The legal and institutional framework is an important element of debt management. In particular an efficient institutional structure should have:

- Clear institutional and departmental responsibilities that are defined in law covering all executive, management and technical functions,
- Comprehensive provisions (including regulations) for the supply and flow of information and data,
- Comprehensive provisions (including regulations) requiring the evaluation and audit of debt management units,
- Clear co-ordinating mechanisms at political and technical levels
- Legislation and implementation circulars defining the parameters for debt contraction, guarantees and servicing

While experience across many countries indicates there is no superior framework, DFI has compiled information on best practices for legal framework , institutional arrangements and co-ordination structures
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To assist countries evaluate the quality of their legal and institutional arrangements, DFI in collaboration with its regional partners has developed an assessment methodology . Under the HIPC Capacity Building Programme, DFI has had extensive experience of assisting countries strengthen their legal and institutional capacities, as discussed in
CBP Shows Improved HIPC Debt Management Capacity Since 2002
and
Assessing HIPC Capacity: CBP and IDA Compared
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The World Bank has recently developed a Debt Management Performance Assessment Tool (DEMPA) .

Latest work DFI carried out in this area:

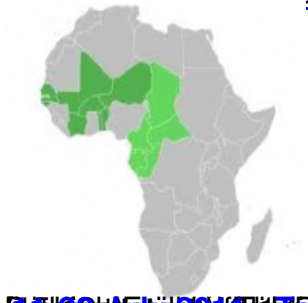
10-20 November 2012 - DeMPA Mission to Kosovo

A joint mission of the World Bank and DRI visited Pristina, Kosovo to evaluate the country's debt management, based on the DeMPA methodology elaborated by the BWIs. As part of the review, the mission held meetings with all the institutions involved in debt management. A draft report has been prepared which has been sent for peer review before being submitted to the country's authorities within the forthcoming weeks.

9-18 April 2012 - DeMPA Mission in Niger

A joint mission of the World Bank and DRI visited Niamey to evaluate the country's debt management, based on the DeMPA methodology elaborated by the BWIs. As part of the review, the mission held meetings with all the institutions involved in debt management. A draft report has been prepared which has been sent for peer review before being submitted to the country's authorities within the forthcoming weeks.

9-17 April 2012 - DFI in Burundi for a DeMPA Mission



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