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Venue: Faculty of Social
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of Ottawa
Ottawa, Canada

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GLOBAL NETWORK OF PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICES (GN-PBO):

The GN-PBO is a global practitioner network consisting of officers from agencies tasked with providing non-partisan budget analysis to parliaments.

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES:

The Assembly is a knowledge exchange activity that aims to: (a) share experience with respect to the design, mandate and functions of Parliamentary Budget Offices (PBOs); (b) enhance knowledge around different types of analysis performed by PBOs; and (c) undertake network business and decision making.

E-PBO PORTAL

The e-PBO Portal is a virtual nexus for learning, information sharing and peer support within the practitioner community. Developed for and maintained by the GN-PBO, the e-PBO Portal is a tool for community building.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

Information concerning administrative arrangements will be provided in a separate note. Administrative inquiries should be directed to Vienna Pozer (vpozer@worldbank.org).

| DAY ONE: SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015 | | | |
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| SESSION | TIME | TITLE | CONTRIBUTORS |
| | 8:30am | Meet in Hotel Lobby to walk over to Conference venue | |
| Registration | 8:45-9:15am | uOttawa, Faculty of Social Sciences Building (FSS), 4 th Floor | |
| 1 | 9:15 - 9:45am | Introduction And Welcome Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction to the meeting ▪ Delegates' Introduction ▪ Expectation Setting ▪ Expected Learning Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mitchell O'Brien, Senior Governance Specialist & Team Lead – Parliamentary Strengthening Cluster, World Bank ▪ Kevin Page, Canada's first Parliamentary Budget Officer and now Chairholder, Jean-Luc Pepin Research Chair, uOttawa |

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| 2 | 9:45-10:30am | Update from some of the GN-PBO Stewards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taking stock of the GN-PBO Community of Practice ▪ Assessing progress on last year’s goals ▪ e-PBO portal update: format, content, accessibility, information repository, networking potential | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mitchell O’Brien, ▪ Vienna Pozer, World Bank |
| | 10:30 - 10:45am | Mid-Morning Break Coffee, tea and refreshments | |
| 3 | 10:45-11:45am | World Café: Delegates will take part in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ice Breaking Exercise</i> to get know your fellow GN-PBO community members ▪ <i>Goal Setting Exercise</i> to identify personal learning outcomes for the conference ▪ <i>Community Building Discussion</i> on how to incentivize sharing of experiences, challenges, best practices and information through the GN-PBO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitator: Miriam Bensky, World Bank |
| 4 | 11:45am-12:15pm | Leadership Group Preparation: During the group leadership reflections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Community Keepers</i> (the guardians of voices and practice) will discuss the composition of the community and their respective roles ▪ <i>Agenda Activists</i> (the stewards of emerging themes) will steward the learning content and themes for the COP ▪ <i>Social Reporters</i> (the keepers of memory) will discuss and keep records of the insights and meeting outputs that needs be captured and recorded | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitator: Miriam Bensky |
| 5 | 12:15-12:45pm | Report Back from OECD IFI Network Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues of interest to the OECD IFI/PBO community ▪ Potential learning opportunities with the OECD ▪ OECD and the e-PBO platform | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Romulo Miral, Acting Director General concurrent Executive Director of the Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department, House of Representatives, Philippines ▪ Scherie Nicol, Policy Analyst, Budgeting and Public Expenditures, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD |
| | 12:45 - 1:45pm | Lunch | |

