Department of Finance divisional heads participated in the Write on & Write offs workshop at Vulupindi Haus.

The process of preparing all subnational accounts in regard to the write on write off activities have been agreed by representatives of the Provincial and District Finance Managers together with the divisional heads, assistant secretaries and officers of the Provincial & District Finance Management Division (PDFMD), Financial Reporting & Compliance Division (FRCD), Non-Tax Revenue Division (NTRD), Internal Audits & Compliance Divisions (IACD), Financial Management & Training Branch (FMTB) and Provincial Capacity Building (PCaB).

PCaB have hosted the workshop to enable all the divisions and other stakeholders to understand the process on rolling out the write on/off activities at the subnational level to clean the accounts in preparation for migrating all financial data into Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS).

The workshop was facilitated by Anaeli Nnko – Finance Adviser by explaining the guidelines, procedures and treatments on the accounts which will be affected by the implementation of the activities. Prior to this workshop, PCaB conducted consultation workshops in the provinces and within Department of Finance putting a case for the need for write on and write off activities on all the accounts ending September 2017. Due to the deferral of the activities that should have taken place last year, the stakeholders now have decided that the write on write off on all the accounts will effect from prior years ending December 2017. The process of write on write off is currently happening now in the provinces.

It is expected that all accounts information and the write on and off reports of each province will be delivered to the technical working committee by the end of April 2018 for vetting and reviewing before the endorsement for secretary’s approval.

Local ICT Trainers had a refresher training in ICT in preparation for the IFMS Roll out.

Enga province was the first PCaB province this year to deliver a week long ICT training to 36 provincial finance officers from the provincial headquarters and 6 districts. The training was formally opened by the Enga Provincial Finance Manager, Mr Nathan Lapakio, who stressed to the officers the need to be computer literate in order to effectively use IFMS. The training covered the following courses; Basic Computing, Introduction to Word (Level 1), Introduction to Excel (Level 1), and Introduction to PowerPoint (Level 1). In attendance were some senior officers of the province such as the Provincial Election Manager – Anton Lamau, Laigam/Pogera District CEO – Kevin Yati, Wabag Urban District Finance Manager – Dick Yupesa, and Wapenamanda District Accountant – Christina Peter. The training was a challenge as most of the attendees lacked basic computing skills, however at the end of the training, officers were appreciative and provided positive feedback of the knowledge acquired. PCaB was urged by Mr Lapakio to deliver more training to the Provincial Administration management team consisting of the divisional directors. Our Enga PDSA, Mrs Delilah Warbat is now working to disseminate and collect TNA forms from the management team in order for the ICT training team to analyse and plan for the second round of training in Enga.