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# Informal Workshop on the SIOFA CCPs Compliance Report Template

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<b>Abstract</b>	
<p>Following the recommendation and endorsement by the CC08 and MoP11, respectively, the SIOFA Secretariat facilitated an Informal Workshop on the SIOFA CCPs Compliance Report Template (CCRT-W). The workshop was complemented by a <b>Guidelines for Completing the New SIOFA CCPs Compliance Report Template</b>. The CCRT-W provided an informal platform for SIOFA Contracting Parties (CCPs) to exchange views and seek clarifications on the new CCR Template. The key objectives of the informal workshop were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To present the new CCPs Compliance Report (CCR) Template</li><li>• Ensure the preparedness of CCPs for the use of the new template</li><li>• Ensure a Smooth transition to the new template</li><li>• Kick –off one-on-one campaign with CCPs</li></ul> <p>Participants also reviewed practical challenges encountered during the reporting process and proposed potential refinements to the template. The informal workshop was held virtually on 04 March 2025 and saw the participation of 28 participants from 9 CCPs</p> <p>The report of the meeting is annexed (Annex 1) to this working paper.</p>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That the Compliance Committee <b>notes</b> the outcomes of the Informal Workshop on the SIOFA CCPs Compliance Report Template</li></ul>	

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# Report of the Informal Workshop on the SIOFA CCPs Compliance Report Template (CCRT-W)

Virtual

04 March 2025

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## Agenda item 1 – Opening of Workshop

1. The Compliance Officer, Mr. Johnny Louys, welcomed the participants and opened the workshop.
2. The list of registered participants is included in Annex A.

## Agenda item 2 – Administrative Arrangements

### 2. a). Adoption of Agenda

3. The agenda was adopted (Annex B).

### 2. b). Appointment of rapporteurs

4. The Workshop agreed to appoint the Secretariat as rapporteur.

## Agenda item 3 – Presentation of the New CCR Template

5. The Compliance Officer opened the presentation by outlining the objectives of the workshop, which were:
  - The presentation of the new CCPs Compliance Report (CCR) Template
  - Ensure preparedness of CCPs for new template
  - Ensure a Smooth transition to the new template
  - Kick-off one-on-one campaign with CCPs
  - CCPs may seek clarification on the template

The meeting participants were provided with the *Guidelines for Completing the New SIOFA CCPs Compliance Report Template* prior to the workshop.

6. The Compliance Officer presented the new CCR Template, offering a detailed background on its development, objectives, principles, and the various elements included in it. The presentation included an overview of the SIOFA Compliance Monitoring Scheme (SIOFA CMS), explaining its purpose and how it aligns with the new reporting structure, followed by the guidelines for completing the template, focusing on accuracy and consistency in reporting. Participants were walked through the structure and sections of the template, highlighting the required fields and best practices to follow while filling out the template.
7. The participants were also presented with the various tools in the template to streamline reporting while maintaining a high standard for collecting data required for the annual compliance assessment.
8. The Compliance Officer highlighted some examples of errors frequently made by CCPs when completing their CCR. These include submitting information related to obligations using the incorrect assessment period and assigning preliminary self-assessments for obligations using incorrect compliance statuses.
9. The workshop participants were informed that the Secretariat is available to provide one-on-one consultations to assist with any questions or clarifications related to completing the Compliance Report (CCR). These consultations will be available until the deadline for submitting the CCR (1 May 2025), ensuring that participants have the necessary support to complete their reports accurately and on time.
10. Workshop participants noted the presentation by the Compliance Officer and welcomed the new and improved CCR template.

## Agenda item 4 – Q&A

11. There were no further queries from CCPs.

## Agenda item 5 – Close of Meeting

12. The workshop was closed at 07:45hrs UTC.
13. The report was adopted via correspondence on 21 March 2025.

## Annex A – List of Registered Participants

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## **Annex B – Adopted Agenda for the Informal Workshop on the SIOFA CCR Template (CCRT-W)**

1. Opening of the Informal Workshop
2. Administrative Arrangements
  - a) Adoption of Agenda
  - b) Appointment of Rapporteur (Secretariat)
3. Presentation of the New CCR Template
4. Q&A
5. Close of Meeting