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| 6 | 1:45-3:30 pm | <p>WG 1: Operationalizing a PBO Working Group 1 Members will share the work they have done on developing guidelines for operationalizing a PBO, focusing on the rationale, output, and process of the Working Group.</p> <p>Participants will be led through an application exercise in order to test the guidelines and provide feedback.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group 1 Members |
| | 3:30-3:45pm | <p>Afternoon Break Coffee, tea and refreshments</p> | |
| 7 | 3:45-4:45pm | <p>Impact Evaluation of PBO's Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are PBOs perceived among MPs? Do MPs perceive a PBOs outputs to be integral to their work? Why be concerned about the perception of MPs? What are countries doing to evaluate MPs' perceptions of their PBO? Can this evaluation be built-in to a PBO's regular operation? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Moon Jong Jeong, Director, Social Program Evaluation Division, National Assembly Budget Office, South Korea Sahir Kahn & Helaina Gaspard, uOttawa |
| 8 | 4:45-5:15pm | <p>Capturing the GN-PBO's Tacit Knowledge: Value Creation Framework: Delegates will learn about the tools and methodology that will be deployed to capture and share the tacit knowledge within the network.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paulina Biernacka, World Bank |
| 9 | 5:15 - 5:45pm | <p>Leadership Group Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflect on the day's session through the lens of your Leadership Group Prepare brief feedback for tomorrow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Community Keepers</i> will discuss the composition of the community and their respective roles <i>Agenda Activists</i> will steward the learning content and themes for the COP <i>Social Reporters</i> will discuss and keep records of the insights and meeting outputs that needs to be captured and recorded | |
| End of Day 1 | | | |

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| DAY TWO: MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015 | | | |
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| SESSION | TIME | TITLE | CONTRIBUTORS |
| 10 | 9:00- 9:30am | <i>Social Reporters Report Back</i> Report on previous day's reflections and community activities from Day 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Reporters Leadership Group |
| 11 | 9:30- 11:00am | <p>Access to Data Data is the lifeblood of analysis. Without rich and reliable data, the work that a PBO does is difficult, if not impossible. These practical and hands on sessions will introduce the participants to various data driven analysis tools that can be used in their regular work to enhance the quality of their reports.</p> <p>The session will focus on BOOST, an expenditure monitoring tool used in over forty countries to examine trends in the allocation of public resources, analyze potential sources of inefficiencies, and become better informed about how governments finance the delivery of public services. A practical exercise will follow.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eduardo Estrada, BOOST, World Bank |
| | 11:00- 11:15am | Mid-Morning Break, FSS 4004 Coffee, tea and refreshments | |
| 12 | 11:15-12:15 | <p>IFMIS: A PBO data point in Dominican Republic and Nigeria Parliament should have access to same inputs as government to undertake estimates, forecasting, and macro-fiscal analysis. IFMIS is a government-run information technology system that PBOs have the potential to access in order to obtain and collate data from government departments. These inputs can help the PBO verify the Executive budget proposals and produce overall financial reports of the state</p> <p>Delegates will learn about how the PBOs in Dominican Republic (SIGOF) and Nigeria (GIFMIS) access and use IFMIS systems in their work.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominican Republic Delegation • Nigeria Delegation |
| 13 | 12:15am - 1:15pm | <p>Access to Data cont'd Budget support is designed to consolidate all sources of revenue/ funding in one unified budgeting system. In future, the aim is for the development partners to contribute ODA as budget support.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Nogueira-Budny, Open Aid Partnership, World Bank |

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| | | <p>However, in the short-term, the reality is that a majority of ODA is still delivered as project support that might not be reflected in the government estimates. This presents a challenge for PBOs as they do not necessarily have all the data they need in order to conduct effective budget analysis.</p> <p>The session will focus on the Open Aid Partnership (OAP), which works to increase the supply of and demand for open aid data. In particular, it supports policymakers to integrate aid data into the planning, monitoring, and coordination of development assistance.</p> | |
| | 1:15 - 2:15pm | Lunch | |
| 14 | 2:15 - 4:00pm | <p>WG 2: Costings Working Group 1 Members will share the work they have done on both the process for designing a proxy model and the guidelines developed for costing large infrastructure projects with the case of roads.</p> <p>Participants will be led through an application exercise in order to test the guidelines and provide feedback.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group 2 Members |
| | 4:00 -4:15 pm | Afternoon Break, FSS 4004 Coffee, tea and refreshments | |
| 15 | 4:15 - 5:00pm | <p>Leadership Group Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflect on the day’s session through the lens of your Leadership Group ▪ Prepare brief feedback for tomorrow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community Keepers</i> will discuss the composition of the community and their respective roles • <i>Agenda Activists</i> will steward the learning content and themes for the COP • <i>Social Reporters</i> will discuss and keep records of the insights and meeting outputs that needs be captured and recorded | |
| End of Day 2 | | | |

