Below is a synopsis of upcoming MEFMI capacity development activities.
In-country Workshop on Fundamentals of Payment and Securities Settlement Systems

MEFMI will be conducting an in-country Workshop on Fundamentals of Payment and Securities Settlement Systems for the Banco de Mocambique from 10 – 14 July 2023, in Maputo, Mozambique. The workshop will focus on the foundational issues and emerging topics in payment systems. It is targeted at recently recruited officials in the payment systems and banking department, payment systems oversight unit, and financial markets department.

The objective of the training is to introduce the new officials to the key aspects of financial market infrastructures, the role of payment systems in an economy, risks in payment systems, and global standards for financial market infrastructures, including the emerging aspects of the payment system arena.

Click below to request for more information on this workshop.

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In-country Workshop on Fundamentals of Insurance and Pension Supervision

MEFMI will be conducting an in-country Workshop on the Fundamentals of Insurance and Pension Supervision for the Insurance and Pensions Commission of Zimbabwe, (IPEC). The workshop will be held in Mutare, Zimbabwe from 24 – 28 July 2023.
Regional Workshop on Public Debt Restructuring

MEFMI, in collaboration with COMSEC will be running a virtual workshop on Public Debt Restructuring from 24 to 28 July 2023. The objectives of the workshop are to impart knowledge to officials in member countries on available options for public debt restructuring and provide a platform for participants to share country experiences on the application of debt restructuring initiatives in their countries.

The workshop is targeted at mid-level to senior officials responsible for public debt management in the Ministries of Finance and Economic Planning as well as Central Banks.

Click below to request more information about the workshop.
Loan Negotiation and FX Risk Management Seminar

The Trade and Development Bank (TDB), the Africa Legal Support Facility, (ALSF), MEFMI and The Currency Exchange Fund, (TCX) are set to jointly conduct a seminar on Loan Negotiation and FX Risk Management from 17 to 21 July 2023, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The main objective of the Seminar is to offer participants with requisite skills for effective loan negotiation in order to ensure that governments obtain favourable funding terms. In addition, the Seminar also aims to equip participants with the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively manage foreign currency risks as well as legal risks inherent to public debt management.

The event is by invitation only.
The Business Development Unit (BDU) is the commercial arm of MEFMI through which the Institute offers capacity building beyond its traditional mandate to contribute to the development of responsive, competent, and professional staff and institutions in different fields. The BDU offers its services to public institutions, and private and civil society sectors across Africa. The ultimate objective is to support economic and financial sector stability and growth for national and regional development.

Upcoming BDU Activities;

Future of Fintech Workshop - Virtual Workshop

Negotiating Skills & Techniques Workshop - Virtual Workshop

Q2 2023 Capacity Development Activities

During the second quarter of 2023, MEFMI continued implementing the Phase VI Strategic Plan. This was done through the execution of activities that addressed client institutions’ capacity-building needs, focusing more on the priority areas identified in the Phase VI Strategic Plan.

Click below for a detailed update of activities conducted in the second quarter of 2023.

Q2 Capacity Development Activities
FELLOWS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

11th Cohort of Fellows Graduation

Eleven (11) Fellows are scheduled to graduate on 28 July 2023. This comprises 9 candidate fellows and 2 graduate fellows. The graduation will be preceded by a facilitation and skills training workshop. Follow our social media for an update on the graduation.

12th Cohort of Fellows Recruitment

The recruitment process of the 12th Cohort of MEFMI Fellows has commenced with the launch of the Call for nominations,
The 12th Cohort will cover the following areas:

**A. Financial Sector Management Programme**

- ESG and Climate change impact on financial sector supervision
- Financial Stability
- Deposit protection systems
- Sovereign Assets Management (Risk analysis systems)
- Sovereign Assets Management (Market Indices)
- Sovereign Assets Management (Performance measurement)

**B. Debt Management Programme**

- Debt Sustainability Analysis
  - Low-income countries
  - Market access countries
- Computer-based Debt Recording and Reporting (CS-Meridian and DMFAS)
- Debt Strategy formulation
- Local currency bond market development
- Debt and Climate Change

**C. Macroeconomic Management Programme**

- Gender-Responsive Macroeconomic Policy Management
- Smart Fiscal Policy for Climate Action
- Smart Monetary Policy for Climate Action
- Advanced Modelling and Forecasting
- Public Expenditure and Financial Management

Click below to apply to be a MEFMI Fellow.
I am currently the Senior Economist – Government Finance Statistics (GFS) in the Research Department of the Central Bank of Lesotho. I joined the MEFMI’s Fellows Development Programme (FDP) in 2017 and graduated in 2020 as a MEFMI Graduate Fellow. I specialised in GFS under Macroeconomic Management. I acquired intense training on different aspects of the macroeconomic environment including but not limited to GFS, econometrics, debt, and consultancy.

I gained considerable experience under the FDP, especially during the development of my Technical Paper. I acquired econometric and theoretical skills in respect of the fiscal policy effects on the other macro variables. I have managed to share my expertise on GFS within my working environment and beyond, in other institutions in Lesotho and internationally.

I participated in some MEFMI consultancy assignments including developing e-learning material on GFS as well as participating in a MEFMI in-country Mission on GFS for Lesotho that entailed providing in-house training on GFS, and compilation of fiscal data using a customised GFS tool.