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- Capacity Building in Public Accounting, Urška Fon Satler, Project Manager CEF
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- IMF Regional Technical Assistance, Thanos Catsambas, Assistant Director, IMF Fiscal Affairs Department, Eivind Tandberg, IMF Regional PFM Advisor, Keith Dublin, IMF Statistics Department
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Report of the CEF Advisory Board

The CEF Advisory Board met in Bled on the Afternoon of June 6, 2007.

After Richard Bartholomew from the U.S, Treasury opened the meeting, Andrej Kavcic, President of the CEF Management Board welcomed the Members.

Mira Dobovisek, CEF Director, presented the Annual CEF Report. She noted that three program areas (Responsive Program, Technical Assistance and Certification programs) continue to encompass the ongoing activities of the Center. Mira described the current finances, highlighting the increase in Slovene appropriations for CEF’s operational support and premises.

Jana Repansek, Deputy CEF Director, introduced the 2007/8 Business Plan and further discussed the Internal Auditors Training program.

CEF Project Manager Urska Fon Satler reported on the activities within the Public Accounting Capacity Building project.

Ron Myers from the World Bank described the PEMPAL initiative (Public Expenditure Management-Peer Assisted Learning) and the intention of the Bank to award a 3 year grant to CEF so that it can serve as the Secretariat for PEMPAL. This resource will generate an increase in the scope of Center’s operations during the grant period. Mira assured all concerned that it would not diminish other CEF programs and services. PEMPAL’s purposes are very closely aligned with CEF’s mission and it should fit in naturally and even enhance other programs and projects, as PEMPAL boosts the involvement of professionals from many countries in public finance improvement efforts.

Current and future IMF technical assistance efforts in partnership with the CEF were discussed by Tanos Catsambasas, Eivind Tandberg and Keith Dublin.

Several members of the Advisory Board made suggestions about ways to pursue EU and USAID resources.

The final extended discussion involved a possible change in legal status for CEF. The main purpose for pursuing this would be to make it easier for the Center to receive donor support and hire limited term experts for programs and projects. Several members of the Board expressed concern as they expect this to be a lengthy and difficult process.

(It was subsequently agreed that several members of the Advisory Board would participate in exploring the available options to make CEF an international organization.)