

FY20 PFTAC Work Plan - May 2019 to April 2020: Regional - MID-YEAR Update at 31Oct2019

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Financial Sector Supervision	2. To implement a risk-based supervision (RBS) system and upgrade other supervisory processes	Regional	2.6 Supervisors have sufficient capacity to effectively implement risk-based supervision and other supervisory processes.	Regional Workshop - Northern Pacific - Financial Risk Analysis	5	0	5	1	5	-	5	1	0%	Jan-20			01-Sep-19	Stefanou	
				Cyber Risk Regulation Workshop					5	-	5	1	100%	Aug 19 - 23, 2019				Stefanou/ Gawdösch	
				AFSPC Annual Meeting	5	0	5	1	2	-	2	1	100%	Sep 2 - 3, 2019				01-Oct-19	Stefanou
				AFSPC Governance and Capital forum	5	0	5	1	3	-	3	1	100%	Sep 4 - 6, 2019				01-Jun-19	Stefanou
				Cyber Security Assessment Training (with STI)	5	0	5	1	5	-	5	1	0%	Apr-20				01-Jul-19	Stefanou
Government Finance Statistics	1. Strengthened macroeconomic and financial statistics compilation and dissemination for decision making; compilation methodologies in line with international standards for GFS	Regional	Capacity Development in GFS.	Workshop on GFS and Debt Sustainability	5	0	5		-	-	-	0%	Cancelled	GFS balance sheet data is produced	The workshop will be joint with Macro and STI.		Feb-20	LTX	
				GFS methodological training, practical workshop exercises and country data compilation.	5	17	22	1	5	13	18	1	100%	Aug 19 - 23, 2019	Workshop delivered and staff trained.	Workshop for selected PFTAC member countries to be held in Fiji. This activity will include a segment of country specific technical assistance to Kiribati.		Aug-19	Luis/ Hendrik
Real Sector Statistics	1. Strengthen compilation and dissemination of data on macroeconomic and financial statistics for decision making according to the relevant internationally accepted statistical standard, including developing/improving statistical infrastructure, source data, serviceability and/or metadata.	Regional	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Workshop on Facilitating Exchange and Use of Administrative (Tax and Social Security) Data for National Accounts	5		5		3	-	3	1	100%	Sep 18 - 20, 2019	Workshop on the accession and usage of administrative data	Joint workshop with Macro and Revenue		Jul-19	Scheiblecker
				Sub-regional workshop in FSM (Palau participants) - Further train local staff to produce independent estimates of GDP					5	-	5	1	0%	Feb-20					Scheiblecker
				Delivery of training to compilers from Fiji, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu on national accounts	5	0	5	1	5	5	10	1	0%	Nov 18 - 22, 2019	Training about Seasonal Adjustment and quality control of high frequency source data using automatic time series modelling software for outlier detection.			Sep-19	Scheiblecker
				1.20 Metadata released internally and to the public have been strengthened consistent with the dataset to enhance interpretation and analysis.	2	0	2		2	-	2		100%	Aug 6 - 8, 2019	PFTAC RSS LTX participation in ABS Pacific Leadership Forum				Scheiblecker
				1.20 Metadata released internally and to the public have been strengthened consistent with the dataset to enhance interpretation and analysis.	2	0	2		2	-	2		100%	May 23 - 24, 2019	PFTAC RSS LTX participation in ABS Pacific Leadership Forum				Scheiblecker
Macroeconomic Management	1. Improved macroeconomic policy advice to government and central bank management	Regional	1.1 Improved quality and frequency of macroeconomic surveillance and policy/research available for policymaking	Workshop on managing fishing revenues.	5	0	5	1	5	-	5	1	100%	Aug 26 - 30, 2019	(1) Participants identify priority areas for prudent management of fishing revenues (Aug. 19). (2) Medium-term fishing revenue projections are produced jointly by ministries of finance and marine authorities in 3 out of 9 countries (Apr. 20). (3) Data are shared between ministries of finance and marine authorities in 3 out of 9 countries (Apr. 20)	The workshop will be joint with PFM.		Aug-19	Claus
