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CONTEXT

Supporting the development of accountants & finance professionals in its beneficiary countries is one of the main objectives of PULSAR Education Community of Practice (EduCoP). Between October 2019 and early 2020, an IPSAS Training of Trainers (ToT) Program for the core group of trainers from PULSAR participating countries was completed and formed the basis for further scaling up IPSAS training in beneficiary countries.

IFAC's Accountancy Education initiatives continue to drive the understanding and delivery of required skills and competencies of the Professional Accountant as we face the future. This includes the demand for sustainability services as both preparer and auditor and continuing our role as trusted advisors as the world navigates the recovery from the pandemic. In addition, as part of the introduction of IFAC's new approach to Accountancy Education, in 2020 IFAC launched its accountancy education e-Tool. This tool is designed to help accountancy education stakeholders navigate and access key principles of the International Education Standards and related implementation support including the illustrative learning outcomes for the Public Sector Accountancy Curricula.

On February 16, 2021 EduCoP launched the survey "PULSAR EduCoP progress update and 2021 workplan" among PULSAR EduCoP members. The purpose of the survey was two-fold: (i) To receive an update of participating countries' status on scaling up the IPSAS Training of Trainers Rollout; and (ii) To identify key priorities for further support within PULSAR EduCoP work.

The key objectives of this SIT are: (i) to learn from IFAC on the latest initiatives and tools related with Accountancy Education; (ii) to present the results and findings of the survey on the progress status for the scaling-up of the IPSAS Training of Trainers Rollout and; (ii) to discuss the potential priority areas for further support from PULSAR EduCoP to beneficiary countries during 2021.

LOCATIONS AND TIME

- **08:00** – Washington DC
- **14:00** – Belgrade, Podgorica, Prishtina, Sarajevo, Skopje, Tirana, Vienna, Zagreb
- **15:00** – Chisinau, Kiev, Minsk
- **16:00** – Baku, Tbilisi, Yerevan

AGENDA | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021, 14:00 (CET)

Opening Remarks

14:00

José Rezk | PULSAR EduCoP Co-Task Team Leader; Sr. Financial Management Specialist, The World Bank (Moderator for the event)

Daniel Boyce | Practice Manager, Governance ECA region, World Bank

Updates on IFAC initiatives and tools

14:10

Helen Partridge | Director, Accountancy Education, IFAC

Rania Uwaydah Mardini | Member, International Panel on Accountancy Education, IFAC

14:35

Questions & Answers

Survey Results: “PULSAR EduCoP progress update and 2021 workplan”

14:45

Patrick Umah Tete | PULSAR EduCoP Co-Task Team Leader; Sr. Financial Management Specialist, World Bank

Natalia Konovalenko | PULSAR EduCoP Team Member; Financial Management Consultant, World Bank

15:10

Questions & Answers and Quick Poll

Closing remarks

15:25

Arman Vatyan | PULSAR Program Manager; Governance Focal Point for Central Asia, The World Bank

15:30

End of Virtual Workshop

BIOS OF THE SPEAKERS AND MODERATOR

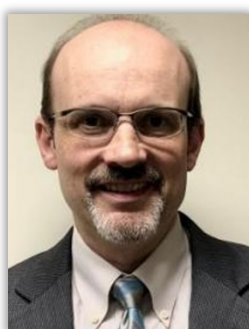
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JOSE SIMON REZK

Senior Financial Management Specialist, PULSAR EduCoP Co- Task Team Leader, World Bank

José Rezk holds a Master's degree in Strategic Management and Technology and university degrees in Business Administration and Accounting. He also holds several international certifications in accounting and auditing, including Certified Internal Auditor (IIA), Certified Information Systems Auditor (ISACA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (ACFE). José has over 20 years of work experience in Financial Management and Auditing, including 15 years at the World Bank. In his more recent role as Financial Management Coordinator for Central America, he oversaw the PFM and fiduciary aspects of the project portfolios for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. Previously, he served as Financial Management Specialist for several countries in Latin America and he was based both in Argentina and Honduras Country Offices. He has led several PFM studies including national and sub-national PEFAs, and more recently he led the organization of regional knowledge and learning conferences as CReCER and Cuentas Claras. He supported the engagement with the Latin-American Network of Government Accountant Generals (FOCAL) focused on strengthening Public Sector Accounting. His pre-Bank experience includes working for the private sector (IT industry) as well as for the public sector in Argentina. In the Vienna CFRR, José works on Public Sector Accounting and CFR related work.



DANIEL BOYCE

Governance Practice Manager, World Bank

Daniel Boyce is Practice Manager for Eastern Europe and Central Asia in the World Bank's Governance Global Practice. His unit covers 11 countries in Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Florida A&M University and a Masters and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Previously he managed the World Bank's financial management unit for Latin America and the Caribbean. Mr. Boyce is responsible for overseeing quality in the World Bank's Governance work, including operational financial management work and the capacity building activities in public sector management. Themes addressed by the Governance practice include those related to Justice

Reform, State Owned Enterprises and Public Financial Management, among others. He also has leadership of regional initiatives related to Public Expenditure Management and Public Sector Accounting.



