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EDITORIAL! WELCOME TO THE THIRD EDITION OF THE PEMC NEWSLETTER. WISHING ALL OUR PARTNERS, STAKEHOLDERS AND STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW 2016.



ACHIEVEMENTS 2015

SUBMISSION OF AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As per the PEMC Act, section 36 (1) Public Enterprise shall within three months after the end of its financial year prepare and submit an annual report on its operations which together with a copy of its annual audited accounts as well as any report by the auditors on its management and accounting practices.

COMPLIANCE

For 2014 – only one Audited Annual account was received at the end of March. However, this year three Audited Annual accounts were received at the end of March and by the end July 2015, eighteen Public Enterprises have submitted their Annual audited accounts which have been laid in the National Assembly.

REPORTING UNDER IFRS

Regarding reporting under the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), twelve Public Enterprises are so far in compliance and this showed an increase of three above 2014.

CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES CASH FLOW IN IPSAS FORMAT

The eighteen Audited Annual accounts were consolidated with the Government account under the International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) and for the first time it has been published together with the government audited accounts.

TRAINING

Frameworks for Fiscal Risk Management

The International Monetary Fund through AFRITAC South organized a seminar on "Frameworks for Fiscal Risk Management" which was held in Mauritius from April 27-30th. The event provided a platform for participants from many different African countries such as Zimbabwe, Madagascar, and Botswana to share experiences and learn from each other in the area of risk management with regards to fiscal performance including risk from operations of State Owned Enterprises. The PEMC was represented by Mr. Jude Commettant. Seychelles got the opportunity to present on the progresses made in management and oversight of State Owned Enterprises (SOE's) as well as the challenges that are being experienced. This provided the opportunity for other participating countries to comment and suggest on ways to improve on oversight of SOE's. Particular knowledge was gained with regards to the governance structure of SOE's and how this can be applied to the circumstances of the Seychelles.

The Commission appointed three new staff during the year namely Ms.Mary Anne Mein, Ms.Verona Moustache and Ms.Meryl Pelissier. Unfortunately we wave farewell to three staff members; Ms.Roseline Houareau, Mr.Jude Commetant & Ms. Mary-Anne Mein who persued greener pastures.

The Commission saw the appointment of its new Board of Commissioners in June 1st. Although it has not been officially gazetted, the commissioners are; Mr.William Zarine, Mr.Gamini Herath, Mr.Emmanuel Green, Mr.Marcus Simeon, Mrs.Helen Maiche, Ms.Tania Potter, Mr.Antonio Lucas.

IPSAS and GFSM2014

Ms. Verona Moustache attended a seminar on 'Public Sector Accounting, Financial and Statistical Reporting' held by AFRITAC South from November 30–December 4, 2015. The event was conducted at the facilities of the IMF Africa Training Institute in Mauritius and brought together government officials from Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe; and the East and Southern Association of Accountants General (ESAAG).

The seminar focused on the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and IMF Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 (GFSM2014).

International experts from the IMF Fiscal Affairs Department shared with participants their knowledge and country experience of the implementation of these international reporting standards. The experts also shared their knowledge and experience of creating the preconditions required for building necessary commitment and capacity for adoption of IPSAS and GFSM2014 standards and for developing appropriate roadmaps for managing and monitoring implementation. Specific attention was given to key capacity development requirements, sequencing and resolution of the type of challenges identified by participants.

Seminar participants discussed the importance of individual country contexts in determining the pace of adoption of standards and highlighted a range of legislative, institutional, and technical challenges they face with implementation in the region.

CONFERENCE MEETING

Mr. Roland Marengo attended the sixth meeting of the SOE Network for Southern Africa from 24-25th November in Victoria Falls Zimbabwe. The Theme for the meeting was "Recent SOE Reforms and Monitoring Implementation of the Guidelines on the governance of SOEs in Southern Africa.

The SOE Network for Southern Africa provides a forum for policy makers to identify common challenges related to state-owned enterprise (SOE) ownership and governance, to share good practices and to develop recommendations for effective reform. The Network aims to help reformers and policy makers in Southern Africa enhance the performance of SOEs through governance improvements, while also taking into consideration structural policy challenges and pressing development priorities.

The Network brings together representatives from across Southern Africa, including government departments responsible for the ownership and oversight of SOEs and corporate governance institutes. This year's meeting brought together 60 participants from Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, United Kingdom, United States, Zambia, Zimbabwe, DR Congo, and Seychelles. It also benefits from the regular participation of a number of regional and international organization namely World Bank, OECD, UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (UNECA) and Institute of Directors (IOD) of ZAMBIA,

The discussion addressed;

- Recent SOE reforms across Southern African economies, and tracking progress in SOE corporate governance reform based on the Guidelines on the governance of SOEs in Southern Africa.
- Ethics and Business Integrity in Southern Africa
- draft Handbook developed for Governments as Owners and State Owned Enterprises
- The separation of the Ownership and regulatory functions, and also Accountability and transparency in the oversight and monitoring process on SOE activities and performances.

In conclusion, the Network, discussed avenues for future work on how governments can develop ownership policies, broaden divestments and develop strategic partnerships amongst SOE's and other stakeholders encompassing not only SOE's within one country, but also through the Network countries.



