



Center of Excellence in Finance



FACE-TO-FACE & ONLINE CONFERENCE

Supporting Accounting and Auditing Developments and Synergies

29-30 June 2021

Supporting capacity development for finance officials regionally and globally through learning.

AGENDA



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DAY 1 – Tuesday 29 June, 2021		
Time	Subject	Speaker
12:30 – 13:00	Registration of participants	CEF
Welcome		
13:00 – 13:30	Welcome speeches	Khalid Hamid , CIPFA, UK Jasmina Popović , CEF Fatmir Besimi , Minister of finance, North Macedonia Ljupcho Nikolovski , Deputy Prime Minister in Charge of Fight Against Corruption and Crime, Sustainable Development and Human Resources, Ministry of Finance, North Macedonia
Managing Public Sector Assets, Part I		
13:30 – 13:35	Introduction	Jasmina Popović , CEF – Moderator
13:35 – 13:55	Keynote speech: Improving public sector fixed asset management	Suzanne Flynn , IMF PFM Advisor Gorana Roje , Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets, Croatia
13:55 – 14:10	The current international impetus for Public Sector Financial Management reforms	Primož Komatar , PFM Consultant, World Bank Group
14:10 – 14:25	Strengthening asset management through public sector accounting	Eugenio Anessi-Pessina , Università Cattolica, Milan, Italy
14:25 – 14:45	Discussion and wrap up	
14:45 – 15:10	Coffee break	
Managing Public Sector Assets, Part II		
15:10 – 15:15	Introduction	Jasmina Popović , CEF – Moderator
15:15 – 15:30	Effective asset management, ensuring the Strategic Functions, Governance and Organisation are in place	David Bentley , CIPFA, UK
15:30 – 15:45	The perspectives of Public Sector Asset Management in North Macedonia and the role of (performance) auditing	Ivan Dionisijev , St. Cyril and Methodius, Faculty of Economics in Skopje, North Macedonia
15:45 – 15:55	Some evidence from audit reports relating to asset management: preliminary analysis	Gorana Roje , Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets, Croatia
15:55 – 16:15	Discussion	
16:15 – 16:25	Conclusions: The importance of Public Sector Asset Management capacity building and a plan for future learning initiatives	Gorana Roje , Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets, Croatia
16:25 – 16:50	Coffee break	
Anti-corruption, Part I: Framing the problem, giving context, unbundling symptoms and responses		
16:50 – 18:00	Panel Discussion	Barbara Dutzler , JVI, Austria – Moderator Panelists: Ljupcho Nikolovski , Deputy Prime Minister in Charge of Fight Against Corruption, North Macedonia Simon Gill , Overseas Development Institute Edmond Shoko , AFROSAI-E
18:05 – 18:25	Coffee break	
Anti-corruption, Part II: Future governance solutions		
18:25 – 19:25	Panel Discussion	Barbara Dutzler , JVI, Austria – Moderator Panelists: Armeta Arnaudovska , Regional Anti-corruption Initiative (RAI) Les Dobie , CIPFA, UK Carlos Santiso , Development Bank of Latin America CAF Verena Fritz , World Bank
19:25 – 19:30	Closing	

DAY 2 – Wednesday 30 June, 2021

Time	Subject	Speaker
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Introductory session

13:00 – 13:15	Recap and agenda	Khalid Hamid , CIPFA, UK Jasmina Popović , CEF
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Leadership for reforms, Part I: Tackling Challenges

13:15 – 14:30	Panel Discussion	Alastair Swarbrick , OECD – Co-moderator Natasha Ilijeva Acevska , CEF – Co-moderator Panelists: Dritan Fino , Ministry of Finance, Albania Ana Krsmanović , Ministry of Finance, Montenegro Hristina Lozanoska , Executive Coach and HR Mentor, North Macedonia Amina Mulabdić , Directorate for Economic Planning – DEP, Bosnia and Herzegovina
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14:30 – 14:50	Coffee break
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Leadership for reforms, Part II: Techniques and Lessons Learnt for Overcoming Challenges

14:50 – 15:50	Panel Discussion	Alastair Swarbrick , OECD – Co-moderator Natasha Ilijeva Acevska , CEF – Co-moderator Panelists: Dritan Fino , Ministry of Finance, Albania Ana Krsmanović , Ministry of Finance, Montenegro Hristina Lozanoska , Executive Coach and HR Mentor, North Macedonia Amina Mulabdić , Directorate for Economic Planning – DEP, Bosnia and Herzegovina
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15:50 – 16:20	Coffee break
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Promoting Accountants' and Auditors' Learning and Knowledge Sharing

16:20 – 17:45	Panel Discussion	Khalid Hamid , CIPFA, UK – Co-moderator Robert Bauchmüller , CEF – Co-moderator Panelists: Maksim Acevski , Supreme Audit Institution, North Macedonia Eugenio Anessi-Pessina , Università Cattolica, Milan, Italy Barbara Dutzler , JVI, Austria Natasha Ilijeva Acevska , CEF Alastair Swarbrick , OECD
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18:00 – 20:00	Networking dinner
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18:00 – 18:10	First look: Sustainability Reporting 2021 A special preview of CIPFA's new international research report on sustainability reporting practices in the public sector	Khalid Hamid , CIPFA, UK
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19:55 – 20:00	Closing
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