Climate Change and Sustainability Responsiveness

Greening Policy Instruments and The PFM Cycle

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The Climate Governance Challenge

Effective Climate Action Needs Strong Institutions

- Climate change impacts are cross-sectoral and require coordinated responses
- Siloed approaches lead to policy inconsistencies and inefficient resource allocation

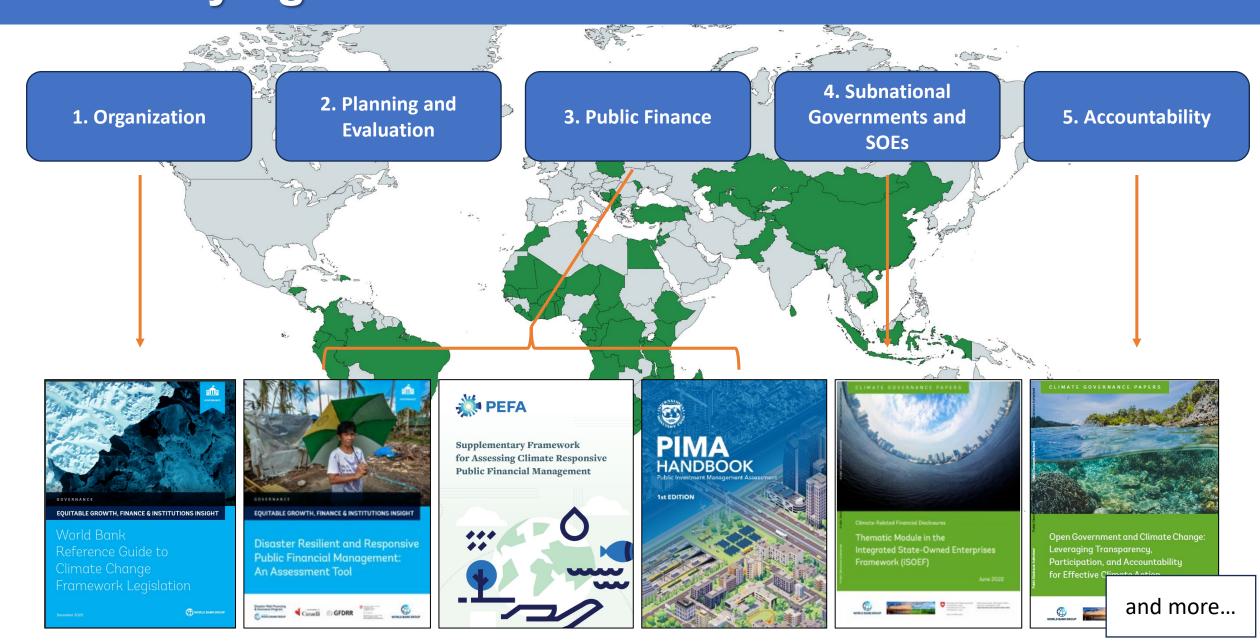
To overcome these challenges, public sector institutions, including Finance Ministries and departments, must operate differently.

- Coordinate across sectors and other boundaries
- Manage increased time pressure, uncertainty, and more frequent shocks
- Understand and use science for informed decision making and implementation
- Increase support to stakeholders and facilitate compromises, cohesion, and communication



Where do we start?

Identifying Institutional Weaknesses



Greening PFM as a Solution Pathway





Why integrating Climate Goals into Fiscal Policy?

- → Closing Climate Gaps
- → Resource Allocation
- → Tracking and Financing
- → Policy Evaluation
- → Raising Awareness

The Emergence of Green PFM

- Green PFM implement climate action and inform policy & strategy to combat climate change
- Asia-pacific region forerunner, first concrete examples in late 2000s
- Since 2019 promoted by the "Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action" (Helsinki Principle 4)
- Green PFM practices remain nascent, there exists a diversity of approaches and perceptions

Uniform terminology?

- Not really a concise framework, but variety of guidance and handbooks
- To be reconciled with practice
- Climate green environmental disaster

Any preconditions?

- Some functionality helpful, such as program structure, PBB or IFMIS
- Institutional setting highly relevant (e.g., CFA's role...)

Just priority-based budgeting?

 IMF: Green PFM <u>does not require a novel approach</u> to PFM, but rather an adaptation of existing PFM processes and tools

Climate spending or mainstreaming?