				Workshop on facilitating effective exchange and use of administrative data	5	0	5		3	-	3		100%	Sep 18 - 20, 2019	(1) Participants recognize the importance of sharing data (Sep. 19). (2) Priority actions are identified to enhance data sharing (Sep. 19).	The workshop will be joint with Revenue and RSS.		Jul-19	Claus
				Support and advise on empirical analysis and research.	7	0	7	1	7	-	7		43%	Apr-20	(1) Research papers are peer reviewed (Apr. 20). (2) At least two working papers are published by Pacific central banks and / or ministries of finance (Apr. 20).	PFTAC will participate in the annual South Pacific Central Banking Research Conference.		Apr-20	Claus/Expert
				Delivery of training to compilers from Fiji, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu on national accounts					5	-	5		0%	Nov 18 - 22, 2019					Claus
				Support the compilation of a regional database of indicators used for forecasting.	5	0	5		-	-	-		0%	Cancelled	(1) A regional database is set up with the assistance of development partners (Apr. 20). (2) The database is published on a PFTAC member country's website (Apr. 20). (3) The PFTAC member maintains and publishes the website (Apr. 21).	Support will be provided offsite. Input will be sought from the IMF Statistics Department and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.		Apr-20	Claus/Expert
				1.2 Ready public access to key monetary, fiscal and financial soundness information.	10	0	10		-	-	-		0%	Delivered by PFM	(1) Budget documents include a section on current and medium-term macroeconomic and fiscal performance (Apr. 21). (2) Budget documents include an annex with fiscal and economic statistics for the last 10 years, the current year, and the next 3 years (Apr. 21).	The workshop will be joint with PFM and UNDP.		Nov-19	Claus/Expert
				Workshop on government finance statistics and debt sustainability.	5	0	5	1	-	-	-		0%	Shift to FY21	(1) GFS balance sheet data is produced in 2 out of 10 countries (Apr. 21). (2) Debt sustainability analysis is included in macroeconomic programming frameworks (Apr. 21).	The workshop will be joint with GFS and STI.		Feb-20	Claus
Workshop on fiscal frameworks.	5	0	5		5	-	5	1	100%	Aug 5-9, 2019	(1) Discussion of current and medium-term fiscal performance in budget documents and monetary policy statements is improved (Apr. 20).	The course was delivered jointly with the PFTAC PFM Advisor and the Singapore Training Institute (STI) for participants from PNG and the Solomon Islands.			Apr-20	Claus/ Kubasta/ Danninger			
								5	-	5	1	0%	Mar 16-20, 2020	(1) Discussion of current and medium-term fiscal performance in budget documents and monetary policy statements is improved (Apr. 21).	The course will be delivered jointly with the PFTAC PFM Advisor and STI.		Apr-20	Expert	
1. Improved laws and effective PFM institutions	1.2 Mof capacity can meet enacted PFM responsibilities	Regional	1.2 Mof capacity can meet enacted PFM responsibilities	Workshop - PFM Leadership Workshop	5	0	5	1	6	-	6	1	0%	Feb 24 - 28, 2020	Completion of Workshop	(fully financed by EU/PIFS)		May-19	Neves
				Conference - Joint CARTAC/PFTAC leadership.	7	0	7	1	14	-	14	1	0%	Dec 4 - 6, 2019	Review draft legislation and implementation strategies	Modelled on the successful revenue conference		Oct-19	Neves
				2.3 More credible medium-term budget framework is integrated in annual budget process	Workshop - Fishing Revenues Follow up	5	0	5		5	-	5		100%	Aug 26 - 30, 2019	Completion of the workshop	Working with macro adviser and other providers: FFA, W6, Tuna Commission, ADB and the PNA to provide follow up on budget work particularly looking at revenue projections and credible MTF's		Aug-19

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Public Financial Management	2. Strengthen Budget preparation towards more comprehensive, credible, and policy oriented budget.	Regional	2.2 More credible medium term macro fiscal framework is included in budget documentation	Workshop - Improving Budget Document Transparency	5	0	5	1	4	-	4	1	100%	Sep 23 - 27, 2019	Completion of the workshop	Working with UNDP who provide a floating budget analysis team across countries on the Pacific to help MPs understand budget document. (in conjunction with Macro)	Sep-19	Neves/ Claus		
