Case Studies

Speaker: Mr. Zerubabel Ojoo, Executive Director, Management Systems and Economic Consultants, Uganda

Ms. Christelle Melly, Program Advisor, InterCooperation, Switzerland

Objectives: To present African experiences in promoting independent oversight of revenues, public expenditures, service delivery and public infrastructure

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-14:30 Session 3 – International Case Studies

Speaker: Mrs. Ana Luiza Nabuco Palhano, Adjilsoint Planning Secretary, Belo Horizonte City Hall

Mr. Ihsan Haerudin, Program Manager, National Democratic Institute

Objectives: To present international experiences in promoting independent oversight of revenues, public expenditures, service delivery and public infrastructure

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 Session 4 – Fostering Mutual Learning on Participatory Budgeting

Objectives: Participants will finalize and submit their preliminary proposals for mutual learning to the Municipal Development Partnership for Eastern and Southern Africa

16:30-17:30 Session 5 – Seminar Closing

Objectives: Provide the participants with the opportunity to share their views on the seminar

MARCH 14, 2008

DAY 5: FIELD VISITS

8:00-12:30 Field Visits

Objectives: Expose participants to real practices of budget transparency, voice, and independent oversight in Durban and surrounding municipalities

Participants will divide into small groups and visit local authorities who are involved in implementing participatory budgeting. Groups will meet with local officials as well as with civil society organizations

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

15:30-16:30 Field Visits Feedback

Objectives: The groups will be asked to share their views on the degree to which participatory budgeting is being implemented on three dimensions:

- Transparency and demystification of revenue and expenditures
- Voice in decision-making
- Independent oversight