Agenda

Pacific Regional Training on

EU Budget Support and

Blending Modalities

24-28 October 2016

Venue: Novotel Lami (near Suva, Fiji)

For EU staff in the EU Delegations in Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and representatives from Pacific Islands Countries and OCTs with starting, ongoing or foreseen Budget Support or Blending programs

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|  | ***Day 1 Monday 24th of October*** |
| **08.30 - 10.30** | **Module 0 – Introduction**  ***(EUD FIJI+ DEVCO)***   * Objectives and programme of the training. * Presentation of participants, trainers and moderators.   **Module 1 – Budget Support (BS) – EU conceptual framework**  ***(Trainer, Fabrice Ferrandes)***  ***(Moderators: DEVCO H 1-2 and A4 representatives)***   * 2011/2012 EU Communication on BS & EU BS Guidelines, more rigorous approach of eligibility criteria, 3 kind of contracts, political dimension/EU Fundamental Values, DRM… * BS definition, principles and financial devices * Intervention logic and objectives * Nature, expected benefits and limits of BS aid modality * Peculiarities compared to other aid modalities (policy dialogue, accountability, ownership, monitoring...) – **Link with blending modality**. |
| **10.30 - 10.45** | Coffee/tea break |
| **10.45 – 12.30** | **Module 1 - (end)**  **Module 2 – Background – Budget Support operations in the Pacific**  ***(Trainer)***  ***(Moderators: DEVCO H 1-2 and A4 representatives)***   * Specific Macro, PFM, DRM, institutional and social environments and challenges in the region and impact for EU BS management and policy dialogue – **link with/prospect for blending** * Review of main programmes/contracts in the region * Sectors of intervention and key EU supported areas of reforms * Performance in fulfilment of eligibility criteria * Key performance indicators of BS programmes * EU and the key ODA stakeholders in the region… |
| **12.30 - 13.45** | **Lunch/tea break** |
| **13.45 - 15.15** | **Module 3 – Commonalities of EU Budget Support contracts – the operational framework**  ***(Trainer)***  ***(Moderators: DEVCO H 1-2 and A4 representatives)***   * EU BS governance mechanisms * Fundamental Values * The four Eligibility criteria assessment (rationale, related policy dialogue and assessment methodology and tools – when and how to assess) |
| **15.15 – 15.30** | Coffee/tea break |
| **15.30 – 17.00** | **Module 3- Commonalities of EU Budget Support contract - the operational framework (end)**  + Risk Management Framework (link with eligibility criteria as well as policy dialogue) |

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|  | ***Day 2 Tuesday 25th of October*** |
| **8:30 - 10.15** | **EU staff morning session I** |
| **10.15 - 10.30** | **Coffee/tea break** |
| **10.30 – 12.30** | **Module 4 – Design and monitoring of BS contracts**  ***(Trainer)***  ***(Moderators: DEVCO H 1-2 and A4 representatives)***   * BS and the programming cycle (identification/formulation -Action Document, financing agreement -) and implementation/monitoring * Key issues at the design stage:   + BS inputs: financial support, fixed/variable components, policy dialogue, capacity development/complementary support, PAF and performance indicators   + Logic of intervention   + Risk assessment * Key issues at the implementation/monitoring stage: policy dialogue, monitoring of eligibility criteria and performance measurement (fixed and variable tranches), risk management and mitigation, capitalisation on BS capacity development activities, donors coordination… * Operational issues for the Government (monitoring of public policies and macro/PFM/institutional reforms process, communication and exchange of information with the EUD, preparation of BS payment requests, coordination of BS donors…) * Operational issues for the EUD (policy dialogue, continuum in BS performance monitoring, preparation of payment file, PFM annual report, RMF…) * Brief presentation of OECD/DAC BS Evaluation methodology and lessons learnt so far from BS evaluations. |
| **12.30 -13.45** | **Lunch break** |
| ***13.45 – 15.15*** | **Module 4 (End)**  *+ Case study or presentations/sharing of EUD and national counterparts’ experiences on BS management*  ***(Presentations from EUD and national counterparts on EU Budget Support experiences – to be defined)*** |
| **15.15 – 15.30** | **Coffee/tea break** |

