

Conference Note

Africa PFM conference and PEFA Flagship Training

**11-15 November 2024,
11-12 November 2024, 09.00 -17.30, Addis Ababa (Conference)
13-15 November 2024, Addis Ababa (Flagship Training)**

Venue: ECA (Economic Commission for Africa), room (conference)

Event Background

Public Financial Management (PFM) stands as a cornerstone for ensuring efficiency, accountability, and transparency in the management of public resources. PFM encompasses a broad array of fiscal disciplines, ranging from the preparation of the budget to the collection of revenue and the efficient allocation and use of public funds. The importance of robust PFM systems has been increasingly recognized in light of global economic challenges and the need for governments to deliver services effectively while also maintaining fiscal discipline and integrity.

The Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) framework complements the efforts of PFM by providing a standardized assessment tool that allows governments to measure and monitor the performance of their financial management systems. Since its inception, PEFA has become a vital instrument for governments, international financial institutions, and donor agencies to identify strengths and weaknesses in PFM practices and to formulate appropriate reforms. The framework's indicators and benchmarks serve as a guide for continuous improvement, ensuring that public financial management systems are aligned with international best practices.

The upcoming event aims to convene policymakers, practitioners, and experts in the field of PFM and PEFA within the Africa region to discuss recent advancements, share experiences, and explore innovative global solutions that can support enhancement of PFM systems in the region. Through a series of keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops, the event will provide a platform for a rich exchange of ideas and best practices. The main goal is to foster a deeper understanding of the critical role that effective PFM plays in achieving sustainable economic growth and development, and how the PEFA framework can be leveraged to support these efforts.

Event Objectives

The primary objective of the event is to foster a comprehensive dialogue on the enhancement of Public Financial Management (PFM) systems with the effective utilization of diagnostic tools as well as the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) framework. By bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders, including policymakers, government officials, international experts, and representatives from financial institutions, the event aims to facilitate a robust exchange of knowledge and experiences.

A secondary objective of the event is to build a strong network among professionals in the field of PFM and PEFA. This interaction will serve as a foundation for ongoing collaboration and support, enabling participants to remain engaged with each other beyond the event. Workshops and panel discussions are designed to not only share insights into the latest trends and challenges in PFM but also to identify opportunities for reform and capacity building.

Format

It will be a public in person event, organized by ECA, World Bank, Governance practice, and PEFA Secretariat that would combine a PFM conference with PEFA flagship training for participants from the region.

It is envisaged to be an open conference for two days and PEFA Flagship training for 3 days of a selected group of participants. The conference is planned to be held in different languages with simultaneous interpretation, whereas the PEFA flagship training will be offered only in the English language (there is a previous similar event in French in the region). The conference can accommodate up to 250 participants and the training will consist of two groups up to 50 people, i.e., 100 participants in all.

The event will be promoted by UNECA, World Bank and advertised on the PEFA website, email lists, and social media.

Agenda (speakers / discussants to be Identified and Confirmed)

Example conference Annex 1

Example training Annex 2

Annex 1

CONFERENCE DAY 1 - 11 NOVEMBER 2024	
	REGISTRATION
9.00 -9.30am	Inauguration of the PFM conference: Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNECA, - the World Bank, - PEFA partners - Conference overview
9.30 – 11.00	PANEL 1 The PFM Cycle – from planning to implementation
11.00 -11.15	Coffee break
11.15-12.45	PANEL 2 Key emerging issues and best practices – Climate-sensitive PIM; Green Procurement; Gender PFM.
12.45-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 -15.30	- PANEL 3 The ICT Systems Solutions to Implementing PFM
15.30 – 15.45	- <i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
15.45 – 17.15	PANEL 4 Challenges of System Integration
17.15 - 17.30	- Close of Day 1
CONFERENCE DAY 2 – 12 NOVEMBER 2024	
	REGISTRATION
09.00 – 10.30	PANEL 5 Challenges of DRM in Developing Countries – Tax Expenditure report presentation by UNECA/ATAF
10.30-10.45	- <i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10.45-12.00	Panel 6 Challenges of DRM in Developing Countries Presentation on Tax incentives in the mining sector by UNECA/IGF
12.00 – 13.00	Panel 7 Integrated Planning and Reporting Tool by UNECA
13.00 – 14.00	- <i>Lunch</i>
14.00 - 15.30	Integrated National Financing Frameworks (UNECA/UNDP)
15.30 – 15.45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
15.45 – 17.15	PANEL 8 Policy and administrative solutions to increase tax revenue mobilization
17.15 – 17.30	- Close of Conference

Proposed sessions indicated above are indicative.

Annex 2

DAY 1 – 13 NOVEMBER 2024	
	REGISTRATION
	Inauguration of the PEFA flagship training:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training welcome speeches: Dignitaries organizers. - Overview of training - Highlights of Overview of PEFA Global Products <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Global Report on Public Financial Management 2. Global Stocktaking of PFM Diagnostic Tools
	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
	PRESENTATION PEFA Program features
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PEFA Program– history, coverage and role of the Secretariat
	OVERVIEW OF THE PEFA FLAGSHIP FRAMEWORK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic elements of PEFA – outcomes, pillars, indicators, and dimensions, calibration and aggregation method, PEFA Check process.
	<i>Lunch</i>
	Transition to Break out rooms
	TECHNICAL UNDERSTANDING PEFA FLAGSHIP FRAMEWORK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explaining the indicators and dimensions - Exercises
	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
	TECHNICAL UNDERSTANDING PEFA FLAGSHIP FRAMEWORK (Continuation)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explaining the indicators and dimensions - Exercises
	Close of Day 1
DAY 2 – 14 NOVEMBER 2024	
	REGISTRATION
	Recap Day 1
	PEFA SNG Guidance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure and content - Assessment of PFM performance: scores, evidence, and justification
	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
	PEFA SNG Guidance (Cont.)
	<i>Group Photo</i>
	<i>Lunch</i>
	MANAGING THE PEFA ASSESSMENT PROCESS
	Group exercise
	MANAGING THE PEFA ASSESSMENT PROCESS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phases, steps, and tasks in planning, managing, and undertaking a PEFA assessment; Stakeholder engagement; Preparing the Concept Note. - <i>Agile</i>PEFA Approach.
	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
	PREPARING THE PEFA REPORT AND ANALYZING PFM PERFORMANCE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure and content, review of different sections - Tracking PFM performance changes over time using PEFA
	HOW TO USE PEFA FOR PFM IMPROVEMENT
	Questions and Answers
	Close of Day 2
DAY 3 – 15 NOVEMBER 2024	
	REGISTRATION AT ABD FRONT DESK
	PEFA SUPPLEMENTARY FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING GENDER RESPONSIVE PFM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure and content - Scores, evidence, and justification
	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
	PEFA SUPPLEMENTARY FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING GENDER RESPONSIVE PFM (Continuation)
	<i>Lunch</i>

PEFA SUPPLEMENTARY FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING CLIMATE RESPONSIVE PFM

- Structure and content
- Scores, evidence, and justification

Coffee/Tea Break

**PEFA SUPPLEMENTARY FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING CLIMATE RESPONSIVE PFM
(Continuation)**

Close of the training and feedback from participants

Back to plenary

Closing Ceremony- Certificates delivery

Close of Day 3

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