Mr. Roland Marengo and Mr. Jude Commetant enrolled at the SOE Academy for training in Strengthening Oversight capacity and Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises at The University of the West Indies, Jamaica from May 11 – 15th. The academy was funded by the Government of Canada through SEMCAR - (Supporting economic Management in the Caribbean)with the active support and participation of the IMF, World Bank Group and Cartac. The academy enrolled participants from Caribbean countries including Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Tobago, Trinidad, Chile, Australia and invited Mozambique, Gambia, Ghana, and Seychelles to represent



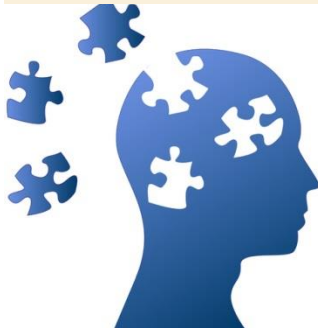
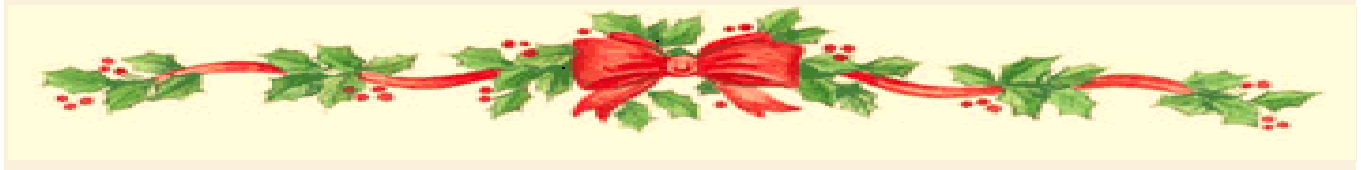
Africa.

The sessions focused on;

- Corporate Governance
- Ownership structure & Oversight
- Strengthening Board of Directors
- Management & Internal controls
- Private sector participations
- Management of Political Interference
- Fiscal Risks and Accounting
- Non-Financial Performance Indicators
- Planning & Implementation

This academy will help PEMC to implement reforms in Corporate Governance within the SOE and Public Sector with strong

support and commitments of its International partners.



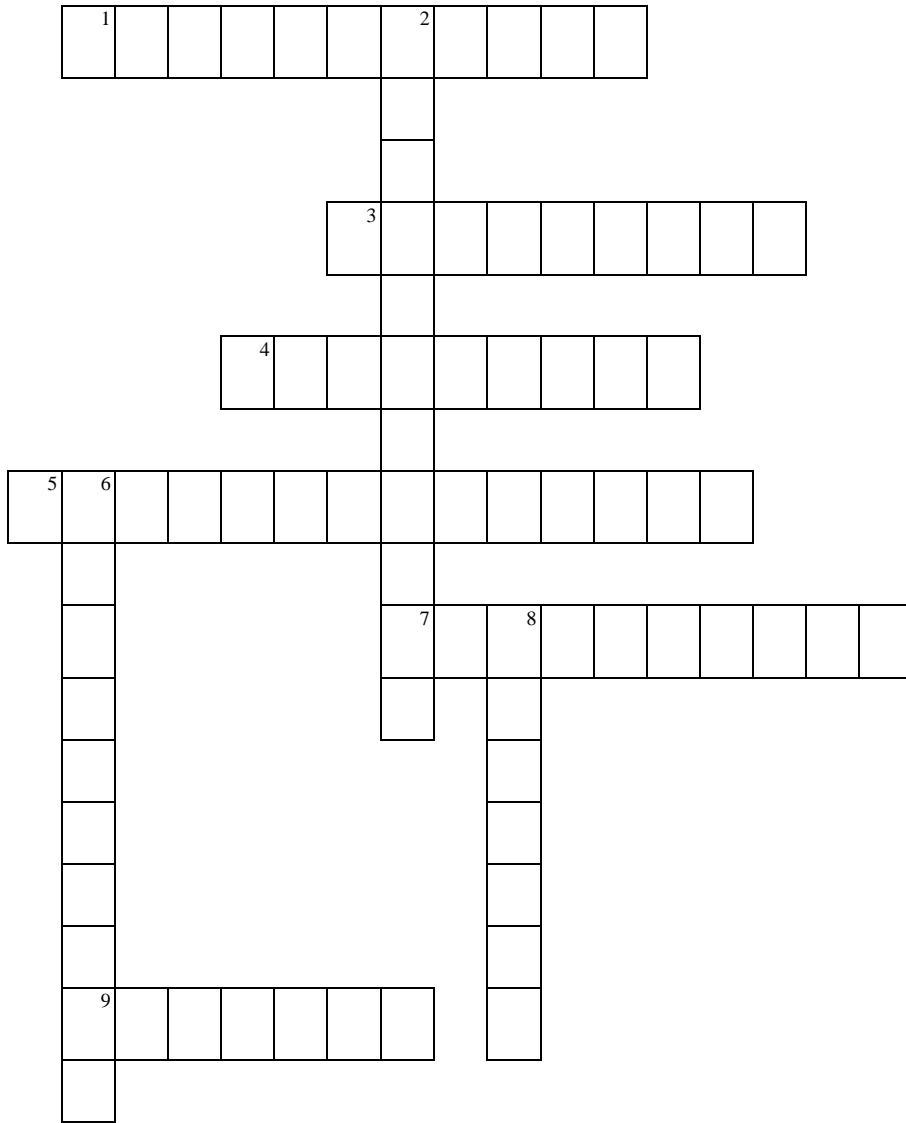
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ACROSS

1. The process of developing or being developed.
3. Successful in producing a desired or intended result.
4. The action of overseeing something.
5. The fact or condition of being accountable; responsibility.
7. A group of people officially charged with a particular function.
9. To exercise restraint or direction over.

DOWN

2. The accomplishment of a given task measured against preset known standards of accuracy or completeness
6. The action or fact of complying with a wish or command.
8. Observe and check the progress.



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