

AGENDA

CABRI Virtual Network Engagement with Public Debt Managers in Africa

7 April 2022

12.00 – 13.45 (SAST)

Focus: executing prudent debt management strategies in the face of uncertainty to meet our countries post-pandemic recovery and debt sustainability objectives in 2022 and beyond, while raising the necessary financing to meet government's cash/liquidity requirements at all times.

Objective: continue to share debt management lessons in Africa, identify constraints/challenges and agree on the public debt management work plan for 2022.

- 1. Opening remarks & introductions - Neil Cole, Executive Secretary, CABRI**
- 2. Brief Reflections on the November 2021 Network Engagement - Neil Cole**
- 3. Outlook for 2022**
 - Public Debt Management (PDM) 2022 Events - **Jim Matsemela, Programme Manager, Public Debt Management, CABRI (3-5 minutes)**
 - Setting the scene on outlook - **Jim Matsemela (5-7 minutes)**
- 4. Questions to frame open discussion**
 - The turn in the commodity cycle and/or changes in the global financing conditions driven by rising inflation in the US can have spillover effects for the African Region - how will debt managers adjust their borrowing strategies to help achieve post-pandemic recovery and debt sustainability objectives for their countries?
 - Presentation by **Mrs. Soumaya Sabounji, Head of the Domestic Debt Division, Department of Treasury and External Finance, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Morocco (7-10 minutes)**
(Interactive discussion 7-10 minutes)
 - Playing a leading role as debt managers in developing innovative financing solutions for the post-pandemic recovery of their countries.
(Interactive discussion 7-10 minutes)
 - How proactive debt management can reduce the risk of debt distress and/or default and free up fiscal resources needed to support recovery?
 - Presentation by **Judith Nabaasa, Ag. Director General Debt Management Office Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda (7-10 minutes)**
(Interactive discussion 7-10 minutes)



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- The outlook for 2022 will include 2 peer learning & exchange events: (i) The need to strengthen the credit rating processes by African sovereigns in July 2022; (ii) Managing Contingent Liabilities post COVID-19 in November 2022, all using CABRI's well-tested approach of case studies and research papers – do you have any specific focus areas of capacity building you may need?
(Interactive discussion 7-10 minutes)
5. Any other suggested areas for discussion?
(Interactive discussion 10-15 minutes)