

AGENDA

CABRI virtual network engagement meeting with public debt managers in Africa

25 November 2021

12.00 – 14.00 p.m. (SAST)

Aim: To facilitate a productive discussion, following several pre- and post-COVID credit rating actions in Africa by major agencies, on how countries who were negatively impacted by ratings actions can stabilise their ratings for possible credit rating upgrades in the future. The discussion will also bring together countries that have been positively impacted, to share their experiences and strategies adopted.

1. **Welcome and introduction** – Recap of interactions during 2021 by Johan Krynauw, CABRI – 10 min.
2. **Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on African Credit Risk** by Ms Sylvia Chabongo - General Manager, East Africa, GCR Ratings – 15 min.
3. **Key issues to consider in improving country credit scores** by Ms Fatos Koc - Head of Public Debt Management Unit, OECD – 15 min.
4. **Country credit ratings and investor management programmes in Africa -**
 - Mr Samuel Arkhurst - Director, Treasury and Debt Management, Ministry of Finance, Ghana - 10 min.
 - Mr Arsene M. Dansou - Director General, Debt Management Agency, Benin – 10 min.
 - Mr Alaa Abdel-Radman – Senior Economist, Marco-Fiscal Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance, Egypt – 10 min.
5. Interactive discussions – 40 min.
6. Key takeaways and 2022 agenda outlook