SESSION 9 – Reports from “Sister” Networks: The Global Network of Parliamentary Budget Offices

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Established in June 2013, the GNPBO is envisioned to be a community of practitioners that brings together staff of PBOs, parliamentary secretariat, and external research units doing budget analysis and supporting parliamentary engagement in the budget process.


Also open to individuals and institutions that have an interest in strengthening the capacity of PBOs (e.g. knowledge experts, and international organizations like the World Bank and OECD).
The ties that bind

All countries have common budget institutions: processes, organizations, norms and traditions

All GNPBO member office have
- Similar mandate and responsibilities
- Common expected outputs
- Same issues and challenges:
  - Political pressures
  - Staff capacity: recruitment, training, attrition problems
  - Resource shortfalls
  - Information asymmetry
- Same determination and sense of solidarity
Overall Development Goal

- Convene and share knowledge around the design, functions, and practices of PBOs
- Help members to successfully implement tools, methods and practices that have been implemented successfully in other countries in their own jurisdiction.
Strategy

We will use a blend of

- **online distance learning events and programs**, such as:
  - On-line surveys
  - Video-conferences
  - Webinars
  - E-courses
  - Phone calls/skype
  - Newsletter

- **Face-to-face meeting**
  - Annual Members’ Meeting
  - Working Group Meeting

We will also establish links and collaborate with other PBO networks.
Selected Programs/Projects for CY2015

- Guideline for Operationalizing a Parliamentary Budget Office
- Cost Estimation Approach for Road Infrastructure Projects: A Step by Step Guide