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A Low-Carbon Future for the Middle East and Central Asia: What are the Options?

IMF METAC and the IMF Middle East and Central Asia Department (MCD) are organizing a webinar on the “A Low-Carbon Future for the Middle East and Central Asia: What are the Options?”.

DATE: February 12, 2024

TIME: 4:00 p.m.– 4:45 p.m., Beirut time. (See time in your city [HERE](#))

LANGUAGE: English with simultaneous interpretation to Arabic and French

PRESENTERS: Ling Zhu, Senior Economist at the Middle East and Central Asia Department and Gareth Anderson, Economist at the Middle East and Central Asia Department.

REGISTER: https://imf.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HXpssywZRg-qWzTF6exDTw

NOTE: There is no limit on the number of participants from your organization/institution. This webinar is intended for officials and government agencies tasked with the design and execution of policies related to macroeconomics and climate change issues as well as NGOs and civil society organizations dealing with climate topics.

Abstract

Nearly all countries in the Middle East and Central Asia have pledged to contain greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as part of the Paris Agreement. Achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement is of paramount importance both globally and for the region, which is among the most vulnerable to the economic and social impacts of climate change. This webinar is part of METAC's event series on the Economics of Climate Change. It illustrates how the region's Paris Agreement pledges fit into the global mitigation effort and identifies the most pressing challenges the Middle East is facing in its efforts to reduce emissions while preserving economic growth. The webinar presents a menu of fiscal policy options to fulfil emission reduction commitments and examines trade-offs. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

Objective of the Webinar

The objective of the webinar is to engage with member countries to

- understand what region's pledges imply for the future trajectory of emissions, and
- provide policy options and balance their efficacy in reducing emissions with potential economic consequences.

The event requires registration. Kindly register for the session using the link above. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing a separate link for joining the webinar.

Should you encounter any difficulties connecting to the webinar, please contact Ms. Zeinab Hammoud at (zhammoud@IMF.org). Please send any specific questions on the event to Ms. Anastasia Janzer-Araji (ajanzeraraji@imf.org).