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With financial technical assistance from the IDB, a contract was signed with the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (Zurich University of Applied Sciences ZUAS, School of Management and Law SML).

The Plan of Convergence to the International Accounting Standards of the Public Sector is structured.

Face-to-face meetings with the International Consultants, Andreas Bergmann and Christoph Schuler, from the University of Zurich.

- Gaps Report.
- Updated regulations, main PPE changes.
- Meetings with the different components of the SINFIP.
- Various entities of the Public Sector.

The SINFIP Regulations were issued in December 2020 and April 2021, in which the majority are under IPSAS. Standards incorporated into regulations in 2021:
- 14. Events after the reporting date
- 20. Related party disclosures
- 25. Employee Benefits
- 28, 41 and 30. Transactions related to financial instruments.

Based in

1. Analysis and preparation of regulations under IPSAS for: Combinations of the public sector(40), Social Benefits (42) and Leases (43)
3. Review of gaps, instructions, manuals, issued regulations and project progress.
4. Workshop with the SCG on the possible inclusion of sustainability information in the Financial Statements.
ACCRUAL AND CURRENT SYSTEMS

YEAR 2001
The accrual principle and the budget-accounting association concept, have been the basis for recording financial information.

YEAR 2004
The public sector tends to integrate information with the center focused on government accounting.

YEAR 2008
The basic data of the eSIGEF system are matrices of accounting, budget and payment relationships. Information can be obtained at all levels both from the governing body of public finances and from each entity separately.

YEAR 2022
The MEF currently has a very advanced computer infrastructure that works in an integrated manner. The systems are operated by all the entities that make up the General State Budget, some subnational governments and public enterprise.

- eSIGEF with the programming and formulation modules, execution and budget liquidation, accounting and treasury.
- SPRYN, compensations and payroll system
- eSBYE, system of goods and inventories.

Through the eSIGEF’s consolidation module, information is obtained monthly from the rest of the entities outside the PGE: subnational governments, public enterprises, so the consolidated financial statements of the Non-Financial Public Sector can be presented.
REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS OF CONVERGENCE

Role of the Government Authorities, GSB Entities, Subnational governments and Public Companies (Importance of the Process and its continuity).

Update of the General Catalog of Accounts and reclassification of balances to new accounts.

Internal and external training.

Purging of accounting balances for the transition to IPSAS.

Cultural change: concepts, habits.

Regulatory change for decision-making based on accounting management.

Financial Information Box
ACCOUNTING IS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF THE CONTROL OF PUBLIC FINANCES

Applicable accounting regulations according to the Organic Code of Planning and Public Finances and its General Regulation with convergence to IPSAS.

International Comparability of Financial Statements.

Good practice for the preparation of Public Finance Statistics.

Improvement of the financial conditions to obtain financing.
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NEXT STEPS

2. Review of the temporary divergences identified during the review of the NTCG.
3. Execution of the training program of Regulations under IPSAS for the years 2023 and 2024.
6. Analysis for the inclusion of future standards for the presentation of financial information on sustainability (IPSASB based on S1 and S2) and the GPRs in the SINFIP.
7. Developing the NTCG based on the remaining IPSAS during the year 2023, to maintain convergence with the IPSAS.
8. Conciliation of inventories for the initial load in the new informatics system.
10. Develop national regulations based on the updated version of GPR 3.

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Thank you