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| DAY THREE: TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 | | | |
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| | TIME | TITLE | CONTRIBUTORS |
| 16 | 9:00-9:30am | Social Reporters Report Back Report on previous day's reflections and community activities from Day 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Reporters Leadership Group |
| 17 | 9:30-10:30 | Data Visualization: Tools and Techniques This session will introduce the participants to various data visualization tools that can be used in their regular work to enhance the quality of their reports. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scherie Nicol • Kenya Delegation |
| | 10:30-10:45am | Mid-Morning Break, FSS 4004 Coffee, tea and refreshments | |
| 18 | 10:45-11:45 | How to write MP friendly reports Writing technical reports can be difficult as a PBO attempts to balance accessibility and rigor. This session will focus on a set of strategies to balance accessibility and rigor in report writing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Anthony Tsekpo, Team Lead, Support to the National Assembly of Zambia • Seychelles Delegation • Uganda Delegation |
| | 11:45-1:00pm | Lunch & End of Day 3 | |

| DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015 | | | |
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| SESSION | TIME | TITLE | CONTRIBUTORS |
| 19 | 9:00-9:30am | Social Reporters Report Back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on previous day's reflections and community activities from Day 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Reporters Leadership Group |
| 20 | 9:30-11:00 | Know your Audience PBOs often produce data rich and complex reports. In this session, participants will review strategies for effective communication of PBO outputs with stakeholders outside of Parliament. This session will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifying key stakeholders ▪ Developing briefings for your target audience (e.g, think tanks, media) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderate Panel: Sahir Kahn ▪ South Africa Delegation ▪ Steven Maher, Postmedia News, Martin Wise Goodman Canadian Nieman Fellow at Harvard |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Best practices for disseminating information through your PBO website and media (television, print, radio) ▪ Managing and maintaining stakeholder relations | |
| | 11:00-11:30am | Mid-Morning Break, FSS 4004 Coffee, tea and refreshments | |
| 21 | 11:30-1:00 | <p>Group Case Clinic: Enabling Environments This panel will highlight parliaments which are in the early stages of establishing PBOs, exploring the legislative and political environments in which they operate.</p> <p>Presenters will identify specific areas in which they would like to draw upon the GN-PBO community for feedback.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderator: Kevin Page ▪ Morocco Delegation ▪ Tanzania Delegation ▪ Zambia Delegation |
| | 12:30-1:30pm | Lunch, FSS 4004 | |
| 22 | 1:30-3:00 | <p>Individual Case Clinics: Legislative Environment Case clinics are an opportunity for the community to employ problem based learning to consider what they already know and what they need to know about a particular issue/ reform challenge.</p> <p>Several parliaments across the globe have indicated an interest in establishing PBOs. The case-clinic seeks to draw on the experience of established PBOs to contribute to the strategy/ design approach employed by parliaments seeking to establish these institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Case Clinic: Thailand ✓ Case Clinic: Brazil ✓ Case Clinic: Ghana | |
| | 3:00 -3:30 pm | Afternoon Break, FSS 4004 Coffee, tea and refreshments | |
| 23 | 3:30-4:30pm | <p>Case Clinic – Report Back Report back from groups (15 mins) A brief reflection from each Case Clinic beneficiary.</p> | |
| 24 | 4:30 - 5:00pm | <p>Leadership Group Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflect on the day’s session through the lens of your Leadership Group ▪ Prepare brief feedback for tomorrow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community Keepers</i> will discuss the composition of the community and their respective roles | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agenda Activists</i> will steward the learning content and themes for the COP • <i>Social Reporters</i> will discuss and keep records of the insights and meeting outputs that needs be captured and recorded | |
| End of Day 4 | | | |
| Formal Dinner Reception at 6pm at the National Arts Centre. Meet in hotel lobby at 5:45pm to walk over as a group. | | | |

