

Capacity Development for Environmental Fiscal Reform

A Training Seminar for Policy Makers, Administration Officials, and NGO Representatives

Background

Environmental fiscal reform (EFR) refers to a range of taxation and pricing measures that can free up economic resources and/or generate revenues while helping to reach environmental goals. The underlying rationale of EFR is the correction of false price signals within the economy.

The GTZ sector project Rioplus is involved in various EFR related processes and has developed, in cooperation with the Forum Ökologisch-Soziale Marktwirtschaft/ Green Budget Germany (FÖS/GBG), a training seminar on EFR. The seminar is based on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Guidelines on “EFR for Poverty Reduction”. The training fosters an understanding of EFR concepts and definitions, providing an in-depth knowledge of EFR approaches in various sectors and countries as well as of the potential benefits and limits of EFR. The training is increasing the capacity of participants to discuss and design appropriate EFR strategies.

Target group

The workshop can be adapted to different target groups:

- Internal GTZ project staff - to familiarize project staff with the topic.
- Workshop with partners - preferably a mixed group bringing together representatives of relevant ministries (i.e. environment, economy/industry, finance) and administration officials (national and local authorities) as well as NGO representatives.

The workshop can be held for a group of 15-20 participants.

Duration of the EFR training seminar

The GTZ sector project Rioplus is organizing training seminars only on demand. A full training using all modules takes about three to four days (not counting translation, if this is necessary). However, depending on the

knowledge and the specific interests, the modular approach enables the trainer to adjust the course contents to the particular needs of the target audience. Therefore, the training seminars can vary. Short sessions for a first introduction of the topic are possible, as well as full trainings that last between 1 and 3 days.

Modules

- Module 1: Introduction to EFR and the EFR instruments
- Module 2: Concepts: The EFR policy cycle
- Module 3: Analysis of the economy and existing EFR instruments
- Module 4: Stakeholder Interests in the Case of Fossil Fuels and Energy
- Module 5: Environmental Infrastructure
- Module 6: Application of EFR Learning to own Country

Costs and responsibilities

Rioplus does not charge any fees for the training, but the logistical organization should be done by the local GTZ project and the fees and travel expenses for the trainers must be covered. Therefore, costs include the following components: Local arrangements (training facilities and material), accommodation for trainers and participants, remuneration for trainers (plus per diems for the days at the training location), travel costs for trainers and participants if necessary, AA for Rioplus in order to do backstopping/quality checking of the trainers.

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