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### High Level Outreach Event for Three Fragile and Conflict States in METAC Region February 9-10, 2023

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is organizing a high-level outreach event on revenue administration for three METAC member countries (Iraq, Libya, and Yemen) in Amman, Jordan, during February 9-10, 2023. The primary objective of the event is to re-enforce capacity development (CD) engagement. The event will be delivered by IMF staff with extensive knowledge and background on the region. Simultaneous translation Arabic/English will be available.

The event addresses Ministers of Finance and Commissioners of the tax and customs administrations. The event will (i) review the revenue mobilization CD provided; (ii) discuss the challenges which your administrations are facing in the technical, political, and financial areas; (iii) determine revenue administration CD needs and priorities, and how the IMF could best provide assistance; (iv) foster high-level reform ownership; (v) understand reform implementation risks; and (vi) facilitate communication.

The IMF is stepping up its engagement with Fragile and Conflict-Affected States (FCS) through a new FCS Strategy to provide well-tailored, robust, and longer-term support to its most vulnerable member countries. The region's FCS face particular challenges in mobilizing tax revenue. Their tax-to-GDP ratios average just eight percent, well below those of FCS in other regions and insufficient to cover critical social and development needs. There is scope to gradually raise tax revenue through strengthened revenue administration, while supporting resilient and inclusive economic growth.