| DAY FIVE: THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2014 | | | |
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| SESSION | TIME | TITLE | CONTRIBUTORS |
| 25 | 9:00-9:30am | <i>Social Reporters Report Back</i> Report on previous day's reflections and community activities from Day 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Reporters Leadership Group |
| 26 | 9:30-11:00am | How to do Budget Analysis: Tools & Methods This session will cover the following budget analysis methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Line item budget analysis, ▪ Performance budget analysis , ▪ Zero-sum budget analysis ▪ How to analyse MTEF | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Philippines Delegation ▪ Kevin Page, uOttawa ▪ Sahir Khan, uOttawa |
| | 11:00 - 11:15am | Mid-Morning Break, FSS 4004 | |
| 27 | 11:15am – 12:30pm | Budget Analysis in Extractive Industries: Tools & Methods This session will elaborate on various methodologies that can be adopted while undertaking budget analysis of natural resources, especially extractives. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigeria Delegation • Jason Jacques, Director of Fiscal Analysis, Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer, Canada • Mark Parsons, Chief Economist for Alberta, Canada (via videoconference) |
| | 12:30 - 1:30pm | Lunch | |
| 28 | 1:30 – 3:00pm | Revenue and Fiscal Risk Analysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thailand Delegation • Mostafa Askari, PBO (Canada) |

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| | | Tax analysis can estimate the impacts of proposed or enacted tax changes on economic growth. By making estimates on tax revenues based on macroeconomic outlook, PBOs can analyze the direction for state expenditure. This session will explore tax analysis with examples from the United States' Congressional Budget Office. | |
| | 3:00 -3:30 pm | Afternoon Break, FSS 4004 Coffee, tea and refreshments | |
| 29 | 3:30-4:30 | Macroeconomic and Fiscal Forecasting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are the tools (e.g. models, information and experience) required to undertake forecasting? ▪ Is there a value in a PBO undertaking independent forecasting? ▪ If your office doesn't undertake independent forecasting, how can you evaluate and assess existing forecasts? ▪ What tools (e.g. models, information and experience) are required to undertake forecast assessments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Page |
| 30 | 4:30-5:00 | Leadership Group Reflections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflect on the day's session through the lens of your Leadership Group ▪ Prepare brief feedback for tomorrow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community Keepers</i> will discuss the composition of the community and their respective roles • <i>Agenda Activists</i> will steward the learning content and themes for the COP • <i>Social Reporters</i> will discuss and keep records of the insights and meeting outputs that needs be captured and recorded | |
| End of Day 5 | | | |

| DAY SIX: FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2014 | | | |
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| SESSION | TIME | TITLE | CONTRIBUTORS |
| 31 | 9:00 - 10:00am | <i>All Leadership Groups Report Back</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership Groups |

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| 32 | 10:00 – 11:00am | <p>Brainstorming Session on New Working Groups In this session, participants will identify emerging priority areas for future work, the nature of their interest in various PBO-related subjects (e.g. costing, data visualization etc.) and their willingness to participate in community initiatives.</p> <p>The community can mobilize through the formation of Working Groups to progress the community’s agenda between now and the next GN-PBO Assembly. Working Groups will meet virtually through the portal and work throughout the year to identify solutions to challenges the community has identified during the GN-PBO Assembly.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitator: Miriam Bensky |
| | 11:00 - 11:30am | <p>Mid-Morning Break, FSS 4004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coffee, tea and refreshments | |
| 33 | 11:30am – 12:30pm | <p>The Way Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developing next year’s work program for the GN-PBO and timeline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: Miriam Bensky |
| 34 | 12:30-1:00 | <p>Closing Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of key lessons and next steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Miriam Bensky ▪ Kevin Page |
| | 1:00 - 2:00pm | Lunch | |
| End of Conference | | | |