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Good Governance for Economic Resilience

High-Level Seminar: Building Robust Governance Frameworks

December 3, 2024 – Cairo, Egypt

Agenda

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration and Welcome Coffee |
| 09:00 - 09:15 | Introductory Remarks , Katherine Baer, Deputy Director, FAD |
| 09:15 – 10:15 | Governance—The IMF’s Framework for Enhanced Engagement This session will present the 2018 Governance Framework to emphasize the IMF’s engagement on governance and anti-corruption issues. It will showcase how IMF Capacity Development supports member countries in their effort to strengthen governance and reduce corruption, and how METAC countries benefit from this exercise. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joel Turkewitz, Deputy Division Chief, Legal Department, IMF• Nabila Akhazzan, Senior Economist, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | Coffee Break |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | Strengthening Governance Throughout the PFM Cycle This session will explore governance vulnerabilities in various stages of the PFM cycle, highlighting key findings from the region and offer concrete strategies for prevention and mitigation. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carolina Rentería, Chief of Public Financial Management Division 1, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF |
| 11:45 - 12:45 | Promoting Fiscal Transparency for Accountability and Effective PFM This session will draw on key insights from the 2023 Open Budget Survey underscoring the governance challenges in fiscal transparency within the MENA region. The panel discussion will feature countries’ transparency efforts and how the IMF and other partners support their fiscal transparency practices. Moderator: Katherine Baer , Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF |

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| | <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emad Emam, Senior Program Officer, Internal Budget Partnership • Sara Eid, Head of the Fiscal Transparency and Citizen Engagement Unit, Ministry of Finance, Egypt • Mohammad Al Oqaily, Director of Studies, General Budget Department, Ministry of Finance, Jordan |
| 12:45 - 14:15 | Lunch |
| 14:15 - 15:15 | <p>Corruption as a Macro-Critical Challenge</p> <p>This session will highlight the importance of understanding the nature and severity of corruption. It will explore methods to identify governance weaknesses and corruption vulnerabilities that have significant macro-economic implications and ways to design effective anti-corruption responses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmanuel Mathias, Division Chief, Legal Department, IMF <p>Discussion moderated by Joel Turkewitz, Deputy Division Chief, Legal Department, IMF</p> |
| 15:15 – 16:15 | <p>Strengthening governance by confronting corruption: A new METAC workstream</p> <p>This session will discuss the IMF's approach in collaborating with member countries to advancing structural reforms related to governance and anti-corruption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmanuel Mathias, Division Chief, Legal Department, IMF <p>Discussion moderated by Joel Turkewitz, Deputy Division Chief, Legal Department, IMF</p> |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zeine Zeidane, Deputy Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF |