The International Monetary Fund’s Middle East Center for Economics and Finance (CEF) and the Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC) are organizing a virtual regional training course titled:

**Methods and Tools for Medium-Term Budget Planning (PFMv)**

The course will be held online during September 6-9, 2021, in English with simultaneous interpretation into Arabic. It targets senior and technical staff primarily from ministries of finance that are in charge of developing or managing a medium-term budget within a budget directorate, accountant general office, a macro-fiscal unit, or the treasury. This course, presented by experts from METAC and the International Monetary Fund’s Statistics Department will cover the following topics:

- Medium-Term Budget Framework (MTBF), based on a medium-term fiscal framework (MTFF).
- Tools and methods for medium-term budgeting, including on baseline estimates and forward costing.
- Lessons from implementation based on international experiences.

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

- Understand the relevance of medium-term budgeting for modern public finance management.
- Describe the key features of a MTBF and institutional underpinnings.
- Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of their country’s approach to medium-term budgeting.
- Understand the basics of setting a baseline and forward costing.