EVALUATION OF WHERE MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD BE WITH THE MSCOA PROJECT AND THE OVERSIGHT ROLE FOR COUNCILLORS
There is no big secret in life/ work/ mSCOA. Whatever you dream, it is achievable, if you are prepared to work.

✓ Where are we now?

✓ Where should municipalities be now?

✓ How should councillors oversee mSCOA?

✓ Where are we heading?
SHAPE OF mSCOA

**S** – Shared vision to achieve mSCOA compliance

**H** – Heads, Hearts, Hands, changing the face of Local Government

**E** – Excitement, energy, experience, exertion... eventual success

**A** – Assessing where we are, where we need to go, what will get us there?

**P** – Piloting has been concluded and now everyone needs to implement

278 municipalities fully mSCOA compliant
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

✓ Chart – Version 6 to be issued
✓ Pilot Team – Concluded, Tender issued, Circular 57 replaced
✓ LG Database – 16 Municipalities’ data strings uploaded and tested
✓ Training Team – 65 Sessions, 2 000 individuals, IMFO agreement
✓ Change Team – 6 Team members appointed, 3 to follow

Connect the dots……. How can I make a difference?
Transformation is everyone’s business – are you doing enough?

- Project structure – Governance
- 9 Work streams, 15 Business processes
- Training
- mSCOA Circulars
- ICT Assessment
- Self Assessment

If it is to be, it is up to me…
All municipalities, at this point in time should already have:

- Attended awareness training and non-accredited training, provided by National Treasury
- Unpacked the current chart and compared this with the mSCOA chart, in preparation for the new budget cycle
- Reviewed the current business processes, policies, procedures and the impact of mSCOA thereon, in preparation for alignment with mSCOA
- Started with data purification and clearing of suspense accounts
- Change management and broader stakeholder communication
- Update their Project Management – and Costing skills, as well as the methodology currently followed by the municipality
- Started unpacking the IDP into capital and operational projects
- Assessed the ICT environment and submitted the questionnaire (mSCOA circular 2)
- Completed and submitted the readiness self assessment
How should councilors oversee mSCOA?

Don’t wait for the perfect moment, seize the present and make the most of it:

- Project Plan
- Risk Register
- Milestone Report
Where are we heading?

Five-year strategy

IDP

Budget

Three-year budget

SDBIP

Annual implementation plan

In-year reporting

Implementation monitoring

Annual Financial Statements

Accountability reporting

Annual report

Oversight report

**Accuracy of information depends on:**
- Organisational structure aligned to basic services
- Sound municipal policies, processes and procedures
- Standard chart of accounts for municipalities
If this is MY last day, what would I be busy doing?

AND YOU?

I would be making a difference in Public Sector Finance, and the rest will come.....
Thank You!

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