



Fiscal Risk Management Mastery: Strategies for Government & Public Finance Leaders

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Course Overview:

"Fiscal Risk Management Mastery: Strategies for Government & Public Finance Leaders" is a five-day corporate training program designed to empower government officials, economists, and public sector leaders with the tools and techniques needed to assess, manage, and mitigate fiscal risks. This course equips participants with a deep understanding of public finance risk, government debt risk, and contingent liabilities. Through the use of fiscal risk assessment tools, fiscal risk matrices, and debt sustainability frameworks, attendees will learn how to implement risk-based public budgeting, improve sovereign risk management, and assess fiscal exposure in public-private partnerships. The course integrates insights from real-world case studies, including how to manage fiscal risks in government, best practices for fiscal risk disclosure, and how to mitigate risks linked to contingent liabilities and SOEs.

Target Audience:

- Finance Ministry staff and fiscal policy analysts
- Budget directors and public accountants
- Debt management professionals
- Treasury and audit department staff
- Economists and macro-fiscal specialists
- Risk officers in public institutions

Targeted Organizational Departments:

- Ministry of Finance
- Treasury departments
- Debt Management Offices
- Budget planning and macroeconomic forecasting units
- Public investment and infrastructure units
- Government audit institutions

Targeted Industries:

- Government and public administration
- Central banks and monetary authorities
- State-owned enterprises SOEs
- International development agencies
- Public-private partnership authorities
- Nonprofit and intergovernmental financial organizations

Course Offerings:

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify, assess, and categorize fiscal risks using a fiscal risk matrix
- Understand and apply fiscal risk toolkit components effectively
- Evaluate government debt risk and public finance risk scenarios
- Analyze contingent liabilities from PPPs and SOEs
- Design sovereign risk management strategies
- Apply risk-based public budgeting and disclosure techniques
- Develop fiscal risk assessments and scenario-based policy responses
- Strengthen fiscal risk transparency aligned with global standards

Training Methodology:

This course uses a blended learning approach to facilitate understanding and application of fiscal risk management. It includes expert-led presentations, case studies, group simulations, fiscal risk matrix exercises, and role-play based budgeting scenarios. Interactive sessions explore how to manage fiscal risks in government, evaluate debt sustainability, and apply public-private partnership risk models. Participants will receive feedback on scenario planning and fiscal risk disclosure reports. Online tools for assessing contingent liabilities and government guarantees will also be demonstrated. The training emphasizes peer learning, global benchmarking, and reflection on challenges specific to each participant's country context.

Course Toolbox:

- Fiscal risk matrix templates customizable
- Fiscal Risk Assessment Tool FRAT overview
- PFRAM model overview
- Templates for fiscal risk statements
- Debt sustainability simulation spreadsheets
- Governance checklist for fiscal risk frameworks
- Summary slides on sovereign risk management principles

Note: Tools are demonstrated through examples; software or licenses are not provided.



Course Agenda:

Day 1: Foundations of Fiscal Risk Management

- **Topic 1:** Introduction to fiscal risk management and public finance risk
- **Topic 2:** Classification of fiscal risks using the fiscal risk matrix
- **Topic 3:** Sources of government debt risk and fiscal vulnerabilities
- **Topic 4:** Sovereign risk management strategies and macro-fiscal linkages
- **Topic 5:** Overview of contingent liabilities and implicit fiscal exposures
- **Topic 6:** Global lessons in fiscal risk governance and control
- **Reflection & Review:** Summary of fiscal risk categories and global frameworks

Day 2: Fiscal Risk Assessment & Disclosure

- **Topic 1:** Methods for fiscal risk identification and mapping
- **Topic 2:** Techniques for qualitative and quantitative risk assessment
- **Topic 3:** Prioritization and classification of fiscal risks
- **Topic 4:** Integrating fiscal risks into financial reporting
- **Topic 5:** Fiscal risk disclosure best practices and legal requirements
- **Topic 6:** Transparency tools and compliance with fiscal responsibility laws
- **Reflection & Review:** Practical exercise on risk statements and disclosures

Day 3: Tools and Techniques for Risk Management

- **Topic 1:** Risk-based public budgeting approaches
- **Topic 2:** Using fiscal sustainability analysis in budgeting decisions
- **Topic 3:** Application of FRAT and DSF in scenario planning
- **Topic 4:** PFRAM modeling for public-private partnership risk analysis
- **Topic 5:** Structuring contingency funds and fiscal buffers
- **Topic 6:** Monitoring fiscal exposure from SOEs and subnational entities
- **Reflection & Review:** Group case simulation on risk-based planning



Day 4: Specialized Fiscal Risks & Sectoral Applications

- **Topic 1:** Debt-related contingent liabilities and SOE guarantees
- **Topic 2:** Fiscal risks in climate change and disaster response
- **Topic 3:** Managing PPP-related fiscal commitments
- **Topic 4:** Legal implications and litigation-related fiscal risks
- **Topic 5:** Foreign exchange and trade guarantee risks
- **Topic 6:** Credit risk models for state guarantees
- **Reflection & Review:** Risk heatmap construction and mitigation strategy

Day 5: Institutional Strengthening & Strategic Action

- **Topic 1:** Designing governance frameworks for fiscal risk control
- **Topic 2:** Institutional roles and inter-agency coordination mechanisms
- **Topic 3:** Fiscal risk integration into medium-term expenditure frameworks
- **Topic 4:** Performance auditing and accountability mechanisms
- **Topic 5:** Action planning for national fiscal risk strategies
- **Topic 6:** Building capacity and sustaining reforms
- **Reflection & Review:** 90-day action plan presentations and wrap-up

FAQ:

What specific qualifications or prerequisites are needed for participants before enrolling in the course?

A background in public finance, economics, accounting, or risk management is beneficial. No prior experience in fiscal risk tools is required.

How long is each day's session, and is there a total number of hours required for the entire course?

Each day's session is generally structured to last around 4-5 hours, with breaks and interactive activities included. The total course duration spans five days, approximately 20-25 hours of instruction.

What is the difference between implicit and explicit contingent liabilities?

Explicit liabilities are legally binding obligations, like loan guarantees or PPP contracts. Implicit liabilities are not formalized but arise from public expectations e.g., bailouts or disaster response funding.

How This Course is Different from Other Fiscal Risk Courses:

This course combines analytical depth with strategic insights into managing public finance risk through fiscal risk matrix development, debt sustainability framework integration, and tailored strategies for contingent liabilities. The training includes country-specific exercises on how to manage fiscal risks in government and public-private partnership risk scenarios. With case-based learning, risk disclosure simulation, and cross-country benchmarking, this course offers an unmatched opportunity to master fiscal risk management with tools and approaches used by top institutions.