

# Webinar on Managing Government Guarantees in Usual and Unusual Times

In response to COVID 19, governments across the world have issued credit guarantees to support individuals and enterprises. This was considered necessary to mitigate a sharp contraction in bank credit weighing on economic activity. But governments have been extending guarantees for long - often to subnational governments and public financial and nonfinancial corporations with the objective of providing them access to cheaper credit or to improve the viability of projects with significant social and economic benefits. Governments may also provide guarantees to fulfil preconditions for concessional loans from bilateral/multilateral agencies to sub-sovereign borrowers.

Being contingent liabilities, guarantees can expose the issuing government to significant fiscal risks and cause a substantial burden on the budget, resulting in large unanticipated cash outflows and increased debt. With economic slowdown, there is a greater risk of contingent liabilities crystallization. Governments would benefit from a comprehensive understanding of the risks associated with guarantees and establish a framework for their effective management.

The International Monetary Fund's South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) and the Fiscal Affairs Department (FAD) provide training and capacity development support on a range of fiscal management issues. In view of the importance of the identification, measurement and management of risks associated with government guarantees, SARTTAC is organizing a webinar on:

## **Managing Government Guarantees in Usual and Unusual Times**

**Date: October 22, 2020**

**Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (India time)**

The webinar will be presented by Mr. Fritz Bachmair, Public Financial Management Advisor at the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department and practitioners who will share their experience with governance arrangements, assessment of guarantee requests and risks, and recording.

The webinar will highlight the relevance of fiscal risks management for the region, feature insights into how governments manage risks in practice, and explore what could be a framework for systematically analyzing and managing them.

This webinar is designed for senior/middle level government officials in SARTTAC member countries. There is no limit on the number of attendees. The event is open to all government officials interested in learning about this subject and we encourage you to share this invitation with colleagues.

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Please register online for the webinar by following the link –  
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The deadline for registration is **Friday, October 16, 2020**. Upon completion of registration, you will receive the invitation link to the webinar with joining instructions.

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