

# Asian Public Governance Forum on Local Finance:

## *Achieving Fiscal Sustainability of Local Governments*

13-14 July 2016 | Oakwood Premier Incheon Hotel, Korea

### AGENDA

#### Day 1 – Wednesday, 13 July 2016

09:30 – 10:00 REGISTRATION

10:00 – 10:40 OPENING SESSION

#### Opening Remarks (5 min)

- Mr. Park Deok-Soo, Director General, Public Governance Programme, OECD Korea Policy Centre

#### Welcome Remarks (5 min)

- Mr. Jeon Sung-Soo, Vice Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea

#### Keynote Address (30 min)

#### ***Empowering Local Governments for Improving Economic and Social Outcomes: Progress to-date and the Unfinished Agenda***

- Mr. Anwar Shah, Advisor to World Bank, International Consultant in Public Economics and Governance

10:40 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 SESSION 1 : Central-Local Financial System in Asia-Pacific Countries

Efficient and effective fiscal relations across levels of government are key ingredients for sound fiscal management. Sub-national governments are responsible for a third of public expenditure and two thirds of public investment in OECD countries on average, and growingly countries face fiscal consolidation needs and pressure from citizens to maintain the level of public goods and services. This session explores recent developments and reforms in fiscal relations across levels of government in different decentralization contexts. It aims at discussing how countries are seeking to achieve fiscal consolidation while ensuring sound intergovernmental fiscal management and what are common challenges faced by policymakers for maintaining a balance.

#### Speakers (60 min)

- Mr. Cecep Effendi, Director General, Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific
- Mr. Ahn Young-Hoon, Senior Research Fellow, Local Administration Office, Korea Research Institute for Local Administration
- Ms. Bouangeun Ounnalath, Director General, Fiscal Policy Development, Ministry of Finance, Lao DPR
- Ms. Nguyen Thi Thuy, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Finance, Ministry of Finance, Viet Nam

#### Discussion (30 min)

**12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH**

**14:00 – 15:10 SESSION 2 : Strategies to Prevent and Overcome Local Financial Crisis**

Globalization has brought about more intense competition. Countries around the world face similar problems that call for better regulatory tools, institutions and policies that help to create the conditions for entrepreneurship, sustainable employment, higher productivity and good governance. Recognizing the importance of well-managed local finance, this session features central and local level strategies to prevent and overcome local financial crisis where different governments strive to achieve proper functioning of economies in times of constant changes, protect the rights and safety of citizens through integration and ensure the delivery of public goods and services.

**Speakers** (45 min)

- Mr. Withee Pharnichwong, Senior Economist, Fiscal Policy Office, Ministry of Finance, Thailand
- Mr. Lee Yong-Chul, Assistant Mayor for Planning and Coordination, Incheon Metropolitan City, Korea
- Mr. Yanfeng Bai, Professor, Dean of the School of Public Finance and Tax, Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE), Beijing, China

**Discussion** (25 min)

**15:10 – 15:30 BREAK**

**15:30 – 16:40 SESSION 3 : Ensuring Efficient Financial Management for Local Governments**

The budgetary constraints at the central level has trickled down to sub-national level, where local governments are increasingly finding themselves with smaller grants. This has called for anew interest in checks and balances for soundness of sub-national budgeting while further increased the acknowledgement of the relationship between good governance and sound local finance management. This session aims at shedding a light on challenges for coordinating budget policies and ensuring budget consistency across levels of government for more efficient, equitable, and stable intergovernmental fiscal relations, and what are the prerequisite for creating an environment conducive to the action of local governments to be able to propose and implement financing approaches adapted to the needs of their populations.

**Speakers** (45 min)

- Mr. Hoy Vicheth, Chief, Office of Budget Management for Districts and Municipalities, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia
- Ms. Kim Su-Kyung, Local Finance Team Manager, Local Finance Policy Division, Ministry of Interior, Korea
- Mr. Niño Alvina, Director of Local Government Units Operations Service, Bureau of Local Government Finance, Department of Finance, Philippines

**Discussion** (25 min)

**16:40 – 17:00 CLOSING SESSION**

**Takeaways from the Forum** (15 min)

- Ms. Antonina Levashenko, Director of Russia-OECD Centre, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, and Ms. Alexandra Koval, Director of Russia-OECD Club

**Closing Remarks** (5 min)

- Mr. Deok Soo Park, Director General, Public Governance Programme, OECD Korea Policy Centre

## Day 2 – Thursday, 14 July 2016

**09:30 Meet in the Hotel Lobby**

**10:00 – 15:20 Visits to Incheon’s Key Project Sites**

**10:00 – 10:30 Incheon Free Economic Zone**

Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ) is the first free economic zone ever designated in Korea. The designation was made in Aug, 2003, and the construction of the IFEZ is scheduled to be completed by 2022. The zone is divided into three areas: Songdo, Yeongjong, and Cheongra. The Zone is as big as 123.8 km<sup>2</sup>, 1.4 times the size of Manhattan and 4.2 times Yeouido, Korea. When completed, the Zone will be capable of accommodating 536,000 people and 204,000 households.

**10:35 – 11:00 ifez U-City Operation Centre**

Ifez U-City Operation Centre systematically and comprehensively manages the ifez’s transportation, crime and disaster prevention, environment, and facilities management based on a ubiquitous system. The center takes advantage of IT technologies to receive public governance information from relevant institutions, thereby better responding to public governance matters and providing necessary information to citizens.

**11:10 – 11:50 Incheon Global Campus**

Incheon Global Campus is a national project established together by the Korean government and Incheon metropolitan city, aiming to innovate education system and nurture next generation of global leaders. The campus houses not one but ten global prestigious universities, including the State University of New York, the George Mason University Korea, Ghent University Global Campus, etc.

**12:20 – 13:20 Lunch / China Town**

Incheon's Chinatown is Korea's only official Chinatown. It claims to be the largest Chinatown in Korea, It is famous for the various Chinese cuisines and attractions, and is known to be the home of jajang-myeon, Koreans' favorite Chinese food.

**13:50 – 14:30 Incheon Transit Corporation**

The construction of Incheon subway line no. 2 was 98.23% complete as of March, 2016. When completed, the subway will connect 27 stations, running 29.2 km. The subway is expected to accommodate 260,115 passengers per day, with 3 minute interval during rush hours and 6 minute during normal hours. Currently 368 people under 6 teams are working for the construction of the subway. The subway is under test operation and expected to open on July 30, 2016.

**14:40 – 15:20 Incheon Asiad Main Stadium**

Completed in Feb. 2015, the Incheon Asiad Main Stadium is was the main venue of the 2014 Asian Games and 2014 Asian Para Incheon. The stadium is designed with a capacity of roughly 30,000 spectators and has a main stadium, a supplementary stadium and a cricket ground.

**16:00 Arrival to Hotel**