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**Macro-Fiscal Planning for Policymakers
A Strategic Debate on Coherent and Sustainable Public Financial Policies (MFP)
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METAC public financial management advisor, Mr. Yasser Sobhi led a five-day course at the IMF Middle East Center for Economics and Finance (CEF) in Kuwait, bringing together 33 participants from 13 countries (8 METAC, 4 GCC, and Somalia). Officials from ministries of finance and economy and central banks enhanced their understanding of policymaking and management processes and institutions over short to medium timeframes. During lectures, applied workshops, interactive roundtable discussions, and peer-to-peer learning, the course covered selected issues in economic policymaking, macroeconomic policy formation, and crisis resolution. Participants' active interactions and comments revealed a high demand for such tailored trainings targeting officials working in the policymaking sphere.