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South

## IMPROVING MACROECONOMIC MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORKS TO FOSTER SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND POVERTY REDUCTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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AFRITAC South Seminar/Course- recently held and forthcoming The venue is AFS, Ebene, Mauritius, unless otherwise stated	Dates
Webinar on Fundamentals of Sound Central Bank Communication Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Marin Molosag (Jointly with AFE/AFW2) Zoom online platform	June 13-15, 2022
Webinar on Modernizing Central Bank Communication Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Marin Molosag (Jointly with AFE/AFW2) Zoom online platform	June 20-22, 2022
Seminar on Cyber Risk Supervision Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Benjamin Stefanou In person-Hennessy Park Hotel- Ebene, Mauritius	June 27-July 01, 2022
Webinar on Compiling Producer Price Indices (PPIs) Webinar Coordinator: Ms. Donna Grcman Zoom online platform	June 27-July 01, 2022
Webinar on FPAS workshop MP process Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Marin Molosag (Overview Forthcoming) (Jointly with AFE/AFW2) Zoom online platform	August 22-27, 2022
Webinar on Nowcasting OT 22.309V Webinar Coordinators: Messrs. Paul Cashin/Dulanto Luisa/Xie Ping/Ian Nield (Overview Forthcoming) Zoom online platform/Hybrid	September 19-30, 2022
Webinar on Corporate Governance Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Benjamin Stefanou (Jointly with MCM) Zoom online platform	September 26-30, 2022
Webinar on Advanced Market Development Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Marin Molosag (Jointly with AFE/AFW2) (Overview Forthcoming) Zoom online platform	October 3-7, 2022
Webinar on Basic Market Development Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Marin Molosag (Jointly with AFE/AFW2) (Overview Forthcoming) Zoom online platform	October 10-14, 2022
Webinar on Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery and Emergency Planning Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Yves Noel De Santis Zoom online platform	October 17-21, 2022
Seminar on Fiscal Risks and Debt Sustainability Webinar Coordinator: Messrs. Bryn Battersby, Trish Chiinze, Matthew M. Quillinan, Ian Nield (Jointly with FAD/AFE/ATI) In person, venue TBC	October 17-26, 2022

<p>Conference on Illicit Trade –Jointly with SADC  Conference Coordinator: Mr. Philip Wood  (Jointly with SADC)  In person, Mauritius</p>	October 24-28, 2022
<p>Webinar on E-money Oversight and Supervision  Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Anrich Daseman  (Jointly with AFE/AW2)  (Overview Forthcoming)  Hybrid Mode</p>	October 31-November 4, 2022
<p>Webinar on Financial Sector Surveillance- 23 - CBDC  Webinar Coordinator: ICD  (Overview Forthcoming)  Zoom online platform</p>	November 7-11, 2022
<p>Seminar on Fiscal Risks Relating to Contingent Liabilities  Webinar Coordinator: Ms. Trish Chiinze  (Jointly with FAD/ATI/AFE)  In person, Pretoria, South Africa</p>	November 14-18, 2022
<p>Webinar on National Accounts  Webinar Coordinator: Ms. Elka Atanasova  In person, venue TBC</p>	November 21-25, 2022
<p>Webinar on Cyber Security-Examination Manual drafting  Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Benjamin Stefanou  (Overview Forthcoming)  Zoom online platform</p>	December 5-9, 2022
<p>Webinar on Improving Transparency and Accountability in the public sector through adopting International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)  Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Moulay El Omari  (Overview Forthcoming)  Hybrid</p>	January 23-29, 2023
<p>Workshop on Price Statistics Fundamentals  Workshop Coordinator: Ms. Donna Grcman  In person, venue TBC</p>	February 13-17, 2023
<p>Webinar on Cross Border Payments in the Era of Digital Payments  Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Anrich Daseman  (Overview Forthcoming)  Zoom online platform</p>	March 13-17, 2023
<p>Webinar on Financial Development and Financial Inclusion  Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Sami Ben Naceur  (Overview Forthcoming)  Zoom online platform</p>	March 20-31, 2023
<p>Repo Seminar  Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Marin Molosag  (Overview Forthcoming)  Jointly with AFE/AFW2  Zoom online platform</p>	March 20-24, 2023

