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Experiences in Gender Budgeting: A Cross Country Perspective

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Webinar

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Speakers

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Gender budgeting signals a government's commitment to advancing gender equality and promotes efficient resource use through the improved design of responsive fiscal policies. In a recent IMF Gender Budgeting Survey, 110 countries reported experimenting with gender budgeting. This webinar was jointly hosted by the Africa Training Institute (ATI), Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC), and South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) to present survey results on the current state of gender budgeting practices in sub-Saharan Africa and discuss country experiences with gender budgeting in the Middle East and South Asia regions. The topic raised significant interest with almost 300 participants attending the webinar, including about 50 from the MENA region.

Lauren Keating, resident advisor at AFRITAC East presented an overview of Gender Budgeting in Sub-Saharan Africa. She introduced the IMF's Gender Budgeting Survey Database and how it is used as the basis for analytical work and regional comparison. Ms. Keating shed light on the survey's insights on challenges and success factors on how gender budgeting practices can be advanced in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Dr. Saroj Adhikari from the Ministry of Women and Child Development gave an overview of gender budgeting practices, actions, and initiatives over the last decade in India. He outlined the Government of India's steps to promote gender equality and women empowerment, such as legislative measures to protect women's rights, targeted policies, dedicated investments that have led to a significantly improved in India's ranking in the Global Gender Gap Report 2023. Capacity Building initiatives and Institutional Mechanisms both at the Central Level and State level that helped promote "Budgeting for Gender Equity" were presented.

Representing the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Morocco, Leila Majal and Ousama Gidar highlighted the initiation and development of Gender-responsive Budgeting in Morocco. Ms. Majal presented the role of the "Center of Excellence for Gender Responsive Budgeting" in Morocco as a key player in mainstreaming gender budgeting practices through the provision of training, support, and tools. She showcased the Center's support of Gender Budgeting through awareness building, sectoral gender analyses and the launch of a gender report template. She outlined key success factors and main challenges that can guide efforts in other countries.