



Conference on Public Sector Budgeting and Financial Management during Hard Socio- Economic Times

Workshop Theme: 'Finding Poverty Alleviation Solutions for Africa during Crisis Situations by Creating Vital Partnerships among All Sectors'

Venue: Sun 1 Hotel, Durban, South Africa

Dates: 25 - 29th November, 2019

Cost: US\$1,950 – 00 (One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty US\$) per delegate (Covers Facilitation, Conference materials, Samsung Galaxy Tablet, Lunch, Study Visits & Refreshments during the workshop)

Please Note: Multiple bookings for four participants or more from one organisation will enjoy a 10 percent discount.

Conference Overview

This conference will equip participants with strategic tools, knowledge and skills to handle budgeting and financial challenges during crisis situations such as droughts, low investment climate, poor economic growth and high unemployment.

The conference will also provide a forum for leaders and senior executives in the public sector, local authorities, civil society including budgeting and financial experts in Africa to share knowledge, skills and experiences on how countries can address these challenges by establishing and strengthening vital partnerships among all sectors.

Furthermore, the conference will examine policy options, with their strategic trade-offs and operational implications, for the design and implementation of public finance in African countries. Public sectors cannot function as islands and it is imperative to establish Public-Private Partnerships to enhance development. Public finance challenges for both national and sub-national

governments in coping with the impact of the recent global economic crisis and droughts which have ravaged the African continent will also be discussed.

The conference will utilize case studies, placed in a comparative conceptual framework, to evaluate the impact of alternative resource mobilization and expenditure policies on allocation efficiency, social equity, and economic growth.

Conference Objectives

The objectives of the conference are to:

1. Give an insight on modern approaches of Governments' intervention, roles and responsibilities to avoid a crisis during hard socio-economic times
2. Enable participants understand the impact of droughts in Africa and countries worst hit to decide on level of assistance required
3. Highlight the Role of Effective Leadership in Guiding the design and Implementation of Appropriate Drought Mitigation & Socio-Economic Strategies to Alleviate the Suffering of Vulnerable Groups
4. Equip Budgeting and Financial Managers in the Public Sector with skills to adopt and Implement Viable Resource Mobilisation Strategies & Techniques
5. Help participants identify suitable socio-economic safety nets to reduce levels of poverty among citizens
6. Enhance delegates' understanding of effective national debt management, accountability and vital collaboration with multilateral donor organisations and other organisations
7. Develop and adopt a plan of action to effectively deal with adverse effects of drought and other disasters

Conference Content

1 Rationale for Government Intervention

- Overview of the current Socio-economic Situation in Africa
- Economic Rationale for Public Sector Interventions
- Market Efficiency and Market Failure, Distributional Concerns
- The nature and architecture of Socio-Economic Challenges Being Experienced
- The Effective Leadership Dimension and Resolve in Addressing the Challenges

2 The Nature and Magnitude of Public Sector Interventions

- Defining the Responsibilities and Measuring the Impact of Public Sector Interventions
- Understanding a Nation's Fiscal Architecture
- Building Appropriate Revenue and Expenditure Systems to deal with Identified Socio-Economic Challenges
- Developing & Enhancing Employee & Management Skills to Cope with Challenges
- Additional Resource Mobilisation & Austerity Measures
- Public Sector Capacity Building

3 Initiating & Reviewing Public Expenditure Policies, Plans & Operational Frameworks

- Initiating Public Sector Megaprojects to Alleviate Citizens' Hardships
- Re-visiting Public Sector Annual, Medium – Term, Long Term & Strategic Plans
- Tightening Public Expenditure Mechanisms, Budgets & Accountability at All Levels
- Strengthening Vital Collaboration with the Private Sector & Civic Society
- Revamping Standard Operational Procedures to Deal With Bureaucratic Sloth
- Revitalising Government Social Protection Policies, Regulations and Practices
- Public Sector Production and Provision and Private Sector Participation/Public-Private Partnerships in Production and Provision (PSP/PPP)

4 Public Resource Mobilisation

- Economics of Taxation to Alleviate Burdens from Vulnerable Groups
- Taxation of Income and Wealth
- Taxation of Consumption in the Wake of Socio – Economic Challenges
- Taxation and the Environment, Taxation and Natural Resources
- The Economics and Rationale of Tax Incentives
- Tax Compliance and Enforcement, Tax Reform

5 User Charges & Implementing Sustainable Safety Nets for Vulnerable Groups

- Pricing and Taxation Strategies to Alleviate Plight of Vulnerable Groups
- Identifying the Social Safety Nets & Enforcement Mechanisms
- Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and Local Government Finance
- Effective Fiscal Management and Fiscal Decentralization
- Resource Transfers and Own Source Revenue

6 Environmental and Characteristics of Government Accounting

- Environmental Characteristic of Government and Institutional Accounting
- Governments and Institutional Accounting
- Fiscal Policies to Prevent Socio-Economic Crisis
- Importance of Correct Monetary Policies
- How to Expand Sources of Government Revenue

7 National Debts, Accountability and Multilateral Institutions

- Government Budget and Budgetary Control in Public Sector
- Government Expenditure Control
- Politics of Budgeting: Appropriation, Authorization & Control
- National Debts & Debt Management
- Government Organizations/ Managers of Public Finance
- Role of Multi-lateral Institutions- IMF, World Bank etc

Who Should Attend

- **Chief Secretaries to Cabinet & President's Office**
- **Permanent Secretaries in Office of Prime Minister**
- **Permanent Secretaries in Government Ministries**
- **Finance Directors in Public Sector Including Local Authorities & Civic Society**
- **Policy, Planning & Development Directors or Managers in All Sectors**
- **Commissioner of Taxes from Revenue Authorities**
- **Directors & Senior Managers from Revenue Authorities**

- **Directors & Managers from Multi-Lateral Agencies & other Donor Organisations**
- **Chief Executive Officers/Managing Directors from the private sector**
- **Finance directors/managers from the private sector**
- **Board Chairpersons & Board Members**
- **Finance and Budgeting Experts including Consultants**

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