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## **Regional Workshop on Macro-Fiscal Planning**

**October 9 – 12, 2023**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) 's Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC) and the Middle East Center for Economics and Finance are jointly organizing a regional workshop on "Macro-Fiscal Planning" in Kuwait, during October 9-12, 2023.

**Target Audience:** Mid- to senior-level officials in ministries of finance (or economy), from their macro-fiscal units and budget departments; as well as (research) departments from central banks.

**Qualifications:** Participants are expected to have experience and basic background in economic and fiscal policy and budgeting; and have basic proficiency with Excel. This is an in-person only course.

**Language:** The course is conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into Arabic.

**Course Description:** The four-day course presented by the Middle East Technical Assistance Center (METAC) aims at bringing together mid- to senior-level officials of ministries of finance and central banks from countries in the region to enhance their understanding as well as share practical experiences in macro-fiscal planning. The course will:

- Provide an overview of the main elements of fiscal forecasting and its macroeconomic linkages;
- Explain the features of a medium term-fiscal framework (MTFF) and its role for budgeting and fiscal policy;
- Discuss options to strengthen the macro fiscal function and its institutional underpinnings.
- The course will contain both lectures and case studies conducted in groups for an interactive peer exchange. This will require the active collaboration of participants to share experiences and provide inputs.

**Course Objectives:** Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Understand the key elements of the macro fiscal function, the role of a macro fiscal unit, and coordination with other departments at the ministry of finance and the central bank;
- Think more strategically and comprehensively about fiscal policy and budgeting, within a medium-term fiscal and economic framework;
- Understand the basic operating features of tools to assess revenue, expenditure and financing policies.

**Registration:** Please register using by this [link](#) before **August 3, 2023**.

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