

## Preliminary Programme

### **CIGAR Network WORKSHOP, 2026, and the 6<sup>th</sup> IPSASB Research Forum**

**Workshop title: Financialisation and measurement in public sector financial reporting and management accounting**

**Venue: University of Malta Valletta Campus**

**Date: Tuesday June 23, 2026**

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and refreshments
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Official welcome</b> The Rector of the University of Malta Dean of FEMA Head of Department of Accountancy Chair of the Workshop Chair of CIGAR
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Plenary address</b> Mr Charles Deguara, Auditor General
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Plenary address</b> Professor David Heald
11:00 – 11:30	Refreshment break
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Parallel sessions – of two papers each (including one session in hybrid mode, using Zoom as a platform)</b>

12:30 – 13:30	Buffet Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Parallel sessions – of three papers each</b>
15:00 – 15:30	Refreshment break
15:30 – 17:00	<b>Parallel sessions – of three papers each</b>
17:00 – 17:15	<b>Forthcoming book in the Palgrave PSFM series:</b> presentation by Gorana Roje and Vesna Vasicek: PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL, SOUTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE-Accounting, Reporting, Auditing and Control
17:15 – 18:15	Plenary: <b><i>AI in Public Sector Accounting Research</i></b> - A dialogue between a journal editor, reviewer and a young scholar
18:30 -	Workshop dinner

**Date: Wednesday June 24, 2026**

09:00 – 10:15 Plenary roundtable discussion, Chaired by Prof. Dr Jens Heiling:  
***Sustainability Reporting and standard setting***

Public sector sustainability reporting is moving from an emerging practice toward more formalised approaches, driven by growing expectations for transparency, accountability, and decision-useful information. This panel aims to take stock of the current landscape and explores emerging trajectories that are likely to shape sustainability reporting across governments and public entities.

Participants of the Panel:

- Arman Vatyán, PEMPAL Program Leader, PULSAR Program Manager, the World Bank
- Ross Smith, Technical Director IPSASB
- Sabine Schuehrer, Australian Accounting Standards Board (Working title of presentation: Empirical findings on the information needs of users of sustainability reporting in the public sector).
- Francine Pace Caruana, Director Sustainable Development, the Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Public Cleanliness
- Charles Deguara, Auditor General, the National Audit Office.

10:15 – 10:30 Refreshment break

10:30 – 11:30 **Parallel sessions – of two papers each (including one session in hybrid mode, using Zoom as a platform)**

11:30 – 12:00 **CIGAR-PMM Annual Issue:** Andreas Bergman, Michaela Lavender and Marco Bisogno

12:00 – 12:30 **Plenary Session – CIGAR Assembly**

12:30 – 13:30 Buffet Lunch

13:30 – 15:00      **The 6<sup>th</sup> IPSASB Research Forum\_part 1**

15:00 – 15:30      Refreshment break

15:30 – 18:00      **The 6<sup>th</sup> IPSASB Research Forum\_part 2**