



DFI facilitated and [presented](#) at a public conference and training seminar for central and decentralised government officials, thinktank policy experts and civil society representatives on Fiscal Space and Budget Planning, funded by Oxfam Vietnam and the Budget Training and Analysis Programme. Participants examined the availability of fiscal space in Vietnam, concluding that it mostly depends on increasing collection of income taxes and innovative taxes.

They also analysed their capacity-building needs to implement medium-term budget planning at central and decentralised levels, as well as to accompany this with programme or results-based budgeting. At the end of the seminar, the main request from participants was for much more detailed, hands-on training and technical support to build Vietnam's own medium-term programme-based budgets, and increase fiscal space.