

The Political Economy of PFM Reforms Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Public Financial Management & Budgeting	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

The Political Economy of Public Financial Management (PFM) Reforms Training Course is a cutting-edge training program designed to equip policymakers, financial managers, and public sector stakeholders with a comprehensive understanding of the political, institutional, and economic factors shaping public financial management systems. This course emphasizes the critical intersection of governance, fiscal policy, and institutional reform, enabling participants to navigate complex political dynamics while implementing sustainable PFM reforms. Leveraging strategic analysis, policy design, and stakeholder engagement, the training ensures participants gain practical insights to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in public finance.

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Analyze the political and economic factors influencing PFM reforms.
2. Identify key stakeholders and power dynamics in public finance systems.
3. Apply institutional analysis frameworks to PFM reform initiatives.
4. Design strategically viable reform interventions in complex political environments.
5. Assess fiscal policy implications of political economy constraints.
6. Develop stakeholder engagement and advocacy strategies for reform.
7. Enhance transparency, accountability, and governance practices in PFM.
8. Evaluate risk management approaches in reform implementation.
9. Implement performance measurement and monitoring tools.
10. Integrate evidence-based decision-making in policy and financial management.
11. Understand international best practices and global PFM standards.
12. Navigate resistance and challenges to institutional reforms.
13. Leverage data analytics and technology to support PFM reform initiatives.

Target Audience

1. Public sector financial managers and accountants
2. Policy advisors and analysts
3. Government reform champions and project managers
4. Parliamentarians and legislative finance committees
5. Civil society organizations working on governance
6. Donor agencies and international financial institutions
7. Public administration and economics researchers
8. Consultants in public financial management and institutional reform

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Political Economy of PFM Reforms

- Understanding political economy in public finance
- Key actors and incentives in PFM systems

- Interplay of politics, institutions, and fiscal policy
- Challenges in implementing reform programs
- Case study: PFM reform in Kenya
- **Case analysis exercise**

Module 2: Institutional Frameworks and Governance

- Overview of institutional arrangements in public finance
- Governance principles and accountability mechanisms
- Role of legal and regulatory frameworks
- Institutional bottlenecks to reform
- Best practices from OECD countries
- **Case study: Uganda's public finance institutional reforms**

Module 3: Stakeholder Analysis and Power Dynamics

- Mapping stakeholders in PFM reform
- Identifying formal and informal power structures
- Negotiation strategies for reform buy-in
- Building coalitions for reform implementation
- Political incentives and resistance management
- **Case study: South Africa's PFM stakeholder mapping**

Module 4: Fiscal Policy and Reform Implications

- Link between fiscal policy and political economy
- Budgeting processes and fiscal rules
- Public expenditure management challenges
- Revenue mobilization strategies
- Macroeconomic constraints on reform
- **Case study: Ghana's fiscal policy reforms**

Module 5: Strategic Design of PFM Reforms

- Reform planning and sequencing
- Risk assessment and mitigation
- Policy coherence and alignment with national priorities
- Innovation in reform implementation
- Monitoring and evaluation frameworks
- **Case study: Rwanda's strategic PFM roadmap**

Module 6: Transparency, Accountability, and Anti-Corruption

- Importance of accountability in reform success
- Transparency tools and mechanisms
- Anti-corruption strategies in PFM
- Reporting and audit functions
- Citizen engagement in reform processes
- **Case study: Brazil's anti-corruption initiatives in PFM**

Module 7: Technology and Data-Driven PFM

- Digital tools for financial management
- E-governance and public finance systems
- Data analytics in budgeting and expenditure tracking
- Performance dashboards and reporting tools
- Innovations in fiscal transparency
- **Case study: India's digital PFM transformation**

Module 8: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Lessons Learned

- Frameworks for measuring reform impact
- Continuous improvement and adaptive learning
- Learning from failures and successes
- Knowledge management for PFM reforms
- Scaling successful reform initiatives
- **Case study: Lessons from the Philippines PFM reforms**

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert presentations
- Group discussions and peer learning sessions
- Hands-on exercises and simulations
- Real-world case study analysis
- Role-play and stakeholder negotiation exercises
- Monitoring and evaluation project work

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be done at least a week before commencement of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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