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Transforming Public Finance Through Digitalization July 22, 2025



"Digitalization is not just a technical upgrade" emerged as a key message from the first webinar of METAC's newly launched Digitalization series. The session explored how digitalization can transform Public Finance. IMF fiscal economists Ms. Andja Komso and Mr. Alok Verma, and Ms. Sabine Corm and Mr. Kevork Baboyan, METAC tax administration and public financial management advisors, highlighted the role of digitalization as an enabler of stronger institutions and better governance. They discussed how governments can leverage digitalization for more efficient Public Financial Management and Revenue Administration. During the Q&A session, the audience raised several insightful topics, including system compatibility, data quality, the unique challenges faced by Fragile and Conflict-affected States, and barriers to successful digitalization.

The speakers emphasized the benefits of digitalization in producing data-driven policies. Successful digital transformation requires strong legal and institutional frameworks, inclusive strategies to bridge the digital divide, and sustained investment in change management, capacity building, and data governance.