

Africa Regional Training on Integrated National Financial Framework

Deep Dive into INFF Building Block 3 “Monitoring and Review”

Thursday, 26 August 2021; 14:00 – 15:30 hrs (East African Time: UTC+3)

Virtual Meeting

CONCEPT NOTE

Overview

National development plans, SDG strategies, and/or sectoral plans provide direction as to what the country’s sustainable development objectives are. [INFF Building Block 3 Monitoring and Review](#) brings together all the information required by policy makers to ensure financing of such objectives is effective. It ensures the necessary systems are in place to facilitate transparency and accountability in the implementation of the INFF and related activities and reforms. More specifically, INFF monitoring and review is about gathering data and information on three areas:

- i. Volumes and impact of financing (how much finance is available in the country and how it is allocated and invested in support of national sustainable development objectives);
- ii. Value added of the financing strategy (whether the financing strategy and related reforms are succeeding in enhancing mobilization and alignment of financing);
- iii. Overall INFF implementation (what works and what does not work in INFF design and implementation, including specific governance and coordination mechanisms).

The aim of INFF monitoring and review is to enhance coherence and compatibility of existing data and tracking systems from across different types of finance, and to strengthen their link to results. The aim is not to replace or duplicate monitoring systems that may already be in place. Rather, the monitoring and review building block can act as an ‘integrator’ by streamlining efforts (including in relation to data development plans and strategies), filling gaps in systems where they exist, and providing access to policy-relevant information across multiple financing policy areas.

Objectives

The objective of the training session is to sensitize participants on the key elements of INFF Building Block 3 on Monitoring and Review, including steps that countries can take to strengthen existing systems and processes (and to fill gaps where necessary) to ensure policy

makers and other stakeholders have access to the data and information they need to make decisions and to be held to account.

The training session will draw on the [relevant global guidance developed by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development](#) and strengthen participants understanding of the material , as well as provide case study examples from INFF pilot countries to raise awareness around steps in implementation / challenges / lessons learned. The session will allow for discussion and participant feedback to enable knowledge sharing and peer learning, and to inform the work of DESA/ UNDP/ ECA going forward.

Tentative Agenda

| Thursday, August 26th Session: Deep Dive into INFF Building Block 3 “Monitoring and Review” Moderator: UNITAR TBC | |
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| <p>Part 1: Introduction to the methodology of Block 3 “Monitoring and Review”</p> <p>In this session, DESA will provide an overview of the key elements of the monitoring and review building block, including possible action areas that countries can consider to strengthen existing systems and, where necessary, fill gaps.</p> <p>Presenter: UN DESA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A | <p>14:00 – 14:15 (15 min)</p> |
| <p>Part 2: Country Peer Learning</p> <p>This session will highlight the experiences of countries that are front-liners in relation to different aspects of monitoring and review.</p> <p>Suggested countries (10 min per country):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uganda – to present on the Budget Compliance Certificate - Benin – to present on SDG Budgeting - Botswana – to present on Zero budgeting work by UNICEF - Malawi – to present on Public Expenditure Review by UNICEF <p>Q&A (5 min)</p> | <p>14:15 – 15:00 (45 min)</p> |

Part 3: Smaller Group Discussion

Building on the country presentations and the experiences shared, this session will create the space for discussing in smaller groups the different elements of the Monitoring and Review Building Block.

The following questions can help guide the discussion in each group:

- What data and statistical systems are in place to track public and private financing? How is related information made available to the public?
- How is monitoring of financing flows and policies linked to monitoring of results (such as national sustainable development objectives articulated in national development plans or the SDGs)? Are there any gaps in existing systems (e.g. for particular types of finance)?
- Which institutions are responsible for monitoring financing flows and for reviewing implementation of different financing policies? Who are the main producers and users of data on financing?
- What constitutes 'good enough' data/the appropriate level of ambition when it comes to monitoring and review in your country context? What does it depend on? What capacities are needed, which already exist, and which still need to be built?
- What are the main challenges? How can the IATF global guidance help overcome these?

Report back to plenary – key take away from each smaller group

15:00 – 15:25
(20 min discussion,
5min reporting back)

Closing

(By moderator; handover to moderator for session on Building Block 4)

15:25 – 15:30
(5 min)