			2.3 More credible medium-term budget framework is integrated in annual budget process	Workshop - Fiscal Framework in Pacific Countries					5	-	5			100%	Aug 5 - 9, 2019					
	3.2 Risk based internal audit functions are established in central government agencies		Workshop - Internal Audit	5	0	5	1	5	-	5	1	0%	Apr-20	Completion of the workshop				Kubasta		
	6.3 Disclosure and management of contingent liabilities and other specific fiscal risks is more comprehensive		Workshop - Fiscal Risks	5	0	5	1	-	-	-	-	0%	Shift to FY21	Workshop Completed	In conjunction with Macro			Kubasta/ Claus		
Revenue Administration	1. Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	Regional	1.2.2 Organizational arrangements enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	OCO Meeting					3	-	3		100%	May 13 - 15, 2019					Eyseelein	
			1.2 Organizational arrangements enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	Managing Large taxpayers	5	9	14	1	5	9	14	1	0%	Mar 9 - 13, 2020	To assist the authorities in the design of large taxpayer office as part of the reforms	The design of LTO has commenced but additional TA will be needed to ensure its successful implementation	Feb-20	Shrosbree/ Eyseelein		
			1.2.2 Organizational arrangements enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	PITAA Meeting					3	6	9			100%	Sep 16 - 18, 2019					Eyseelein/ Fisher/ Thackery
			1.2.2 Organizational arrangements enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	Workshop on Facilitating Effective Exchange and Use of Administrative (Tax and Social Security) Data for National Accounts	5	-	5	1	2	6	8			100%	Sep 19 - 20, 2019	To assist the authorities compile national accounts statistics using tax data (VAT)	Joint workshop with PFM and RSS	Jul-19	Eyseelein/ Fisher/ Thackery	
			1.5 Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	Introducing and managing effective compliance improvement	5	9	14	1	4	10	14	1	100%	Jun 17 - 20, 2019	Workshop will reemphasize the importance of an effective risk management strategy in modern tax administration.	To support effective risk management, PFTAC will facilitate a workshop to highlight compliance strategies	Mar-20	Shrosbree/ Eyseelein/ Aslett		
			2.1 -2.5 Strengthened core tax administration functions	Management of Core Tax Functions for Senior Managers (Managing Modern Revenue Administration)	5	9	14	1	4	10	14	1	100%	Oct 7 - 10, 2019	Senior management increased awareness of managing core tax functions	Opportunity exists to strengthen senior management ability to manage core tax functions	Nov-19	Shrosbree/ Eyseelein		
			2.5 Audit and other verification programs more effectively ensure accuracy of reporting	Regional Workshop on Audit Methods and Procedures - held in Pohnpei for FSM, RMI and Palau					-	10	10	1	100%	May 27 - 31, 2019						Home
			2.5 Audit and other verification programs more effectively ensure accuracy of reporting	Audit Managers Workshop	5	9	14	1	5	14	19	1	0%	Nov 11 - 14, 2019	Improve audit management expertise.	The audit function in PRCs can be improved through enhanced management capability (identified through a Training Needs Analysis)	Jul-19	Shrosbree/ Eyseelein		
			2.3 -2.4 2. Taxpayer services initiatives to support voluntary compliance are strengthened. A large proportion of taxpayers meet their filing obligations as required by law.	Management of Debt and Returns Workshop for Operations Managers	5	9	14	1	5	14	19	1	0%	Dec 9 - 13, 2019	Improve returns and debt management capability.	Regional returns and debt management statistics show room for improvement against TADAT dimensions.	Aug-19	Shrosbree/ Eyseelein/ Field		
			2.1 - The integrity of the taxpayer base is strengthened	Management of Taxpayer Services for Operations Managers	5	9	14	1	5	14	19	1	0%	Feb 24 - 27, 2020	Improve management of Taxpayer services	Opportunity exists to strengthen senior management ability to manage taxpayer services	Oct-19	Shrosbree/ Eyseelein		
TOTAL					153	71	224	21	157	111	268	23								
Updated Plan Total Days																				
Delivered by Oct 31:					68 55 123 11															
Percentage of Revised Plan:					43% 50% 46% 48%															