

Promoting Good Public Financial Management in Africa
Sub-regional capacity building workshop: West and Central Africa
20-21 November 2012, Accra, Ghana

Day One: 20 November 2012

08:00 – 08:30	REGISTRATION
08:30 – 09:30	<p>WELCOME AND PRESENTATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome address – Budget Director, Ministry of Finance, Ghana ▪ Introductory remarks by CABRI (Neil Cole) ▪ Contextualisation: The Good Public Financial Governance Commitments (Nana Boateng)
<p>09:30 – 12:30</p> <p><i>(30mins coffee break Between 10:30-11:00)</i></p>	<p>SALIENT ISSUES IN BUDGET PREPARATION</p> <p>The session will provide a brief overview of the important considerations that are often neglected in the budget preparation phase. It will focus on elements of a strong fiscal framework, integration of recurrent and capital budgets, development of MTEFs and other issues around strategic planning and use of performance information. During the discussions, participants are encouraged to share experiences as a peer learning mechanism.</p> <p>Discussion</p>
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH
<p>13:30 – 16:30</p> <p><i>(30mins coffee break Between 15:00-15:30)</i></p>	<p>SALIENT ISSUES IN BUDGET EXECUTION</p> <p>This session will cover the key aspects of budget execution that are in dire need of reform in Africa. Pertinent areas may include: operationalisation of a single treasury account, cash planning, commitment practices, accounting and reporting. Exchange of country lessons is encouraged.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Close of DAY ONE</p>

Day Two: 21 November 2012

09:00 – 10:30	<p>TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT</p> <p>This session will cover the role of the legislature, transparency and external audit in relation to transparency and oversight.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00-12:00	<p>INTEGRATION OF AID IN THE BUDGET PROCESS</p> <p>The session will provide a brief presentation on the CABRI Model of integrating aid on budget and provide practical solutions on how countries can go about integrating aid in all aspects of the budget cycle.</p>
12:00-13:00	<p>FORMULATION OF COUNTRY COMMITMENTS ON IMPROVING PFM</p> <p>This session provides an opportunity for countries to commit to identified priority areas of reform in the PFM cycle. Countries may select ongoing reforms as their areas of commitments or select a new area based on the presentations and discussions. The intention is to give meaning to the discussions and allow for an additional mechanism for the improvement of PFM reforms.</p> <p>LUNCH AND CLOSURE</p>