



Policy Dialogue

Role of the Legislature in the Budget Process

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The role of legislatures in the budget process is dependent on Constitutional prescripts and institutional arrangements of a country. These prescripts and arrangements are influenced by historical and colonial legacies and mainly take the form of a parliamentary or presidential system or a hybrid of the two.

Different institutional arrangements generally inform the relationships between the executive and legislature throughout the Public Finance Management cycle. In parliamentary systems, where the ruling party holds a majority in the legislature, the budget process tends to be more streamlined. Countries following the presidential system experience a more contentious relationship between the executive and the legislature, often causing delays in the approval of the budget and service delivery.

The Policy Dialogue on the Role of the Legislature in the Budget Process will provide an opportunity for participants from Finance and Budget ministries, Legislators, and Parliamentary Budget Offices to exchange experience and agree on ways that closer co-operation between the Executive and Legislature can improve the various facets of Public Finance Management.

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8:30 - 9:00	Registration and coffee/tea
9:00 - 9:30	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <p>Henry K Rotich (Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury, Kenya)</p> <p>Neil Cole (Executive Secretary, CABRI)</p>
<p>Session 1</p> <p>9:30 -10:45</p>	<p>Establishing a framework for accountability. The Legislatures role in Public Financial Management</p> <p>The panel will explore various aspects of the role of the Legislature in the PFM cycle (formulation, approval, execution, evaluation) and why this improves spending decisions, greater accountability, and value for money.</p> <p>Moderator: Neil Cole, CABRI</p> <p>Panellists: Dr Kamau Thugge (Permanent Secretary, National Treasury, Kenya)</p> <p>Ms Phyllis Makau (Director, Parliamentary Budget Office, Kenya)</p> <p>Senator George Tamba Tengbeh (Ranking Member, Means, Finance and Budget, Liberia)</p>
10:45 – 11:15	Tea break
<p>Session 2</p> <p>11:15 – 13:30</p>	<p>Nigeria: Preparing budgets in a Presidential Systems.</p> <p>Facilitator: Awa Touray, CABRI</p> <p>Presenter: Sabastine Ankogwale (Nigeria)</p> <p>Discussant: Budget Office of the Federation of Nigeria, Senate (National Assembly), National Assembly Budget Research Office, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning of Liberia, Senate of Liberia, Legislative Budget Office of Liberia</p>
13:30 - 14 :30	Lunch break
<p>Session 3</p> <p>14:30 – 15:30</p>	<p>Re-evaluating the role of the legislature in the budget process: Master Class</p> <p><i>The purpose of the Master Class will be to provide an overview of the reforms countries are implementing to improve Legislative oversight of the various stages of the PFM cycle.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Michael Castro, CABRI</p> <p>Presenter: Issifu Lampo (African Centre for Parliamentary Affairs, Ghana)</p>
15:30-17:00	<p>PFM Pursuit Game</p> <p>(Tea break during the session)</p>

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09:00 – 9:05	Overview of Day One
Session 4 09:05 – 10:35	Kenya: Preparing Budgets in Parliamentary Systems Facilitator: Awa Touray, CABRI Presentation: Vivian Magero (Kenya) Discussant: National Treasury, Parliament (Senate and National Assembly), Parliamentary Budget Office
10:35 – 11:00	Tea break
Session 5 11:00 – 12:30	Burkina Faso: Preparing Budgets in Francophone Systems Facilitator: Michael Castro, CABRI Presenter: Fidele Bama (Development Institute, Burkina Faso) Discussant: Ministry of Finance and National Assembly
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
Session 6 13:30 – 15:30	Challenges and critical actions: Way forward Participants from both the Ministry of Finance and the Legislature will identify their country challenge and critical actions to improve the PFM cycle Facilitator: Neil Cole, CABRI
15:30 – 16:00	Closing Remarks and Coffee Break
19 :30	Official Dinner

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