

## Capacity Building and Applied Research for Inclusive Public Finance in Myanmar

May 14 - 18, 2018

### I. Background and Objectives

This program is designed specifically for parliament and government officials as well as researchers from universities or research organizations in Myanmar who are responsible for designing, making, analyzing, or evaluating public finance policy. Instructors and speakers are from the Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management (FSPPM), renown regional and international as well as Myanmar experts.

The course examines policy options, with their strategic trade-offs and operational implications, for the design and implementation of public finance policy for developing economies in general and for Myanmar in particular. The course starts with the discussion on the rationale for public sector interventions such as market failure and distributional concerns. It then discusses public sector efficiency and effectiveness; fiscal balance and deficit financing; measurement of government spending efficiency. The next topics will be public resource mobilization via direct and indirect taxation, including the economics and political economy of taxation, taxation of resources, income, wealth, and consumption, tax incentives, compliance, enforcement, and reform, and domestic user charges; public expenditure policy. Finally, the course looks at fiscal decentralization and intergovernmental fiscal relations. The course emphasizes utilization of theoretical and applied techniques in a comparative context for evaluation of the impact of alternative resource mobilization and expenditure policies on efficient allocation, social equity, and economic stability.

### II. Participants

#### 1. Participants Eligibility:

**Education** – Bachelor’s degree (Master’s degree is a plus).

**Experience** – Minimum 3 - 5 years of working experience in public finance and economic development or closely related areas. Women are strongly encouraged to apply. (Preference for senior government officials- Assistant Directors and up).

**Attendance** – Applicants must commit to attend the full length of the program (five-day training course followed by a group applied research project)

**Authorization** – Written approval for attending the training course from the head of department or senior official at the participant’s workplace is required.

**Language Proficiency** – Since there will be reading materials in English, proficiency in English has an advantage for participants.

## 2. Participant Composition

Ministry/ Organization	Department	Nay Pyi Taw	Yangon	Bago	Ayeyarw a-ddy	Shan
Ministry of Planning and Finance	Planning Department	1	1	1	1	1
	Budget Department	2	1	1	1	1
	Internal Revenue Department	2	1	1	1	1
	Project Appraisals and Progress Reporting Department	1	-	-	-	-
	Treasury Department	1	-	-	-	-
Parliament	Public Account Committee Member	-	1	1	1	1
Parliament	Support Staff to the Public Account Committee	-	1	1	1	1
Research Institution/ Academia			5			
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>32</b>

### III. Faculty

#### 1. International Faculty

- Dr. Jay Rosengard (Lecturer of Public Policy & Public Finance, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University)
- Dr. Vu Thanh Tu Anh (Dean, Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management, Fulbright University Vietnam)
- Mr. Nguyen Xuan Thanh (Lecturer of Public Policy, Fulbright University Vietnam)

#### 2. Resource Persons from Myanmar: (On co-lecturing)

In addition to faculty members from Fulbright University Vietnam and Harvard Kennedy School, there will be following Myanmar experts from various institutions who will provide guidance to the course:

- Dr. Set Aung (Deputy Minister – Ministry of Planning and Finance)
- Daw Nwet Nwet Win (Director General – Budget Department, MoPF)
- Daw Si Si Pyone, (Director General – Treasury Department, MoPF)
- Daw Mya Mya Oo (Deputy Director – Internal Revenue Department, MoPF)

- U Myo Myint (Chairman, Myanmar Development Institute and Renaissance Institute)
- Dr. Min Ye Paing Hein (Executive Director, Myanmar Development Institute)
- Dr. Tin Maung Than (Consultant, Governance Expert)

#### **IV. Financial Assistance:**

The course will be fully funded by the Canadian International Development Research Center.

Participants will receive:

- Travel and lodging allowance.
- A stipend to cover meals and incidental expenses.
- Travel and health insurance for the duration of the training course.

#### **V. Contact:**

If you have any questions or concerns about the training, please do not hesitate to contact the Renaissance Institute.

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## **VI. Course Outline**

### **Day 1 (14/5/2018): The Role and Size of the Public Sector**

#### **Introduction (8:30-9:00)**

#### **Session 1 (9:00-10:30): Economic Rationale for Public Sector Interventions: Market Failure and Distributional Concerns (Jay Rosengard)**

- Joseph E. Stiglitz and Jay K. Rosengard (2015), Chapters 1
- Anthony Saich, The Changing Role of Government, Background Note for the World Bank Report on China's 11th Five Year Plan, August 2004.

#### **Coffee Break (10:30-10:45)**

#### **Session 2 (10:45-12:15): Measuring Public Sector Size (Jay Rosengard)**

- Joseph E. Stiglitz and Jay K. Rosengard (2015), Chapter 2

#### **Lunch (12:15-13:15)**

#### **Session 3 (13:15 -14:45): Market Failures and Rationale for Government Interventions (Nguyen Xuan Thanh)**

- Joseph E. Stiglitz and Jay K. Rosengard (2015), Chapter 4

#### **Coffee Break (14:45-15:00)**

#### **Session 4 (15:00 – 16:30): The Political Economy of Myanmar**

- Special lecture by U Myo Myint

### **Day 2 (15/5/2018): Public Expenditure Policy**

#### **Session 1 (9:00 - 10:30): Framework for Analysis of Expenditure Policy (Jay Rosengard)**

- Joseph E. Stiglitz and Jay K. Rosengard (2015). Chapter 10

#### **Coffee Break (10:30-10:45)**

#### **Session 2 (10:45 – 12:15): Public Expenditure Policy in Myanmar**

- Special lecture by Daw Nwet Nwet Win, Director General of Budget Department, MoPF

#### **Lunch (12:15-13:15)**

**Session 3 (13:15 -14:45): State-Owned Enterprises and Privatization (Vu Thanh Tu Anh)**

- Joseph E. Stiglitz and Jay K. Rosengard (2015). Chapter 8
- **Case Study:** Vu Thanh Tu Anh and Tran Thi Que Giang, *State conglomerates and SOE equitization in Vietnam*, FSPPM Case Study.

