

Regional Workshop: Child and Gender Responsive Budgeting

The purpose of the training programme is to build national capacities for child sensitive and gender responsive budgeting in sectoral and national budget processes and cycles. As such, the regional and national workshop activities will increase knowledge and strengthen the standard operational practices of policy makers and social development practitioners in the OECS sub-region and Caribbean Overseas Territories on child and gender responsive budgeting.

The regional workshop will target senior civil servants in the Ministries of Finance and Social Protection for the purposes of knowledge sharing within the OECS sub-region and Caribbean Overseas Territories. The experiences in the transition from line-budgeting to performance-based budgeting with child and gender approach will be explored, identifying the current situation, challenges, and good practices of each country. In the medium term, national capacity is strengthened for advocacy on child and gender responsive budgeting in the sub-region.

Day 1

8:30am Opening Ceremony: Rights, Equity and Integrated Social Protection Systems

Chairperson, Opening Ceremony: Mrs. Almira Henry, Director, Social Policy Department, Ministry of Social Transformation

Prayer: Reverend Alister Jackson, Member, National Social Protection Commission

National Anthem: Villa Primary School Steel Pan Champions – Ms. Sandra Felix, Principal

Welcome Remarks: Mrs. Paula Frederick-Hunte, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism

Workshop Objectives and Methodology: Dr. Anthony George, UNICEF Social Policy Officer

Remarks: Isiuwa Iyehen: UN Women MCO Caribbean Programme Specialist – Economic Empowerment

Remarks: Mr. David Popo, Head, Social Development Unit, OECS Commission

Presentation: Villa Primary School Steel Pan Champions

Feature Address: Honorable Samantha Marshall, Minister of Social Transformation and Human Resource Development – “Financing Equitable Development in the 21st Century”

Vote of Thanks: Ms. Sarah Stuart Joseph, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Transformation

Session I

9:30am **Welcome and Introduction of Participants – Ms. Isiuwa Iyahen, UN Women Programme Specialist, Economic Empowerment**

Presentation 1: Introduction to Child and Gender Responsive Budgeting: Key Concepts, Scope of Interventions, Strategies, Good Practices Margarita Ozonas Marcos, GRB Consultant and **The Budget Cycle** - John Channon, CFB Consultant

10:15am: ***Coffee/Tea Break***

10:30am **Panel Discussion: The Budget Cycle - Moderated by Mr. Sean Cenac, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance**
Panelist: Dominica, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis

- a) Identify the phases in the Budget cycle in your country,
- b) Identify what are the Budget documents and Budget guidelines in every stage of the Budget cycle
- c) Identify which of these documents has been modified in the framework of the reform of Child and Gender Responsive Budgeting and/or Performance-Based Budgeting (if that is the case)
- d) Highlight good practices and challenges

12:00 p.m. ***Lunch Break***

Session II: Child and Gender Responsive Budgeting Tools

1:00 p.m. **Presentation 2: Gender and Child Sensitive Call Circulars and Budget Statement - Margarita Ozonas, GRB Consultant**

Exercise 1: Call Circular of Ministry of Finance, Government of Saint Lucia and proposals on integrating Child and Gender sensitive approaches

2:30 p.m. **Reporting of Exercise 1 and 2**

3:00 p.m. ***Coffee/Tea Break***

3:30 p.m. **Presentation 3: Child and Gender Sensitive Budgeting Tools – Tools of Assessments, Engagement and Monitoring and Tracking - John Channon, CFB Consultant**

Exercise 3: Tool of Assessment: Case Study of the Budget and Fiscal Space Analysis for Investments in Children in Saint Lucia 2014

5:00 p.m. **Reporting of Groups and Closure**

Day 2

8:30am **Session III: Child and Gender Performance- Based Budgeting**

Panel Discussions 2: “From Line Item Budgeting to Performance-Based Budgeting: Experiences with the transition process in the region” – Mr. Claudius Emmanuel, Deputy Budget Director, Government of Saint Lucia, Moderator

Panelists: Saint Lucia, Virgin Islands, Anguilla, Saint Vincent, Turks and Caicos Islands

Methodology: Discussion of the experiences in the transition from line-budgeting to performance-based budgeting with child and gender approach will be explored, identifying the current situation, challenges, and good practices of each country.

9:45 a.m. **Presentation 4: Child and Gender Performance-Based Budgeting – John Channon, CFB Consultant**

Rationale, definition, key concepts, challenges and cases studies. Indicators, outcomes, outputs: Aligning national planning and budgeting with national development outcomes, including those pertaining to gender equality and child’s rights.

10:45 a.m. **Coffee/Tea Break**

11:15 a.m. **Exercise 4: Performance Based-Budgeting and Costing and Budgeting of Gender Equality Priorities Framework Matrix - Margarita Ozonas, GRB Consultant**

1:00 p.m. **Group Work Reporting Summary: Margarita Ozonas, GRB Consultant**

1:30 p.m. **Workshop Evaluation and Way Forward**

2:00 p.m. **Closure and Lunch**