

### State of Public Financial Management Reform in the Caribbean

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# The Strengthening Public Financial Reporting and Accountability Roundtable - Bahamas, April 12- 14, 2016

- Key representatives from the governments of 20 Caribbean territories, leaders from the national professional accountancy organizations and representatives from the regional organizations
- Informed representatives on the implementation of PFM reforms, specifically on public financial reporting
- Highlighted links between government reporting, transparency and accountability, and economic growth



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- Showcased the role the accountancy profession could play in advising governments along this journey
- Opportunity to obtain an understanding of the status of PFM reforms in the region and the perspective of key stakeholders
- Public Sector Financial Accountability Survey



## Caribbean public sector financial accountability survey





#### Survey objectives

- To get an accurate and actual picture of the state of public financial management reform in the Caribbean.
- As many member countries have implemented or engaged in accruals reforms, this survey aims at gaining a better understanding of the design of these reforms, implementation challenges, and associated benefits.



#### **Survey content**

- 1. Current accounting basis & reporting standards for fin. statements
- 2. Future accounting basis & reporting standards for fin. statements
- 3. Current recognition basis for budget
- 4. Future recognition basis for **budget**
- 5. Current external audit requirements for financial statements
- 6. Future external audit requirements for financial statements



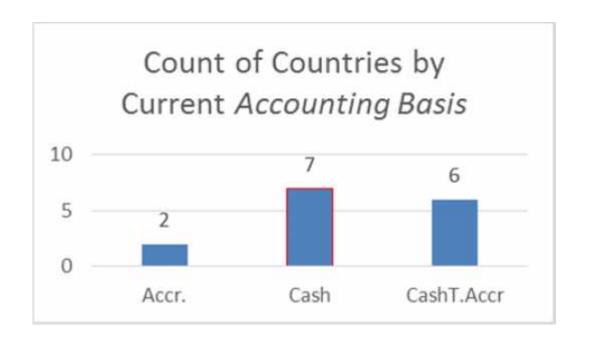
#### Survey response

- 30 responses from 15 Caribbean countries
- Hope to get the remaining 5 countries on board as well...

Draft report.

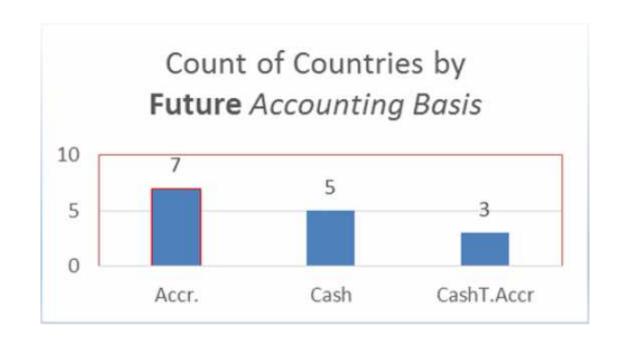


#### Current accounting basis for financial statements



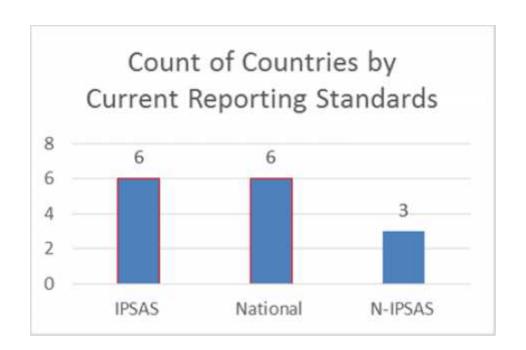


#### Future accounting basis for financial statements



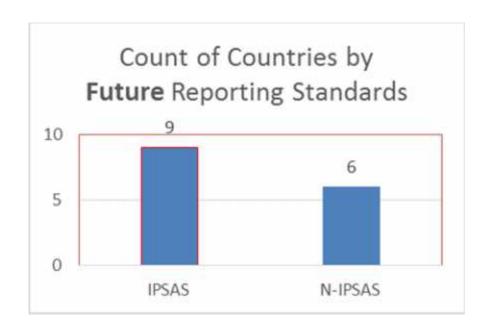


#### **Current reporting standards for financial statements**



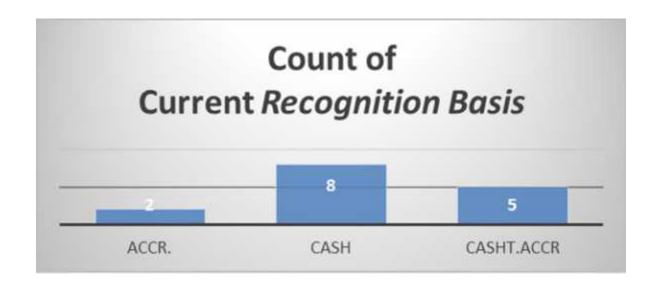


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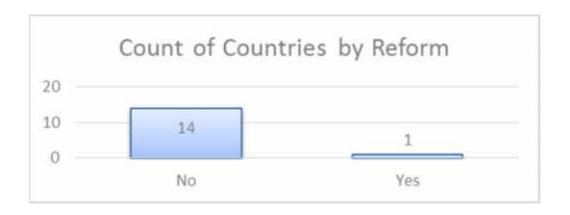


#### **Current recognition basis for budget**





#### Future budget reform?





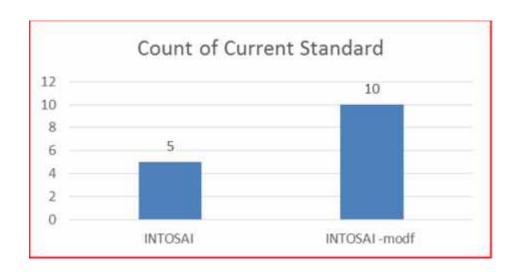
### **Current external audit requirements for financial statements**

Value	Percent	Count
External audit by government / state auditors (Supreme Audit Institution / Court of Auditors)	71.4%	20
External audit by an external audit firm	17.9%	5
Other, please specify below	7.1%	2
Financial statements for this type of public sector organization are not subject to external audit	3.6%	1
	Total	28

Statistics	
Total Responses	28
Skipped	0
Unanswered	0

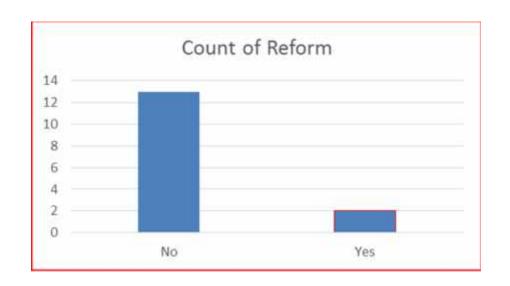


### **Current external audit standards for financial statements**





### Future change in external audit standards for financial statements?





#### What next?

- Remaining 5 countries to fill out survey
- Finalize report on survey results
- New activities to strengthen Public Financial Reporting and Accountability in the Caribbean





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