

REVENUE REFORM AND MODERNIZATION: STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE THROUGH IMPROVED ADMINISTRATION AND NEW TECHNOLOGY

A TRAINING COURSE

Washington, DC

May 12 - 23, 2008



ALL COURSE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A LAPTOP COMPUTER!

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Learn why revenue reform is critical to successful governance
- Learn the key issues in tax policy and administration
- Understand the difference between tax and revenue administration
- Develop the capacity to plan and implement revenue reform at the tax collection and revenue administration levels
- Understand the potential that technology can play in improving the efficiency of revenue administration
- Learn how corruption can be reduced and government budgets can be improved through various revenue reform strategies
- Develop your own revenue reform and modernization *Action Plan* for your Ministry, agency, or local government
- Presentations from experts and site visits/meetings with tax, customs, revenue, and technology experts on best practices in revenue reform

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“Government decision-makers and revenue administrations alike need to know about the latest trends and opportunities to reform revenue administration as a tool to improve the economy, the business climate, and the relationship between governments and their taxpaying constituents.”

*Matthew Hensley
President
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COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This course, *Revenue Reform and Modernization: Strengthening Governance through Improved Administration and New Technology* is designed to provide participants with a detailed understanding of the concepts, tools, options, and techniques of planning and implementing revenue reform efforts and initiatives. Participants will be exposed to international best practices in planning and implementing revenue reform and modernization programs through meetings and site visits with US industry experts and technology providers for Federal, State, and Local governments.

This course contains five modules that will be covered over a two-week period. Participants will be responsible for attending all presentations and site visits, actively participating in discussions, case studies and group exercises, and complete a strategic *Action Plan* to implement upon return to their organization.

COURSE CONTENT

Module I: Performing a Diagnostic Test to Determine the Objectives of Revenue Reform

- Understanding the elements of a diagnostic framework for revenue administration
- Assessing total tax revenue to GDP ratios
- Identifying tax revenue gaps
- How much money are governments losing to poor administration and corruption?
- Determining tax revenues paid voluntarily versus collected
- Assessing the current management and technology gaps

Module II: Diagnosing and Understanding the Causes of Revenue Administration Weaknesses

- Determining the key players in revenue administration
- Analyzing tax administration systems: taxpayers and taxable transactions
- Understanding customs administration: sources of funds and trade related issues
- Developing a methodology to assess current resources and technology in revenue administration
- Linking the elements of revenue administration to develop a reform strategy

Module III: Developing Organizational Reforms in Revenue Administration

- Benefits of creating independent revenue agencies
- Strategies for combining tax and customs administrations
- Analyzing the feasibility of creating functional structures within the Revenue Administration
- Creating and operating data processing centers
- Tax organization in federal and decentralized systems

Module IV: Management Reforms and Anti-Corruption Strategies

- Introducing policy reforms and simplified tax codes
- Restructuring personnel and management policies
- Outsourcing revenue administration: options and implications
- Revising tax and customs codes to reduce corruption
- Closing loopholes in tax and customs law
- Strategies to register and expand taxpayers

Module V: Revenue Reform and the Role of Technology

- Automating revenue administration operations
- Technology choices and approaches: cost/benefit analysis
- Accelerating payments and recovery of arrears
- E-Filing and the role of web-based technology
- Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in outsourcing revenue administration and customs modernization
- Ensuring that technology in revenue reform is scalable and flexible

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Government Officials from Ministries of Finance, Budget, and Economy

Officials from Revenue and Tax Agencies

Managers from Central Banks and Financial Institutions

Officials from Regulatory and Capital Market Agencies

Economic, Financial, and Technology Experts engaged in revenue and customs operations

DATE, LOCATION & COST

DATES: MAY 12-23, 2008

LOCATION: WASHINGTON, DC

TUITION: \$4,450

COURSE CODE: 1812-WA

CEUs EARNED: 6.0 CEUs

TECHNOLOGY AND LEARNING AT IP3

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