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IMF's Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center Conclude Workshop on Quarterly National Accounts Compilation Issues

The International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC), the IMF Statistics Department, and the IMF Center for Economics and Finance in the Middle East held a joint workshop on "National Accounts Compilation Issues" in Kuwait during March 5-8, 2018. In total, 29 officials from national statistical offices involved in the compilation of national accounts and users from the government institutions in the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf attended the workshop. Participating countries included Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Qatar Sudan, Tunisia, and West Bank and Gaza.

The workshop discussed international standards and best practices were regarding common and country-specific issues in compiling quarterly GDP, as well as related challenges facing participating countries. It also facilitated peer-to-peer discussions and included practical exercises. In the final wrap-up session, participants identified potential areas for future METAC technical assistance support.