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LINKAGES BETWEEN PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES (PACs)
AND SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS (SAIs) IN CURBING IFF

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Discussant's Thoughts

- Can PACs address all forms of IFF?
- Need to think out of the box to curb IFF.
- Which are the critical areas to be addressed?
- Which key steps should be taken to address IFF?

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Reinforce financial integrity and transparency (full disclosure in income declaration and institutional & legislative frameworks)
- Systemic audits to address loopholes in taxation.
- The role of ethics/religion/attitude in curbing IFF. Is there need to introduce matter of financial management, corruption, IFF in the school curriculum?
- Does Parliament abet IFF? Parliamentary vs Presidential systems of government. The issue of independence of Parliaments/PACs when ruling parties dominate membership in parliamentary committees.

Recommendations...cont'd

- Need for roundtable discussions with other countries to share experiences
- Strengthen donor relationships to ensure transparency and accountability.
- Value for money audits to check performance of government departments
- Strengthen internal audit units in all government ministries and departments
- Strengthen forensic and IT auditing
- PAC should be more proactive in making legislative recommendations to seal loopholes

Recommendations...cont'd

- PACs should play a key role in ensuring that SAIs have full access to all information
- Need for legislation to ensure SAIs have access to information from private companies.
- SAIs should undertake risk analysis specific to their countries.
- PACs should demand focus on audit of revenues
- Review legislation governing the working of PACs
- Ensure enforcement of SAIs recommendations

Recommendations

- Enhance/strengthen revenue authorities to keep private companies in check;
- Involve civil societies in curbing IFF