<p><b>Webinar on GovTech – follow-up on digitalization in PFM and fiscal transparency portals workshops</b></p> <p><b>Webinar Coordinator: PFM FAD</b>  <i>(Overview Forthcoming)</i>  <b>Jointly with HQ FAD</b>  <b>Hybrid</b></p>	<p>April 10-14, 2023</p>
<p><b>Webinar on Financial Sector Surveillance- 23 - CBDC</b></p> <p><b>Webinar Coordinator: AFR- Mr. Ebrahimi Ehsan and Ms. Celine Rochon</b>  <i>(Overview Forthcoming)</i>  <b>Jointly with HQ</b>  <b>Zoom online platform</b></p>	<p>April 17-21, 2023</p>
<p><b>Webinar on Central Bank Digital Currencies</b></p> <p><b>Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Anrich Daseman</b>  <i>(Overview Forthcoming)</i>  <b>Jointly with HQ</b>  <b>In person, venue TBC</b></p>	<p>April 17-21, 2023</p>
<p><b>Regional Seminar on BCP (CCCDI)</b></p> <p><b>Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Philip Wood</b>  <i>(Overview Forthcoming)</i>  <b>Zoom online platform</b></p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p><b>Webinar on Fiscal Data Governance</b></p> <p><b>Webinar Coordinator: Mr. Robert Clifton</b>  <i>(Overview Forthcoming)</i>  <b>Jointly with HQ</b>  <b>Zoom online platform</b></p>	<p>TBC</p>



## WEBINAR ON FUNDAMENTALS OF SOUND CENTRAL BANK COMMUNICATION

WEBINAR COORDINATOR: MR. MARIN MOLOSAG



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b>	<i>Monetary Policy Implementation</i>
Targeted audience:	Staff and Management officials
Participation:	Four to five participants per country
Dates:	June 13-15, 2022
Venue:	Zoom- Platform

### Workshop description

The workshop is targeting countries within the regions of AFE, AFS and AFW2 that have not yet transitioned into inflation targeting (IT) or IT lite. The focus of the workshop will be on relevant considerations in the context of targeted countries, including specific issues such as how and why to start developing the central bank communication, the central banks' role and mandate in the political economy, and prioritization of tools, target groups and channels of communication. The aim of the workshop is to deepen the understanding of central bank communication, for countries to share their experiences, bring new ideas and spur developments in the area of communication. In addition to the traditional mix of lectures, the agenda of the workshop will include interactive sessions, group work and discussion panels. A total of 12 countries are invited, all operating under money targeting or pegged/fixed exchange rate regimes, thus faced with the challenge of communicating clearly about monetary policy. This workshop will hence provide for a unique opportunity to discuss and share experiences among peer countries with similar challenges.

The workshop will cover international good practices, regional initiatives and country experiences, encourage peer learning, and guide technical assistance needs, objectives and deliverables for inclusion in AFE, AFS and AFW2 capacity development work plans.

The workshop primarily targets staff and management at communications departments but also staff and management from economic research/monetary policy departments involved in monetary policy communication.

### Language requirements:

The webinar will be delivered in English



**WEBINAR ON MODERNIZING CENTRAL BANK COMMUNICATION**

WEBINAR COORDINATOR: Mr. MARIN MOŁOSAG



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b>	<i>Monetary Policy Implementation</i>
<b>Targeted audience:</b>	Staff and Management officials
<b>Participation:</b>	Four to five participants per country
<b>Dates:</b>	June 20-22, 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	Zoom- Platform

**Workshop description**

The workshop is targeting countries within the regions of AFE, AFS and AFW2 that have already made solid progress in communication. The focus of the workshop will be on modernizing the central bank communication through strategic communication guided by a communication policy and strategy, including analyzing the media landscape to reflect upon tools, channels and target groups and to evaluate the impact of communication. Price stability and monetary policy is the main responsibility of the central bank and communication plays an essential role for anchoring inflation expectations and thus monetary policy communication will play a central part in this workshop. In addition to the traditional mix of lectures, the agenda of the workshop will include interactive sessions, group work and discussion panels. A total of 15 countries are invited, operating under different monetary policy regimes and all with a certain degree of transparency and communication.

