



**IMF AFRITAC East and AFRITAC South  
Regional Macro Fiscal Workshop  
Strengthening the Role of Macro-Fiscal Units (MFUs) in Ministries of Finance  
Workshop Agenda  
JANUARY 8 – 12, DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA**

Time	Subject	Person
<b>Day 1: Monday 8 January, 2018</b>		
0830–0850	Registration	Evonne Massawe
0900–0930	Welcoming remarks	AFE and Host Government
0930–1000	A presentation on the objective and agenda of the workshop What is the motivation for the workshop?	Bryn Battersby
1000–1045	Macroeconomic trends and macro-fiscal priorities in the region	Hervé Joly
1045–1100	Coffee break	
<b>THEME 1: The role of the macro-fiscal unit in the PFM process</b>		
1100–1230	<b>Session 1.1 - The medium term fiscal framework.</b> Setting the broad context for MFUs - What is the MTFF? Why is it important?	Sami Ylaoutinen
1230–1345	Lunch	
1345–1615	<b>Session 1.2 - The Macro-Fiscal Function and its Organizational Arrangements</b> (with a coffee break) What are the main components of the macro-fiscal function, What are the main outputs of MFUs, (after coffee break) Organizational arrangements for MFUs	Ian Lienert
<b>Day 2: Tuesday 9 January, 2018</b>		
0900–1015	<b>Session 1.3: The restructuring experience in Uganda</b> The experience of restructuring and reform in the Ugandan Ministry of Finance. What worked well, and what worked not so well? And what are the lessons for macro-fiscal units around the region?	Albert Musisi



1015-1045	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>THEME 2: Building sustainable technical capability</b>		
1045-1245	<p><b>Session 2.1: Building sustainable forecasting frameworks in MFUs.</b> Building a sustainable forecasting framework means that staff must be able to use, fix, and develop the framework. This should consider staffing, recruitment, and IT concerns, and the framework should be easily linked with the MTBF. <b>(Discussant: Malawi)</b></p>	Bryn Battersby, Eric Lautier and Yalenga Nyirenda
1245-1415	Lunch	
1415-1630	<p><b>Session 2.2: Country presentations</b> 4 countries will make short presentations on their macro-fiscal unit, consistent with the questionnaire template (with a coffee break) <i>Kenya, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Zambia</i></p>	Facilitated by Ian Lienert
1900-2130	<b>Reception dinner</b>	Contact: Evonne Massawe
<b>Day 3: Wednesday 10 January, 2018</b>		
0900-1030	<b>Session 2.3: Forecasting tools that work</b>	Sybi Hida
1030-1045	Coffee break	
1045-1230	<p><b>Session 2.4: Country presentations</b> 3 countries will make short presentations on their macro-fiscal unit, consistent with the questionnaire template <i>Seychelles, Eritrea, Mozambique</i></p>	Facilitated by Sami Ylaoutinen
1230-1330	<b>Lunch</b>	
1330-1500	<p><b>Session 2.5: Fiscal risk analysis</b> Macroeconomic sources of fiscal risk, and emerging tools for assessing and reporting macroeconomic risks <b>(Discussant: Kenya)</b></p>	Sybi Hida
1500-1515	<b>Coffee break</b>	
1515-1645	<p><b>Session 2.6: Country presentations</b> 3 countries will make short presentations on their macro-fiscal unit, consistent with the questionnaire template <i>Angola, Malawi, Mauritius</i></p>	Facilitated by Ian Lienert
<b>THEME 3: Challenges in establishing and managing a macro-fiscal unit</b>		



<b>Day 4: Thursday 11 January, 2018</b>		
0900–1030	<p><b>Session 3.1: Beyond the region: Building and managing macro-fiscal units</b></p> <p>Looking at the similarities and differences in challenges are around delivering macro-fiscal outputs, drawing on first-hand experience in various countries. What are some of the significant technical, political, and departmental challenges, and how can they be addressed?</p>	Sami Ylaoutinen
1030–1100	Coffee break	
1100–1230	<p><b>Session 3.2: Country Presentations</b></p> <p>3 countries will make short presentations on their macro-fiscal unit, consistent with the questionnaire template <i>Lesotho, Zanzibar, Namibia</i></p>	Facilitated by Sybi Hida
1230–1330	Lunch	
1330–1430	<p><b>Session 3.3: Tanzania.</b> What have been the positive and negative aspects of the TZA "MFU" (Policy Analysis Department) experience. Reflecting on the Session 1.2, does debt sustainability work in an MFU instead of a DMU?</p>	Saruni Mbayani and Ian Lienert
1430–1500	Coffee break	
1500–1630	<p><b>Session 3.4: Plenary discussion: What are the key ingredients that make it more likely a MFU will succeed? Short plans for follow-up.</b></p>	All
<b>Day 5: Friday 12 January, 2018</b>		
0900–1030	<p><b>Session 3.5: Plenary on takeaways from the workshop.</b></p> <p>Facilitators will manage a group discussion drawing out key points from the workshop. What have we learnt? What do we need to know more about? What can we try? Consideration will be given to documenting the outcomes of the workshop.</p> <p><b>Submission of short plans</b></p>	All
1030–1100	Coffee	
1100–1200	<b>Wrap-up and Closing Session</b>	All
1200–1330	Lunch and farewell	

