



CAPE – Mainstreaming Climate Change in Public Financial Management

Supporting Ministries of Finance and Planning in the fight against climate change

Despite the steadily rising need to address climate change, governments have been slow in translating their policy commitments into tangible results. This program helps Ministries of Finance and Planning to better understand and play their crucial role in the planning and implementation of climate-friendly reforms.

Rationale

Ministries of Finance and Planning can play a crucial role in implementing climate reforms since they coordinate action across government and create incentives for public and private actors through regulation, taxation and public spending. Yet, they often do not fully embrace their role since they lack the awareness, capacity and instruments to promote climate-friendly reforms. Research and practical experience at the nexus of public financial management and climate change is still limited.

Objectives and impact

This project responds to the above-mentioned challenge by: i) raising awareness of Finance and Planning Ministries on their role regarding climate change; ii) integrating climate into standard macroeconomic- and public financial management methodologies and tools, and; iii) piloting these tools and methodologies in SECO priority countries and beyond. It is expected that this project contributes to making global public financial management practices greener. Moreover, this project will contribute to the successful implementation of climate-friendly reforms in Finance and Planning Ministries in at least 5 countries.

Governance structure

The project - implemented by the World Bank - is overseen by a SECO - World Bank steering committee, taking place on a biannual basis. Day-to-day operations are carried out by two different World Bank entities: CHF 2 million are assigned to the World Bank's Governance Global Practice, where public sector specialists will use the funding to include climate-related activities in their research and project work. CHF 750'000 will be provided to the World Bank-based secretariat of CAPE, an international initiative of Finance Ministers for climate action. These funds are used to support policy dialogue and awareness-raising of Ministries of Finance.

Country/region
Global

Executing agency
World Bank

Duration
2019 - 2021

Total budget
CHF 5'500'000

SECO contribution
CHF 2'750'000



How to get involved

Ministries of Finance that intend to join the CAPE initiative can send a respective request to the Email address indicated below. Ministries of Finance and Planning that intend to implement climate-related reforms can liaise directly with their local World Bank focal point.

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