HELEN PARTRIDGE

Director of Accountancy Education, International Federation of Accountants

Helen Partridge is the recently appointed Director of Accountancy Education at the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). In this role, she has oversight and leadership of IFAC’s Global Approach to Advancing Accountancy Education working together with the International Panel on Accountancy Education. Advancing accountancy education is integral to IFAC’s vision of a dynamic, future-focused global profession that is essential to strong, sustainable organizations, financial markets, and economies. Competent and credible professional accountants, committed to lifelong learning, underpin this vision.

Prior to joining IFAC Helen was an accountant in practice having spent 16 years in audit, advisory and audit systems design in the US and Asia Pacific. As a controls-based audit subject matter expert in Hong Kong and China, she led implementation efforts on large multinationals in the region in addition to developing education programs and facilitating courses both internally and externally when new standards were first required outside. She has also served in the controllership at a large multinational transportation company working with GAAP conversions, financial statement preparations and complex and significant transactions such as business combinations and tax planning. In addition, Helen presently serves on two not-for-profit boards as a treasurer and an auditor. Helen is a CPA licensed in multiple states in the United States.



RANIA UWAYDAH

Member, International Panel on Accountancy Education, International Federation of Accountants

Rania Uwaydah is an accomplished international consultant in the areas of international accountancy, public financial management, and anti-corruption. She is an advisor to the UNDP’s Regional Bureau for Arab States and to the Task Force on INTOSAI Auditor Professionalization (TFIAP), and she has served as a consultant to UNDP’s Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries (ACIAC) program. She is also a faculty member at the Olayan School of

Business, at the American University of Beirut (AUB), and a member of the International Panel on Accountancy Education (IPAE) that advises the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), and the Chair of their Public Sector Accountancy Education Consultative Group. Prior to this appointment, Rania also sat on the International Accounting Education Standards Board, the IPAE's predecessor, and chaired the latter's Public Sector Task Force. Between 2013 and 2020, she was heavily engaged with the Lebanese Transparency Association, the Lebanese chapter of Transparency International as an Audit Committee Member, its Treasurer, and finally its Vice-Chairperson. She started her career at Ernst & Young (EY).

Rania has several globally recognized literary contributions including a co-authored publication in the Global Health Action Special Edition, on Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability (ACTA) in health, commissioned by the World Health Organization, recent articles and implementation guidance for public sector accounting published by IFAC, and the co-authorship of a best-selling Managerial Accounting book.

Rania holds a BBA (with Distinction, 1996) and an MBA in Finance (1999) from AUB. She is a CPA licensed in California and Lebanon and is certified in Public Financial Management (CertPFM), Fraud Examination (CFE), and corporate governance (Certified Corporate Director).



PATRICK UMAH TETE

Senior Financial Management Specialist, PULSAR EduCoP Co-Task Team Leader, World Bank

Patrick Umah Tete is the Co-Task Leader of PULSAR EduCoP. He has supported public sector accounting education in PULSAR member countries through initiatives such as IPSAS Training of Trainers Program. He is currently working on the scale of the program in the member countries. Patrick also works on Public Financial Management reforms in Georgia and Tajikistan. He is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and holds an MBA from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom. He has trained in Public Financial Management at Harvard University, the University of London and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Before joining the World Bank, Patrick was an Audit Manager with KPMG.



NATALIA KONOVALENKO

PULSAR EduCoP Team Member, Financial Management Consultant,
The World Bank

Natalia Konovalenko has joined the World Bank as a STAREP Local Facilitator for Ukraine and Belarus, Financial Management Consultant in 2013. Natalia has been actively involved in accounting and audit reform, development of accounting education in a number of countries, including Ukraine, Belarus, Georgia, and Tajikistan. She has also been involved in regional CFRR activities in the area of private and public sector accounting and audit strengthening, being conducted within STAREP and PULSAR regional programs. Natalia has more than 25 years of experience in capital market development and financial services market reform in Ukraine, and more than 15 years of experience in bringing international good practice and promoting international standards in different areas of financial sector.



ARMAN VATYAN

Lead Financial Management Specialist - Governance Focal Point for
Central Asia, The World Bank; PULSAR Program Manager

Arman Vatyán, a UK and Canadian chartered accountant, is PULSAR Program Manager and a World Bank Governance Global Practice Focal Point overseeing the implementation of the World Bank's Governance activities in Central Asia including the financial management work program. He has more than 20 years of experience in leading critical financial management initiatives and reforms, including in public sector and corporate accounting and financial reporting, public internal and external audit, financial management information system (FMIS) and public internal control in 24 countries in the Europe and Central Asia, Latin America and Middle East and North Africa regions. He also leads the PEMPAL Internal Audit Community of Practice of 23 countries (since 2008) and other successful regional PFM programs. Prior joining the World Bank he worked at KPMG providing corporate governance, strategic planning, MIS, restructuring, acquisition, and privatization advice to governments and large public interest entities. He has around 20 years teaching experience at ACCA courses and as visiting lecturer at universities, regional and MBA programs.

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