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**PULSAR REGIONAL PROGRAM
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**Reporting period from
April 1, 2017 to
September 30, 2017**

Date of the report: October 1, 2017

SUBTASK 1: RAISE AWARENESS OF REFORM RATIONALE

Key Project Data

Subtask title: Subtask 1: Raising Awareness of Reform Rationale (P165094; TFA5779: parallel window)

Duration of project: September 15, 2017 - June 30, 2020

Progress to date

The Concept Note for the PULSAR Program (including all subtasks) was approved by World Bank management.

PULSAR brochure has been prepared, published, and distributed to the beneficiary countries' Ministries of Finance (MOFs), and ready for further dissemination to government officials and stakeholders. The brochure includes the program objectives, goals and activities.

Pilot survey on PSA environment in beneficiary countries was prepared and is ready for submission to appointed government officials/Community of Practice (COP) members.

Conclusions/ lessons learned

N/A

Next steps

The preparation of the PULSAR launch event will be continued (Plenary and two COPs set-up) and the event is set to take place in December 2017. Pilot survey on the Public-Sector Accounting (PSA) environment report will be prepared and main findings will be presented at the PULSAR launch event in December 2017.

Preparatory work will be conducted for establishing an online repository initiated with the relevant World Bank (WB) departments/teams by February 2018. Website development request will be submitted and cleared/approved by the relevant WB departments (DGO, OIS, OWS) by February 2018. Priorities on structure, functionality, and outcomes of the website

will be prepared and agreed within the PULSAR team by March 2018. Website to be launched by September 2018.

Draft guidance on PSA reform benefits and approaches will be prepared by March 2018.

The preparation for the Ministerial Conference & Senior Officials Workshop will continue and the event will take place on November 26-27, 2018. Decision has been taken on dates, venue and format.

SUBTASK 2: FINANCIAL REPORTING FRAMEWORKS

Key Project Data

Subtask title: Subtask 2: Financial Reporting Frameworks (P165095; TFA5788: parallel window)

Duration of project: September 11, 2017 - June 30, 2020

Progress to date

The Concept Note for the PULSAR Program (including all subtasks) was approved by World Bank management.

The Communities of Practice (COP) participants for the major part of the beneficiary countries have already been nominated.

A detailed agenda for the Plenary and FinCOP December 2017 meetings have been drafted and agreed in principle in the team, and the speakers of the meeting have been identified and contacted. The questions on the country survey covering the FinCOP topics of interest have been prepared and ready for distribution to the nominated participants. The requirements towards the conference facilities and arrangements have been established and used for selection of the required premises.

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Conclusions/ lessons learned

N/A

Next steps

The FinCOP will be established with all the country nominations clarified and confirmed, after which the FinCOP will be launched and made fully operational in December 2017. Efforts to engage the beneficiary countries in the FinCOP and its activities will be taken. The team will prepare key presentations for FinCOP including sessions on status of IPSAS/EPAS, PSA reform

sequencing and next steps. Priority topics will be selected to be targeted by the FinCOP, and good practice knowledge products will be developed on PSA priority topics identified by the FinCOP. The team will collect and analyze the PSA environment in beneficiary countries to use as an input to the FinCOP work.

Priorities on structure, functionality and outcomes of the website to be prepared and agreed within the PULSAR team by March 2018. Website to be launched by September 2018.

Preparation will be continued for the Ministerial Conference, Senior Officials Workshop, and joint FinCop event to take place in November 2018. Dates, venue and format have been decided.

SUBTASK 3: ACCOUNTING EDUCATION AND CAPACITY

Key Project Data

Subtask title: Subtask 3: Accounting Education and Capacity (P165096; TFA5772: parallel window)

Duration of project: September 15, 2017 - June 30, 2020

Progress to date

The Concept Note for the PULSAR Program (including all subtasks) was approved by World Bank management.

Key contacts with the Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research Network (academia primarily from Europe focusing on Governmental Accounting Research) have been established for the purpose of collaboration in the activities envisioned under the Program.

PULSAR brochure has been prepared, published, and distributed to the beneficiary countries' Ministries of Finance (MOFs), and ready for further dissemination to government officials and stakeholders. The brochure includes the program objectives, goals and activities.

Pilot survey on PSA environment in beneficiary countries was prepared and is ready for submission to appointed government officials/Community of Practice (COP) members.

Conclusions/ lessons learned

N/A

Next steps

Preparations for the launch event and the inaugural EduCoP will be continued with the event to take place on December 11-13, 2017. Pilot survey on the Public-Sector Accounting (PSA) education environment report will be prepared and main findings will be presented at the PULSAR launch event in December 2017.

Available data on PSA education environment in participant countries has been gathered and is being analyzed (results of Education Benchmarking Studies, REPF findings, IFAC data, etc.). The team will continue gathering examples of the various training approaches, programs, syllabus, and other tools and resources applied globally.

The team will seek agreement on structure and key criterion of Minimum competency framework for Public Sector finance professionals.

Priorities on structure, functionality and outcomes of the website will be prepared and agreed within the PULSAR team by March 2018. Website to be launched by September 2018.

Preparation will be continued for the Ministerial Conference, Senior Officials Workshop, and joint EduCop event to take place in November 2018. Dates, venue and format have been decided.

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