

## **Africa Regional Seminar on Participatory Budgeting**

Strengthening Budget Performance,  
Participation and Independent Oversight

A joint undertaking of MDP-ESA, World Bank,  
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## **Introduction & Objectives of the Presentation**

- To discuss the context in preparation of the Regional Seminar on Participatory Budgeting in Africa
- To highlight building blocks in the run-up to the seminar
- To gather ideas for enriching the seminar

## **Background and Context**

- Imperatives of democratisation and decentralisation reforms
- Challenges of revenue generation, expenditure planning, and delivery of public services
- Building citizen trust and confidence in governance processes and guarding against corruption
- Roadmap towards the Millennium Declaration
- Africa Peer Review Mechanism
- The Pan African Conference of Ministers of local government
- Capacity building

## **The Seminar Objective**

- To enhance knowledge and promote exchange of experience among key national policy makers in Africa on how to strengthen the enabling environment for social accountability in local governance
- To give the participants the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and share innovations on how to operationalise participatory budgeting in African countries
- To catalyse and facilitate peer-to-peer learning among African Participatory Budgeting champions and practitioners.

### **Approach**

- One-day high level conference (March 10, 2008)
- Three-days workshop (March 11-13, 2008)
- One-day field visits March 14, 2008)
- Launching of peer-to-peer learning program

### **Audience**

- Policy makers
- Policy advisors
- Local government officials
- CSO and NGO representatives
- Researchers and academics
- Development partners

### **Some of Key Speakers**

- Honourable Protais Musoni (Rwanda)
- Honourable Kwamena Ahwoi (Ghana)
- Honourable Aneas Comiche (Maputo, Mozambique)
- Mr. Alioune Badiane (UNHABITAT)
- Ms. Sophie Kalimba (Malawi)
- Honourable Celestine Keutch Courtes (Cameroon)
- Ms. Thandiwe Mlobane (Zimbabwe)
- Professor Paul Smoke (New York University)
- Honourable Auki Tituana (Cotacachi, Ecuador)
- Dr. Jaime Vasconess (CIGU)
- Ms. Nilza Oliveira (Santo Andre, Brazil)
- Mr. Rogers Salhuana (Peru)
- Honourable Obed Mlaba (South Africa)
- Ms. Mary Rushimbi (Tanzania)
- Mr. Zerubabel Ojoo (Uganda)
- Ms. Ziria Ndifuna (Uganda)

### **Preparatory Activities**

- Launching the Participatory Budget Forum
- Commissioning a research project on Participatory Budgeting and Revenue Generation: the Case of Uganda
- Introduction of a Participatory Budgeting Newsletter
- Launching the Journal of Local Governance and Development

### **Links for information on the Seminar**

- <http://asaaf.org.zw>
- <http://www.mdpafrica.org.zw>
- <http://worldbank.org/africapbseminar>

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**Thank you for your attention**

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