

# **Public Financial Management**

## **Regional Workshops in Fiscal Year 2016**

In the area of PFM, METAC delivered two regional workshops:

### **Budget Preparation**

METAC held a workshop on Budget Preparation in the Dead Sea, Jordan during October 12-15, 2015. The workshop focused on the techniques and processes required for successful preparation of annual and medium-term budgets in the context of governments' fiscal policies and financial constraints. It also served as a platform for sharing the participating countries' experience in improving public sector efficiency and effectiveness, and for discussion of potential alternatives to overcome fiscal pressures.

### **Fiscal Reporting and Transparency**

The IMF Middle East Center for Economics and Finance (CEF) and METAC jointly organized a workshop on Fiscal Reporting and Transparency in Kuwait during March 13-16, 2016. The workshop focused on: (i) the conceptual framework of fiscal reports, including latest changes in the methodology; (ii) the institutional and data coverage, accounting rules, classifications, balance sheets and other instruments used for fiscal data compilation according to government finance statistics manual 2014; (iii) selected issues of fiscal analysis; (iv) the treatment of Islamic Finance; (v) and international good practices and practical issues of fiscal data compilation and dissemination using countries' experiences.