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## **Webinar on strengthening fiscal transparency in challenging times**

On June 23, METAC, in coordination with the International Budget Partnership and the IMF Fiscal Affairs Department, held a webinar on strengthening fiscal transparency in challenging times. The event, attended by about 100 participants from METAC countries, focused on the 2019 results of the Open Budget Survey and the various metrics and analytical tools available to countries to help them plan and implement reforms to improve fiscal transparency. Participants raised questions on the methodology of the IMF Fiscal Transparency Evaluation, how countries should commit to undertake reforms in that domain, and the role of civil society organizations in supporting reforms. Participants also discussed how meaningful reforms could be achieved in fragile and conflict states, given the capacity constraints.