

Report by the OECD Secretariat and Future Work Programme

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Agenda

- Report by the OECD Secretariat
 - —Activities by Specialised SBO Networks
 - —Activities by Regional SBO Networks
- Future Work Programme



The SBO Family

Parliamentary
Budget
Officials

Senior Budget Officials

Public Private
Partnership
Officials

Performance and Results Officials

Health Budget
Officials

Financial
Management
Officials

Latin
American
SBO
(IADB)

Middle East/ North African SBO

Asian SBO African SBO (CABRI)

CESEE SBO

Specialized SBO Networks

- Financial Management (Accruals)
 - Chairman: Michel Prada (France)
- Public-Private Partnerships
 - Chairman: Gordon McKechnie (United Kingdom)
- Parliamentary Budget Officials
 - Chairman: Kevin Page (Canada)
- Performance and Results
 - Chairman: Christian Kastrop (Germany)
- Health Budget Officials
 - Chairman: Geert van Maanen (The Netherlands)



Key Points

Financial Management (Accruals)

- International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board
- From fighting for relevance to prominence (including EU) ...
- But lacks legitimacy (membership), credibility (work programme) and accountability (oversight)

Public-Private Partnerships

- More maturity in their use a positive aspect of the crisis!
- Publication of the OECD Good Governance Principles for PPP's. Approved by OECD Council – "soft law"



Key Points (2)

Parliamentary Budget Officials and Fiscal Councils

- An area where the OECD has quickly established its role
- Draft Principles for Independent Fiscal Institutions
- Profiles of such bodies they're all different but all are "fiscal watchdogs"
- Linking budget offices with such bodies

Performance and Results

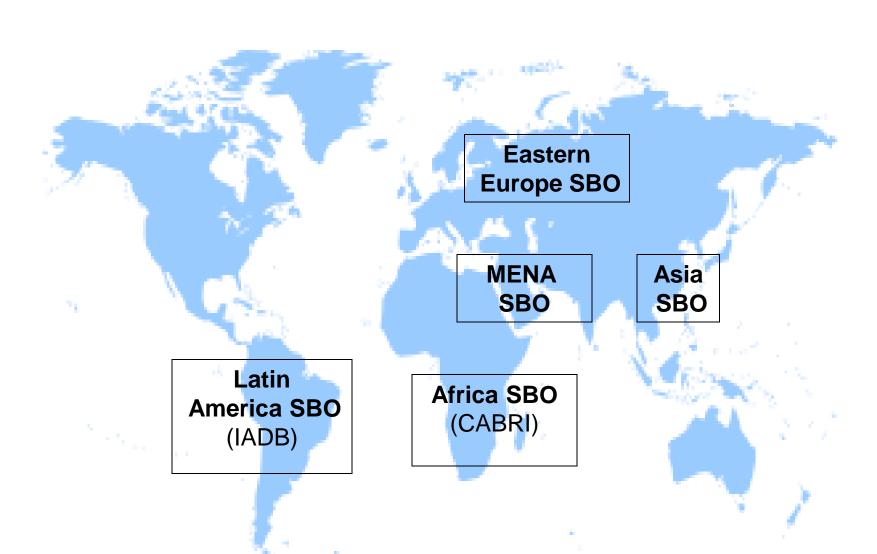
- Performance Budgeting Survey
- Spending Reviews

Health Budget Officials

- Pioneering work, joining finance and health officials
- Most complex area of budgeting



Regional SBO Networks





Key Points

Middle East and North Africa SBO

- Last met in Beirut; next in Tunis
- Implications of "Arab Spring" for budgeting

Asian SBO

- We've always met in Bangkok! Last meeting immediately following the massive flooding
- Performance information and accruals



Key Points (2)

African SBO (CABRI)

- Last met in Pretoria
- Policy dialogue but also training, costing was a key area

Latin American SBO (IADB)

- Last met in Panama
- Focus very much on performance budgeting



Future Work Program

Three Pillars –

Comparative Analysis Best Practices

Country Reviews

Statistics and Indicators





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