

**Fifth SPI Committee Meeting
November 13, 2007
Decisions and Follow-up Actions**

Projects	Main Follow-Up Actions July 25, 2007 SPI Committee Meeting	Decisions November 13, 2007 SPI Committee Meeting	Main Follow-Up Actions November 13, 2007 SPI Committee Meeting
SPI 2007 Projects			
Finalized Projects			
Stress Testing	The stress testing project will be considered finalized once the information sharing session between NBR and banks takes place.	SPI Committee welcomes the initiation of an effective dialogue between the NBR and the credit institutions on the methodologies and practices of stress testing on the occasion of the Round Table with banks.	SPI Committee encourages the NBR and the credit institutions to continue building on this cooperation, which could be beneficial to both stakeholders.
Consumer Financial Education	The project management team supported by the SPI Secretariat will undertake the necessary actions in order to achieve projects' objectives by end of 2007.	SPI Committee endorses the broad strategy, in compliance with the national consumer protection strategy, and the set of concrete measures to promote consumer financial education during 2008 by SPI institutions.	The SPI Committee will support the implementation of the proposed measures and invites relevant stakeholders to get involved in promoting financial education.
Progress Reports			
Lending Databases and MiFID	For the lending databases project, the SPI Committee looks forward to the RBA decision to revamp the project management team. Regarding MiFID, SPI Secretariat will start assembling the project working group, prepare the TOR, and initiate the project activities to ensure project completion by end of 2007.	SPI Committee notes the progress made on these two important projects and expects the finalization of the Lending Databases and MiFID Implementation projects by end 2007.	SPI Committee encourages the Lending Databases project working group to get more actively involved in the preparation of the final recommendations. RBA will designate a new project owner to coordinate the activities of the project working group.

IFRS Provisioning Impact Assessment	SPI Committee asks MEF to lead Tax RIA PWG to examine options regarding the fiscal treatment of IFRS provisions. Banks will provide background information via questionnaires to be sent by NBR.	SPI Committee takes note of the preliminary findings of the public-private RIA working group impact assessment study, suggesting that deferred implementation of IFRS provisions would be in line with market preparations of fully compatible internal models and will minimize negative tax impact.	SPI Committee encourages the validation of the findings with the members of the RIA PWG and the finalization of the overall project by December 2007. The final impact assessment study will be sent to MEF in order to support the decision on the fiscal treatment of IFRS provisions.
Data Protection	SPI Committee encourages the various stakeholders to fine tune the performance of the credit bureau system based on the findings of the dialogue with the NASPDP and NACP. NBR representatives will meet with NASPDP to clarify provisions of EGO no. 99/2006 pertaining to personal data processing.	SPI Committee takes note of the progress in the dialogue with NASPDP and NACP on personal data protection issues.	The SPI Committee encourages the project working group to come to a conclusion, striking a balance between personal data protection needs and efficient and informative credit information systems.
Letters of Guarantees	The project management team supported by the SPI Secretariat will undertake the necessary actions in order to achieve projects' objectives by end of 2007.	SPI Committee notes the progress achieved in designing a legislative framework for bank letters of guarantee.	SPI Committee will support the project working group (PWG) in promoting the final legislative proposals with the Ministry of Justice after full discussion of the proposal by the SPI PWG.
Enactment Monitoring			
2007 Projects under implementation	SPI Committee members will seek MoJ support in the legislative enactment process. SPI Committee is asking MEF feedback on enactment procedures.	SPI Committee notes the endorsement by MEF of the proposed enactment procedures, which should speed up the promoting of future SPI legislative proposals.	The SPI Committee will continue to monitor the enactment of the legislative proposals on Debit Instruments, AML, Goods Safety and implementation of the proposed Bank Ombudsman and Rural Lending solutions.
2008 SPI Program			
2008 Pipeline and approval of two projects	SPI Secretariat to engage in broad consultations in September.	SPI Committee commends the preparation by the SPI Secretariat of a first long list of public-private SPI projects eligible for 2008.	SPI Committee asks the SPI Secretariat to start early work on 2008 Structural Lending and AML Database projects and to prepare a final proposed list for 2008.
Administrative Arrangements	SPI Committee will ensure the timely implementation of the proposed administrative arrangements.	SPI Committee notes the progress with SPI transition to RBI arrangements.	SPI Committee will support needed legislative amendments. SPI Committee will ask the RBI to speed up work on SPI Secretariat integration into RBI. Also, SPI Committee instructs the Migration Team to modify the procurement guidelines and to prepare a more detailed budget for SPI 2008 Program.
SPI-RBA-NBR Interface		SPI Committee notes effort to create a transparent cooperation framework.	SPI Committee will approve this framework in December 2007 as part of the RBI arrangements.