

Regional priorities in Banking Supervision

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Top Banking Risks

Application of Basel Standards to non-BCBS countries

Regulatory capacity to meet technological advances Lack of timely and quality financial sector data/information Volatility in Asset Values

- Guidance on how to customise the standards to the MEFMI countries' environments - Need for frequent review of regulations to address cybersecurity risks, consumer protection, data privacy, market conduct, AML/CFT

- Regulators unable to conduct adequate methodological analysis and assessments of risks or vulnerabilities of the financial system Shocks:

- Fiscal and Monetary
- External sector
- Real sector
- Could heighten risks:
- Credit
- Liquidity
- Currency mismatches



Focus of regulatory authorities

1. Countries are **reviewing their supervisory frameworks** to adapt to the provisions in the revised Basel standards.

- Central banks have enhanced the minimum ongoing capital requirements,
- Made provisions to impose countercyclical capital buffers,
- Broadened the coverage of risk to address risks to technological developments,
- Introduced the DSIB layer of supervisory oversight.

2. Broadening of the regulatory perimeter to bring on board non-bank financial service providers like–

- Insurance companies and pension funds
- Increasing systemic importance and the role they play in promoting financial stability
- Linkages between commercial banks and these non-banks
- FinTechs,

3. Addressing **the lagging regulatory environment** given the fast evolving financial innovations

- MFI Regulation
- Cyber security

4. **Consolidated supervision** – development of supervisory frameworks for cross-border banking, cross-ownership between banks and non-banks



Capacity Building (CB) Agenda

Given the above risks and regulatory authorities focus, what should drive the CB agenda?

- Identify activities that harness the prudential, reputational and competitive benefits of the global banking standards
- Tailor Basel Standards to national circumstances
- Continuous investigation of African regulators to better understand evolving key issues and challenges; necessary actions to improve banking supervision and regulations in their countries
- Peer learning to
 - Develop greater understanding of risks
 - Improve collaboration
 - Develop greater consistency in regulatory approaches
 - Prepare Crisis management frameworks



Current MEFMI activities

- Prioritising activities to meet increasing demand amidst scarce financial resources
- MEFMI strengthening collaboration with financial and technical partners by sharing costs or using gratis resource persons from those institutions.

Regional initiatives

• MEFMI/FSI Policy Implementation Meeting on Governance and Climate Change; e-learning courses on Financial inclusion, MFI regulation

In-country initiatives in 2020

- Core Elements of Bank Supervision Reserve Bank of **Zimbabwe**
- Financial Inclusion Ministry of Finance Tanzania
- Macro-prudential regulation for non-banks National Bank of Rwanda
- IFRS 17 Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) of Uganda
- Corporate Governance and Bank Licensing issues Bank of Botswana
 BDU initiatives
- Cybersecurity courses for financial sector players Zambia, Rwanda and Uganda



Global or regional supervisory issues

- Application of the Basel standard to non-BCBS countries
- Greening the financial sector
- Addressing cybersecurity threats