The workshop will cover international good practices, regional initiatives and country experiences, encourage peer learning, and guide technical assistance needs, objectives and deliverables for inclusion in AFE, AFS and AFW2 capacity development work plans.

The workshop primarily targets staff and management at communications departments but also staff and management from economic research/monetary policy departments involved in monetary policy communication.

<b>Language requirements:</b>
The webinar will be delivered in English



**WORKSHOP ON CYBER RISK SUPERVISION**

WEBINAR COORDINATOR: MR. BENJAMIN STEFANO



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b>	
	<i>Financial Sector Supervision</i>
<b>Targeted audience:</b>	Supervisors
<b>Participation:</b>	Five participants per country
<b>Dates:</b>	June 27 to July 1, 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	In person, Hennessy Park Hotel, Ebene, Mauritius

**Webinar description**

Training on the off-site and on-site supervision of cybersecurity, covering:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ICT / cyber risk supervision – concepts, components and coverage</li> <li>- Off-site Supervision – Range of information collection, Analysis and Utility</li> <li>- Onsite Supervision of Cyber Risk – People, Processes, Performance</li> <li>- Onsite Supervision – Scoping, Planning, Pre-Inspection activities</li> <li>- Supervisory Insight sessions covering –</li> <li>- Governance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Risk Management</li> <li>- Incident Reporting and responding to them</li> <li>- Data Center</li> <li>- Business Processes</li> <li>- Security Operations Center</li> <li>- BCP arrangements</li> <li>- Third Party / Outsourcing</li> <li>- Report writing</li> <li>- Quality Assurance</li> <li>- Discussing the report outcome</li> </ul>
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**Language requirements:**

The webinar will be delivered in English



## WEBINAR ON COMPILING PRODUCER PRICE INDICES (PPIS)

WEBINAR COORDINATOR: MS. DONNA GRGMAN



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b>	<i>Real Sector Statistics</i>
<b>Targeted audience:</b>	Beginners in compiling national accounts from statistical agencies
<b>Participation:</b>	Two participants per country
<b>Dates:</b>	June 27-July 1, 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	Zoom- Platform

### Workshop description

This is the second workshop on PPIs which follows the one conducted in October 2021. This virtual workshop will be held during March 28 – April 1, 2022.

The purpose of the virtual workshop is to continue strengthen the participants’ knowledge of PPI concepts and methods. The focus will be on specific data sources and compilation procedures for specific industries including the services sector. This virtual workshop will also focus on specific issues and challenges identified by the participants and on the implementation of international standards and best practices regarding the compilation of these price indices.

The following topics will be covered:

- Strategies to improve respondent participation in the PPI
- Quality change and imputation techniques
- Rebasing the PPI
- Development of the PPI for agriculture
- PPI for services, the concepts, methods, and specific industry issues.

The virtual workshop will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into French and Portuguese, utilizing the Zoom platform. To ensure a hands-on and interactive training, presentations will be provided each day, followed by an exercise which will be reviewed during that session. A further exercise will be provided to be completed before the session on the next day which is when it will be reviewed. Online sessions will be restricted to a maximum of three hours each day but support to complete the longer exercise will be available. Proficiency in Microsoft Excel is required.

### **Language requirements:**

The webinar will be delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation in French and Portuguese





## COURSE ON NOWCASTING

WEBINAR COORDINATORS: MESSRS. PAUL CASHIN/DULANTO LUISA/XIE PING/IAN NIELD



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b>	
	<i>ICD</i>
<b>Targeted audience:</b>	Staff and Management officials
<b>Participation:</b>	Four to five participants per country
<b>Dates:</b>	September 19-30, 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	Zoom- Platform

### Workshop description

This two-week course is designed to provide to relevant organizations in sub-Saharan Africa the cutting-edge tools and the types of data in-use or developed at the IMF to aid in the estimation of economic indicators in the recent past, present and near future ('nowcasting'). Nowcasting can be defined as real-time evaluations of variables based on a series of relevant, timely and higher-frequency indicators and familiarize the region's officials with the concepts and methods to incorporate High-Frequency economic indicators into the modeling process.