- Does a climate budget constitute green PFM?
- Expenditure management versus PFM

Identifying Green PFM Entry Points

PEFA Climate assessment indicators

CRPFM-1. Budget alignment with climate change strategies

CRPFM-2. Tracking climate-related expenditure

CRPFM-3. Climate-responsive budget circular

CRPFM-4. Legislative scrutiny

CRPFM-5. Climate-responsive public investment management

CRPFM-6. Climate-responsive non-financial asset management

CRPFM-7. Climate-related liabilities

CRPFM-8. Climate-responsive public procurement

CRPFM-9. Climate-responsive tax administration

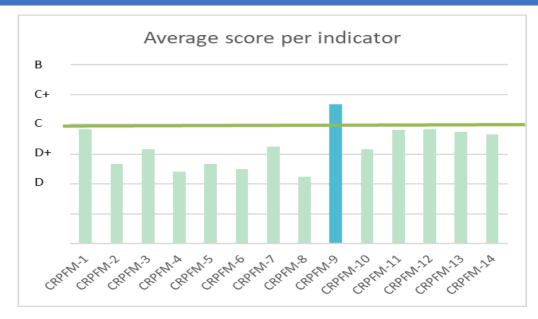
CRPFM-10. Compliance of climate-related expenditure

CRPFM-11. Climate-responsive fiscal decentralization

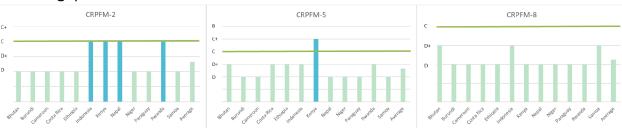
CRPFM-12. Climate-related performance information

CRPFM-13. Climate-related evaluation

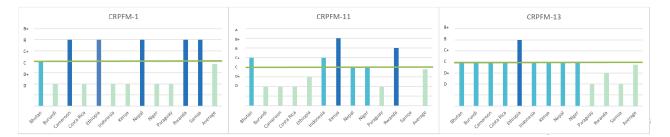
CRPFM-14. Expenditure outturn for climate activities





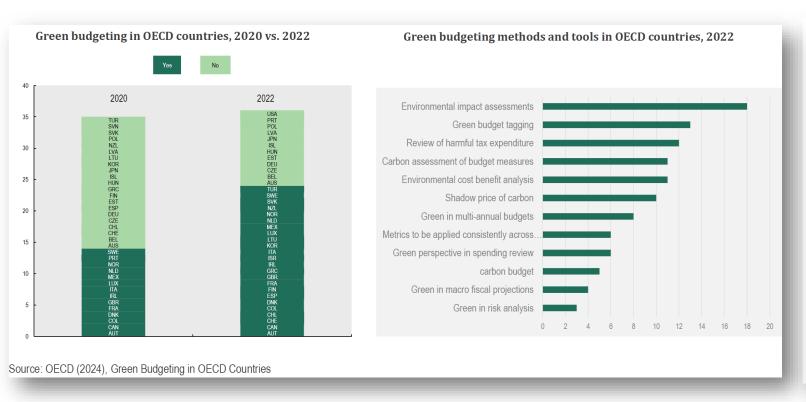


Initial efforts and beyond

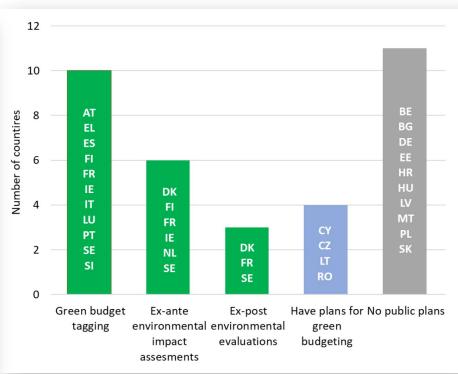


Global Trends in Green PFM Practices

Green Budgeting practices in OECD countries



Green Budgeting practices in EU countries

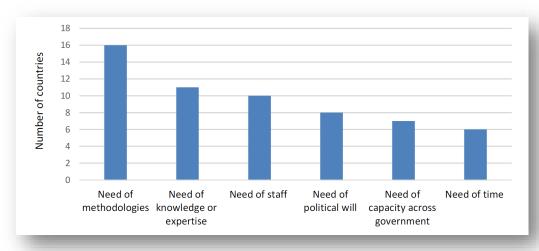


Source: 2023 European Commission survey on green budgeting & recent developments

Limitations to Consider

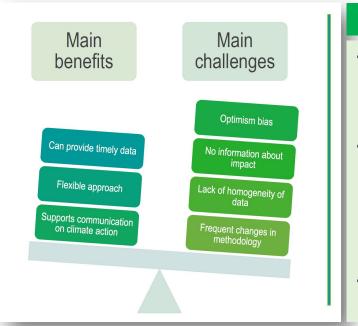
Key challenges in the EU

...to introduce and/or implement green budgeting



Source: 2023 European Commission survey on green budgeting

Main benefits and challenges of budget tagging



Not Sufficient for

- Ensuring that public budgets are aligned with NDCs and other climate commitments
- Informing budget decisions and prioritizing expenditure:
 - Often comes too late
 - No information about cost efficiency or climate impact
- Comparing climate action across countries

