

Parliamentary Strengthening Program

One of the greatest challenges facing today's development practitioners is the lack of affordable, innovative, and practitioner-focused training on the "how to" of policy reform and proven good practices customized to local needs. The challenge has been met by the World Bank through the creation of the global Parliamentary Strengthening Program. This innovative resource offers development practitioners a virtual forum for convenient, easy, and reliable access to cutting edge knowledge and communities.

Upcoming Available Courses

Parliaments and the Budget # 1 - June 2 to July 11, 2014

Moderator: Anthony Staddon of the University of Westminster

In this course, participants will learn how legislatures ensure that the budget optimally matches a nation's needs with available resources. By providing an introduction of the main participants of the budget process this course presents a simplified and generalized outline of planning, approving, implementing and auditing expenditures.

Parliamentary Committees –September 1- October 12, 2014

Moderator: Kevin Deveaux former Canadian Parliamentarian

This course forms part of the self-paced learning program on "Professional Development for Parliamentary Staff" geared towards increasing the understanding of participants on the important role of parliamentary committees in legislature. The main objective is to introduce parliamentary staff and Members of Parliament to parliamentary committees focusing on functions, powers and procedures, needs and related issues that govern the effectiveness of parliamentary committees.

Parliaments and the Budget # 2 – October 20 -November 30, 2014

Moderator: Anthony Staddon of the University of Westminster

This course builds on the introductory content of "Parliament and the Budget #1" course by providing more detailed content relating to parliament and public financial management as well as practical examples and case studies from all regions, some of which have been provided by course participants from other e-learning courses, including the introductory Parliament and the Budget course.

Parliaments and Anticorruption – January 5-February 15, 2015

Moderator: TBC

This Course explores how corruption evolves as a part of the global, national and community framework. It aims to define the various classifications, situations, and levels of corruption as well as where it can be found, its far reaching impact, and what methods are available for hindering its progress. This course considers the role for parliament as that of a role model, legislator and representative in reducing corruption in a nation by developing budget oversight methods, building coalitions with civil society and joining international networks.

Parliamentary Budget Office – March 2- 27, 2015

Moderator: Anthony Staddon of the University of Westminster

The purpose of this training course is to build on the Parliament and the Budget module by examining in more detail the work of independent, objective, nonpartisan Parliamentary Budget Offices (PBO) and their contribution to the budget process. The course draws particularly on the work and experience of Barry Anderson, Head of Budgeting and Public Expenditure Division of the OECD and former Deputy Director and the Acting Director of the United States Congressional Budget Office (CBO). It also refers to the experiences of budgetary units in other countries.

Parliaments and the Budget # 1 - June 1 to June 30, 2015

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