**Background**

Tanzania's Public Expenditure Review (PER) process provides a forum where working groups comprising of representatives from the Government, development partners, academia, the private sector and civil society organizations agree on an analytical agenda, guide and finance its implementation and review all outputs.

The overall objective is to improve fiscal policy formulation and management.

The three PER studies approved for 2015 are underway. These are Efficiency Gains in Infrastructure Investments; the Implications of National Accounts Revisions (GDP Rebasing) on Macroeconomic Variables and Poverty Dynamics; and the PER study on Environment and Climate Change. The PPP study which was approved in 2014, is ongoing.

For more details please see the Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP) or Development Partners Group (DPG) website:


**Upcoming Events**

16th February 2016, Government tax workshop.

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**ONGOING WORKS - HIGHLIGHTS**

The Public-Private Partnership study which looks at how resources can be used more effectively to leverage private investment, is underway and a technical workshop will be held in the third week of January to discuss the inception report.
Other ongoing studies include:

**Efficiency Gains in infrastructure Investments**
The purpose of this study is to assess the Government current position in managing infrastructure investments projects and identify weaknesses in order to achieve value for money for future projects. Expected June 2016

**Implications of National Accounts Revisions (GDP Rebasing) on Macroeconomic Variables and Poverty Dynamics**
Phase II, which will consider the implications on poverty and forecasting, is expected to be completed by June 2016.

**Environment and Climate change**
The PER study on Environment and Climate Change will examine the trends and allocation of Government spending and assess the extent to which Government spending on Environment is in line with Global and National environment priorities. Procurement is underway

All completed studies are available on the MoFP and DPG websites.

**PER 2016 PRIORITIES**

During the last meeting of the Champions Group, it was agreed that the PER should undertake a limited number (one/two) of new studies in 2016. The Secretariat is working with stakeholders to draw up proposals. It was also agreed that the PER would focus more on implementing recommendations from existing studies, rather than commissioning new studies.

The Champions also decided that the Secretariat would work with President’s Office – Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and Local Government Authorities (LGAs) to help take forward the recommendations from the Fiscal Inequities Study. The team will draft a programme of prioritized actions, including resource needs and support for fiscal analysis of LGA spending, and present it to the Champions Group. In particular, the work would address staff retention challenges in under-served areas.

Finally, the PER secretariat is looking at how it can increase its own capacity. It was agreed that in future there would be two different windows for the PER. It would retain the longer-term in-depth studies, as well as introducing a just-in-time response to immediate priority challenges. The Secretariat is also in discussion with its GBS counterparts about making closer links to GBS.

**PER Basket Fund**

We pay tribute to Sweden, Denmark and Finland for their generous contributions to the PER Basket Fund. The PER Champions Group members will seek funds for implementation of 2016 studies, as well as building technical capacity of the Secretariat.