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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS MINISTRY OF FINANCE



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NOTIFICATION

The establishment of the Public Financial Management Governance Group (PFMGG) was formally endorsed by the 7th Policy and Planning Committee Meeting (PPCM) held on 15th November, 2013 to strengthen Public Financial Management (PFM). However, the PFMGG was not operational. The revised Terms of Reference (TOR) and the membership were approved by the 36th PPCM held on February 26, 2015 which is stated below:

The PFMGG shall be the apex body leading the PFM reform programs through a PFM Reform Strategy and an Action Plan adopted and updated on a periodic basis. PFMGG shall also decide on the application of funds mobilized for the PFM reform programs through Multi-Donor Fund for PFM (PFM-MDF).

The PFM reform programs shall be coordinated by the Accounts Division of the DPA as PFMGG Secretariat. Specific reforms may be carried out through the formation of technical working groups.

The PFMGG shall comprise of the following members:

- 1. Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Finance (Chair)
- 2. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance (Co-chair)
- 3. Director General, Department of National Properties, MoF
- 4. Director General, Department of Public Accounts, MoF
- 5. Director, Department of National Budget, MoF
- 6. Director, Department of Revenue and Customs, MoF
- 7. General Secretary, Accounting and Auditing Standard Board of Bhutan
- 8. Chief, Public Procurement Policy Division, MoF
- 9. Chief, Central Coordinating Agency for Internal Audit Service, MoF
- 10. Chief, Policy & Planning Division, MoF
- 11. Chief, Accounts Division, DPA (Member Secretary)

The PFMGG may at a later stage decide to add members to the group, should it deem necessary and appropriate. The roles and responsibilities of the PFMGG shall be as follows:

- Appoint Heads of Technical Working Groups as and when necessary
- Review, prioritize, coordinate, and decide on the phasing of proposed PFM reforms
- Approve the initial PFM Reform Strategy document and future amendments of it
- Approve reallocations of funds between and within reform areas as necessary



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- Coordinate financing for the PFM reform action plan
- Review work plans and progress reports of the Technical Working Groups
- Monitor the implementation of the action plan against targets and outcome indicators
- Review and approve the PFM reform action plan and then update at least on a yearly basis, including its financing

The PFMGG shall meet on a quarterly basis. It may, when necessary, invite other staff or external experts to its meetings. The DPA shall be the Secretariat for the PFMGG with the Chief of Accounts Division serving as the member secretary.

The roles and responsibilities of the PFMGG Secretariat shall be as follows:

- Prepare the agenda for the meetings of the PFMGG
- Prepare the draft yearly action plans, including proposed financing, for the approval of the PFMGG
- Summarize the yearly work plans for the technical working groups
- Compile six-monthly summary reports on actions and results by the technical working groups
- Review, assess and communicate to the PFMGG conclusions and recommendations of any external diagnostic work in the PFM area
- Together with the chair of the PFMGG partake in the meetings of any PFM external monitoring group that the Government may set up to involve Bhutan's partners in the PFM area
- Communicate PFM reform program to the broader public administration as well as to the general public through the Government's web sites and the media.

The generic roles and responsibilities for the different technical working groups shall be to:

- Assess and prioritize reform needs in their particular area and prepare draft reform strategies for the short, medium, and long-term and submit to the PFMGG for decision
- Prepare rolling, draft work plans, including financing for three years
- Execute the approved PFM reform work programs
- Report on a half-yearly basis on the reform work carried out and the results (outputs and outcomes) achieved.

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