

Core Learning Program on Accountable Governance
Module 2: Participatory Budgeting Formulation Exercise

Exercise Part 1: Introduction to Participatory Budgeting (20 min)

1. Identify the key actors as well as their motivation and capacity to support the PB process in your locality. (10 min)
2. What are the requisite conditions or circumstances necessary for effective implementation of PB? Do you think these conditions exist in your locality? (5 min)
3. Outline the main reasons that would encourage you to introduce PB in your local authority. (5 min)

Exercise Part 2: Implementation and Impact of Participatory Budgeting (25 min)

1. Thinking about the case study and the budget cycle of Porto Alegre that you studied today, which different steps of a PB cycle would be necessary for your municipality? (15 min)
2. What could be done in your locality to guarantee the equal participation of marginalized and discriminated groups, such as women, youths, indigenous people, etc.? (5 min)
3. What impact would you envisage following introduction of PB in your local authority? (5 min)

Exercise Part 3: Risks and Mitigations (15 min)

1. What do you foresee as risks and challenges associated with introducing a PB Program in your local authority? (10 min)
2. Describe mitigation mechanisms that can be put in place to address the risks and challenges identified above, and the actors you think should be in charge of initiating these mechanisms. (5 min)

Exercise Part 4: Presentation of Results (30 min)

1. Each group presents their most important thoughts and outcomes. (30 min)