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CFO FORUM
MAF Progress
13 June 2013

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# **MAF** since Inception

- Established on 9 December 2011 in Hermanus.
- Stems from MTEC & IYM assessments <u>inconsistencies amongst municipalities</u>
   reporting.
- PT realised need for forum, ie Practice Sharing and Peer learning.
- Goal always was to seek consistency and quality in reporting by muni's.
- Since Dec'2011 had 3 more sessions and seems to bear fruit as levels of compliance increasing (IYMs at 96% Apr 2013).
- Training workshops on annual budgets schedules and budget legislation.
   Envisage practitioner training this year over 3 days, in 3 districts.
- Feedback to CFOF standing item with next CFOF on 13 June in S/bosch.
- MAF items taken to national forums ie NT's National MFMA Forum on 12/13
   Jun 13, etc.



# **MAF** since Inception

- 2<sup>nd</sup> session 23 Nov 2012 in Paarl (Theme minefield issues)
- ✓ Latest development in reforms, ie LGES formula and SCOA
- ✓ Circulars 63 on Annual Report and 64 on Revenue Management
- ✓ Unspent Conditional Grants and Roll-Overs
- ✓NT quarterly verifications and Budget Locking Certificates
- ✓WCPT circular 48 on In-Year reporting and C-Schedules
- ✓ Cash Flow reporting and
- ✓In-Consistencies in reporting by Municipalities
- ✓ Resolutions: MAF needed forum, Quarterly engagement dates Mar/May/ Sept/ Nov and to rotate.



## MAF sessions...

### ■ 3<sup>rd</sup> session on 1 March 2013 in Parow

✓ Circular 66

Western Cape Government

- ✓ Draft SDBIPS MBRR 14(2)
- ✓ MTEC 3 engagement dates
- ✓IYM Reporting in Schedule C (Lorienne)
- ✓ Accounting Standards & the AG and audit fees
- ✓ Deloitte VAT workshop (announcement)
- ✓ Resolutions: Implementation of Schedule C (like Knysna), draft SDBIPS with tabled budgets, Next agenda to have PT roll-overs process, Special adjustments budgets, Virements, Depreciation & deficit budgets, Next MAF in the W/Coast at Swartland Municipality.

## MAF sessions...

## 4<sup>th</sup> (last) session on 31 May 2013 in Malmesbury

- ✓ Developing and Managing appropriate audit evidence
- √Virements in municipalities (Circular 51/policies) CoCT practical/real
- ✓ Consumer Deposits (legislative background/implications)
- ✓ National Treasury: <u>SCOA Update</u> (presentation available)
- ✓MFMA Circular 68 (
- ✓ Provincial Roll-overs applications (and process)
- ✓ Resolutions:
- Update on SCOA to be a standing item on agenda;
- Rotation of meeting venues to continue, next in C/Karoo or Eden; and
- Legislative interpretations to be more frequently on agenda.



## **Conclusion - MAF overall**

- ✓ Very good attendance in general; (33, 47, 42, 39 officials)
- √ Very good level of engagement;
- √Topics well selected to provide stimulation and support;
- ✓Involve experts/practitioners from municipalities;
- ✓ Combination with Financial Accounting works well;
- ✓ BTO Managers still too few, more just accountants;
- ✓ Need to somehow feed into Performance Management Forum, ie link to SDBIPs or IDPs, etc.
- ✓PT conducted <u>quick survey</u> and results satisfactory.



Thank you

#### **Overall Timeline**