**Coffee Break (14:45-15:00)**

**Session 4 (15:00 – 16:30): State-Owned Enterprises in Myanmar**

- Special lecture by Dr. Set Aung, Deputy Minister – Ministry of Planning and Finance

**Day 3 (16/5/2018): Public Resource Mobilization**

**Session 1 (9:00 - 10:30): Introduction to Taxation: Taxation and Economic Efficiency (Jay Rosengard)**

- Joseph E. Stiglitz and Jay K. Rosengard (2015), Chapter 17.
- Jay K. Rosengard, “Introduction” Chapter 1 in *Property Tax Reform in Developing Countries* (Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1998), pp. 1-30.

**Coffee Break (10:30-10:45)**

**Session 2 (10:45 – 12:15): Taxation of Income, Wealth, and Consumption (Jay Rosengard)**

- Joseph E. Stiglitz and Jay K. Rosengard (2015), Chapter 21, 22, 23.
- Jay K. Rosengard, “Introduction” Chapter 1 in *Property Tax Reform in Developing Countries* (Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1998), pp. 1-30.

**Lunch (12:15-13:15)**

**Session 3 (13:15 -14:45): Tax Incentives, Compliance, and Enforcement (Nguyen Xuan Thanh)**

- Joseph E. Stiglitz and Jay K. Rosengard (2015), Chapter 18, 24
- WB (2011). Chapter 2: Tax Compliance and Sources of Revenue Leakage: Conceptual Framework and Assessment.

**Coffee Break (14:45-15:00)**

**Session 4 (15:00 – 16:30): Taxation in Myanmar**

- Special lecture by Daw Mya Mya Oo, Deputy Director General of Internal Revenue Department, MoPF

## **Day 4 (17/5/2018): Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations**

### **Session 1 (9:00 - 10:30): Fiscal Decentralization (Vu Thanh Tu Anh)**

- Joseph E. Stiglitz and Jay K. Rosengard (2015), Chapter 26
- Anwar Shah (2004), Fiscal Decentralization in Developing and Transition Economies: Progress, Problems, and the Promise, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 3282.

### **Coffee Break (10:30-10:45)**

### **Session 2 (10:45 – 12:15): Resource Transfers and Local Government Debt Financing (Jay Rosengard)**

- Ronald C. Fisher, “Intergovernmental Grants,” in State and Local Public Finance, Second Edition, pp. 202-234.
- Odd-Helge Fjeldstad, Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in Developing Countries: A Review of Issues, WP 2001: 11 (Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute, 2001), pp. 1-15. [Can be accessed for free at: <http://www.cmi.no/publications/2001/wp/wp2001-11.pdf>]

### **Lunch (12:15-13:15)**

### **Session 3 (13:15 -14:45): Regional Collaboration in Providing Public Goods and Services (Jay Rosengard)**

- John Parr, Joan Riehm, and Christiana McFarland (2006), *Guide to Successful Local Government Collaboration in America's Regions* (Washington, D.C.: National League of Cities).

[https://www.lincolnst.edu/subcenters/regionalcollaboration/pubs/RC\\_for\\_Local\\_Govts\\_2006.pdf](https://www.lincolnst.edu/subcenters/regionalcollaboration/pubs/RC_for_Local_Govts_2006.pdf)

### **Coffee Break (14:45-15:00)**

### **Session 4 (15:00 – 16:30): Intergovernmental Fiscal Relation**

- Special lecture by Dr. Min Ye Paing Hein, Executive Director, Myanmar Development Institute

## **Day 5 (18/5/2018): Fiscal Balance and Public Debt Management**

### **Session 1 (9:00 - 10:30): Fiscal Balance and Deficit Financing (Jay Rosengard)**

- Joseph E. Stiglitz and Jay K. Rosengard (2015), Chapter 28

### **Coffee Break (10:30-10:45)**

### **Session 2 (10:45 – 12:15): Public Debt and Management (Nguyen Xuan Thanh)**

- Moody's Analytics (2011). Fiscal Space. Special Report, December 12, 2011.
- World Bank (2009). Debt Management Performance Assessment (DeMPA) Tool. Available at: <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTDEBTDEPT/Resources/468980-1184253591417/GDMPPMF.pdf>.
- **Case study:** Public debt, government debt, and SOE debts in Vietnam

### **Lunch (12:15-13:15)**

### **Session 3 (13:15 -14:45): Deficit Financing and Public Debt Management in Myanmar**

- Special lecture by Daw Si Si Pyone, Director General, Treasury Department, MoPF (TBC)

### **Coffee Break (14:45-15:00)**

### **Session 4 (15:00 – 16:30): Public Finance Reform in Myanmar**

- Discussions on the Public Finance Reform Agenda for Myanmar

### **Conclusion and Granting of Executive Certificate (16:30-17:30)**