Through lectures and workshops, participants will be introduced to nowcasting methods and to the type of data and techniques that countries can use to develop high-frequency indicators (HFI) using a hands-on approach. The course will cover nowcasting and HFI data sources, two types of modeling approaches (factor models and machine learning), that enable the incorporation of mixed-frequency data indicators to the nowcasts and forecasts of GDP. Using applications to different countries, it will emphasize the following practical aspects: How to adapt to the data context? How to deal with mixed frequencies and delays in the release of data? How to evaluate (and combine) different nowcasting models? Given the course's focus, the target audience is staff conducting short/near term macroeconomic analysis and forecasting and possibly mid-level to senior managers responsible for public financial management or monetary policy decision-making who have modelling and forecasting skills.

Participants are expected to have an advanced degree in economics and econometrics or equivalent experience. It is strongly recommended that applicants have completed at least two general macroeconomic courses, such as Macroeconomic Forecasting and Analysis (MFA), Macroeconomic Diagnostic (MDS), delivered either in-person, virtually or online. In addition, ideally, participants should have experience of EViews and Matlab

### Language requirements:

The webinar will be delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation in French and Portuguese



**WEBINAR ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

WEBINAR COORDINATOR: MR. BENJAMIN STEFANO



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b>	
	<i>Financial Sector Supervision</i>
<b>Targeted audience:</b>	Senior supervisory agency officers and supervisors
<b>Participation:</b>	Open
<b>Dates:</b>	September 26-30, 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	Zoom- Platform

**Workshop description**

High-Level Bank Corporate Governance Regional Webinar and Regulation Workshop. The webinar and workshop will be distinct parts, with the webinar providing an update on international standards and compliance with Basel Core Principles (BCP) with senior supervisory agency personnel and supervisors; and with the workshop providing more detailed training on corporate governance regulatory frameworks and a self-assessment against international standards by each participating country.

This webinar and workshop will commence the AFS-CGI and cover:

- Update on International Standards
- Compliance with Basel Core Principles, where do we stand?
- Conceptual issues of corporate governance, evolution, lessons and recent developments;
- Principles issued by various standard setters relating to corporate governance;
- Strengthening corporate governance in banks—role, structure and competency of boards; role of executives; transparency; and promotion of sound corporate and risk culture;
- Supervisory practices in evaluating governance structure, functioning and adherence to fit and proper requirements;
- Regulatory framework self-assessments

<b>Language requirements:</b>
The webinar will be delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation in French and Portuguese



## WEBINAR ON BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING

WEBINAR COORDINATOR: MR. YVES DE SANTIS



### AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

### *Revenue Administration (TAX)*

Targeted audience:	Mid-level to senior officials from Tax administrations from Comoros, Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Lesotho
Participation:	Two participants per country
Dates:	October 17-21, 2022
Venue:	In person

### Workshop description

Extension and coordination of the regional seminar on BCP organized by P. Wood to the 4 countries in my CCCDI portfolio

### Language requirements:

The webinar will be delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation into French, if required



**WEBINAR ON FISCAL RISKS RELATING TO CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

WEBINAR COORDINATOR: MESSRS. BRYN BATTERSBY; TRISH CHIINZE;  
MATTHEW MQUILLINAN; IAN NIELD



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b> <i>Public Financial Management (PFM)</i>	
<b>Targeted audience:</b>	Mid-level to senior officials from Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
<b>Participation:</b>	One participant per country
<b>Dates:</b>	October 17 to October 21, 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	In person, Mauritius

**Workshop description**

This is a joint FAD/ATI/AFS/AFE workshop to provide guidance on assessing fiscal sustainability using the ICD Debt Dynamics Tool (DDT) and long-term fiscal sustainability using the new FAD climate change fiscal sustainability tool. Participants will also be exposed to the full fiscal risk toolkit.