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| **15.30 – 17.00** | **Module 5 – Update on the revision of the 2012 EU BS Guidelines**  ***Presentation from DEVCO A4 representative***  ***Moderators: DEVCO H representatives, trainer***  Content to be defined (programming cycle, Action Document, QSG process, centrality of RMF for the BSSC and simplification process for BS payments, new annexes on DRM, Policy dialogue, BS in decentralised environment….) |

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|  | ***Day 3 Wednesday 26th of October (Blending and complementarity with Budget Support)*** |
| **08.30 – 10.30** | Blending introduction |
| **10.30 – 10.45** | **Coffee/tea break** |
| **10.45 - 12.30** | European Investment Bank  EU |
| **12:30 – 13.45** | **Lunch/tea break** |
| **13.45 – 15.15** | Advanced session Blending and complementarity with Budget Support I |
| **15.15 – 15.30** | **Coffee/tea break** |
| **15.30-17.00** | Advanced session Blending and complementarity with Budget Support II |

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|  | ***Day 4 Thursday 27th of October*** |
| **08.30 – 10.15** | **EU staff morning session II** |
| **10.15 – 10.30** | **Coffee/tea break** |
| **10.30 – 12.30** | **Module 6: Budget Support and the Civil Society, Budget support and EU visibility issues.**  ***(Trainer)***  ***(Moderators: DEVCO H1 & 2 + EUD Fiji + presentations from Tonga/Vanuatu, EU colleagues + more tbd)***   * EU BS capacity development for and engagement with CSO (facilitation, empowerment, synergies between BS and thematic programs…) * Role of CSO in promoting transparency and accountability (role of CSO in domestic sector policy and budget processes …) * Role of CSO in BS policy dialogue. |
| **12.30 – 13.45** | **Lunch break** |
| **13.45 – 15.15** | **Module 7: Sector Reform Contracts in specific sectors:**  **Energy, productive sectors, WASH, Climate Change…**  ***(Moderator: trainer + DEVCO H)***  ***Interventions from EUD/national counterparts on experiences of SRC (Samoa/Solomon island for WASH and/or Climate change?, Tonga for Energy?, New Caledonia for vocational training/employment?… tbd)***   * How to apply the EU Guidelines for the critical elements of a BS programme in the particular case of a SRC with regards to specific sectors of intervention * Sector policy dialogue (incl. CSO involvement) * Sector policy analysis (sector policy instruments and sector policy planning/financing) – **link with blending** * Specific sector PFM and/or macroeconomic dimensions – **link with blending**. * Sector PAF and performance indicators/measurement. * Information Systems… |
| **15.15 – 15.30** | **Coffee/tea break** |
| **15.30 – 17.00** | **Module 7 (end)**  **Interventions from donors involved in EU BS related sectors (Australia/DFAT, New-Zealand)**  **Discussions** |

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|  | ***Day 5 Friday 28th of October*** |
| **08.30 – 10.00** | **EU staff morning session II** |
| **10.00 – 10.15** | **Coffee/tea break** |
| **10.15 – 12.30** | **Module 8: key PFM and macroeconomic challenges in the region:**  ***(Moderators: Trainer, DEVCO H & A4)***  ***(Interventions/presentations from IMF/PFTAC, WB, ADB - tbd).***   * PFM weaknesses: review of regional PEFA scores and track records * Key macroeconomic developments in the region (remoteness, weak economy of scale, debt sustainability, DRM…) * Key issues for PFM reform and sequencing (limited capacities) * Relations with PFTAC/IMF * TA/Capacity developments interventions in the PFM areas |
| **12.30 -13.45** | **Lunch/tea break** |
| **13.45 – 15.15** | **Module 9: Strengthening of External Audit and oversight of the Budget and promotion of good governance practices (accountability/transparency, fight against corruption, money laundering and tax heaven).**  ***(Moderators: DEVCO H and A4, trainer)***  ***(Interventions from PFTAC, UNDP, and chairman of PASAI)***  Content to be further specified  EU BS principles (DRM, PFM and fight against corruption)   * Situation in the region with regards to State Audit Institutions (SAI), Parliament oversight, corruption, tax heaven and money laundering * Regional initiative PASAI * Donors’ capacity development programs/projects |
| **15.15 – 15.30** | **Coffee/tea break** |
| **15.30 – 17.00** | **Module 9 Discussions**  **End of the training/seminar.** |