Source: OECD (2024), Beyond Green Tagging: Linking budgets better with climate goals

Green PFM Roles and Institutional Bottlenecks





A. Commitment to Feasible Policy

Feasible Policy

Outcome

Public Sector Results

> Effective Delivery

B. Fiscal sustainability

C. Effective Resource Mobilization & Distribution

D. Performance & Accountability in Delivery

▲ Bottlenecks



- 1. Insufficient Commitment or consensus on priority climate policy actions
- 2. Medium-term budget strategy and expenditure ceilings do not reflect climate policy objectives
- 3. Departments are not able to translate climate policy into budget proposals
 - 4. Unsustainable fiscal positions of governments and organizations
- 5. Funding for climate action does not reflect actual costs of proposals
- 7. Climate action is not being implemented on time or within budget
- 6. Unreliable, delayed and fragmented funding for delivery
- 8. Regulation, oversight and accountability does not enable and encourage performance
- 9. Inadequate use of fragmented sector and financial data in decision making and accountability

Turning Challenges into Opportunities

Driving Climate Action Through the Budget: An Outcome-Led Approach



- **1. Translating Climate Goals into Action—**Are climate risks understood, and are climate goals translated into a set of costed, jointly prioritized climate actions?
- **2. Budgeting for Climate Action**—Are budgetary choices being made to enable, finance, and encourage climate action (e.g., through Budget Circulars, Sector budget proposals, Project Selection and Appraisal, Climate Budget Tagging/tracking, performance reports)?
- 3. Implementing Climate Action—Is budget execution enabling or impeding climate actions (e.g., sufficient mobilization of climate finance; timely/predictable budget releases; green public purchases; established emergency expenditure / procurement rules)?
- 4. Monitoring and Adaptive Learning—Is climate action reported on, accounted for, jointly reviewed, and adjusted when needed (e.g., through in-year tracking of climate spending)?
- **5. Evaluating and Evolving the System—**Is performance being evaluated with follow up actions being taken when appropriate (e.g., annual climate budget reviews, and the use of audits and oversight mechanisms)

Sample tools to ensure alignment of budgets and climate goals

- Climate impact assessment of budget proposals
- Embedding GHG emissions in budget proposals
- Developing tools to estimate the impact of policies on GHG emissions:
 - Development of standard calculations tools
 - Development of guidelines and methodologies
 - Capacity building

Key Takeaways: Green PFM & Climate Action

- Message 1: PFM as a Tool for Climate Goals—PFM can and does play a significant role in driving climate action, enabling the use of budgetary policy tools to align funded public activities with climate and environmental objectives.
- Message 2: Diverse Approaches, Common Challenges—Many countries are advancing Green Budgeting, but policy misalignment, weak monitoring, and implementation failures hinder effectiveness.
- Message 3: Turning Challenges into Opportunities—Through data driven diagnostics such as CCIA and Climate PEFA, it is possible to strategically identify and overcome institutional constraints to integrate climate considerations into fiscal governance, enabling governments to accelerate meaningful climate action and build a more resilient, sustainable future.

Thank you!

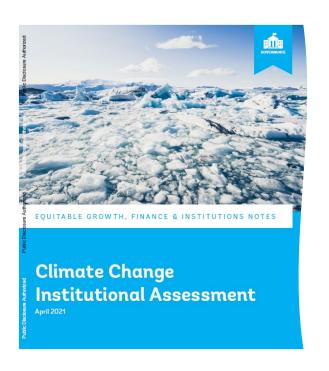




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Identifying Institutional Weaknesses

The World Bank's Climate Change Institutional Assessment (CCIA) identifies the strengths and weaknesses of a country's institutional framework in addressing climate change governance challenges.



- Focuses on center of government, planning and finance agencies, and lead technical ministries
- Conducted as a stand-alone assessment or part of other analytical exercises (e.g., CCDRs)
- Identifies entry points for policy dialogue with government officials, prior actions, investment opportunities
- Global Coverage (71 CCIAs to Date)

Identifying Entry Points with Climate PEFA