<b>Language requirements:</b>
The webinar will be delivered in English



**CONFERENCE ON ILLICIT TRADE (JOINT WITH SADC)**

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR: MR. PHILIP WOOD



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b>	
	<i>Revenue Administration (Customs)</i>
<b>Targeted audience:</b>	Senior officials from revenue authorities and other selected regional stakeholders
<b>Participation:</b>	Three participants per country
<b>Dates:</b>	October 24-28, 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	In person, Mauritius

**Workshop description**

Illicit trade results in a substantial loss in tax revenue across the Southern African Development Community (SADC), much needed for funding public expenditure on health, education, and infrastructure. Strong cooperation across the SADC member states is required to tackle illicit trade, mutually enhance revenue collection, and improve fiscal firepower to repel exogenous shocks. The illicit trade regional conference will provide an excellent opportunity to deepen coordination and synergies with other development partners on anti-corruption and illicit trade within the region.

Delegates will include representatives from a range of government departments, academia, international organizations, and the business community. Additional delegates will be able to observe conference discussions via remote links

<b>Language requirements:</b>
The conference will be delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation in French and Portuguese, if required



### WEBINAR ON FISCAL RISKS RELATING TO CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

WEBINAR COORDINATOR: MESSRS. BRYN BATTERSBY; TRISH CHIINZE;  
MATTHEW MQUILLINAN; EMRE BALIBEK



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b>	
<i>Public Financial Management (PFM)</i>	
<b>Targeted audience:</b>	Mid-level to senior officials from Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
<b>Participation:</b>	One participant per country
<b>Dates:</b>	November 14 to 18, 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	In person, Pretoria-South Africa

#### Workshop description

This is a joint FAD/ATI/ AFS/ AFE workshop to review key fiscal risks relating to contingent liabilities, with a focus on government loan and guarantee programs, which were widely deployed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The workshop will provide training on tools to assess and manage fiscal risks related to government guarantee programs and loans

<b>Language requirements:</b>
The webinar will be delivered in English



## WORKSHOP ON ANALYTICAL SKILLS FOR NATIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR: MS. DONNA GRGMAN



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b>	<b><i>Real Sector Statistics (RSS)</i></b>
<b>Targeted audience:</b>	National Account compilers from the statistical agencies responsible for official GDP statistics data
<b>Participation:</b>	Two participants per country
<b>Dates:</b>	November 21-25, 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	In person [TBC]

### Workshop description

The main objective is to strengthen the participants' analytical skills in compiling and disseminating GDP estimates.

This workshop will focus on the fundamental analytical skills required to compile and disseminate GDP estimates. Topics will include analysis of source data including estimation techniques; revisions analysis; data visualization techniques; data validation; quality assurance issues; and data dissemination issues. Participants will be engaged in undertaking several group exercises to strengthen their skills throughout the workshop.

### **Language requirements:**

The workshop will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into French and Portuguese, if required.



## WORKSHOP ON PRICE STATISTICS FUNDAMENTALS

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR: MS. DONNA GRGMAN



<b>AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</b>	<i>Real Sector Statistics</i>
<b>Targeted audience:</b>	Price statistics compilers from the statistical agencies
<b>Participation:</b>	Two participants per country
<b>Dates:</b>	February 13-17, 2023
<b>Venue:</b>	In person, venue TBC

### Workshop description

The main objective is to strengthen the participants' knowledge of price indices concepts and methods relating to the implementation of international standards and best practices.

This five-day seminar will focus on the challenges compilers face in developing, maintaining and updating price indices. Topics will include issues with the development and updating of weights, re-referencing the index period, selecting and maintaining samples, quality adjustment issues, the introduction of new/replacement items, and pricing difficult items. Participants will be invited to list specific questions, topics, issues which will be discussed during the seminar.

### **Language requirements:**

The workshop will be delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation in French and Portuguese, if required