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Webinar on Central Bank Support to Financial Markets in the Coronavirus Pandemic

Tuesday, June 30 at 14:00 PM Beirut Time

The COVID-19 pandemic brought challenges never seen before to central banks. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has prepared guidance about possible responses for country authorities in the form of policy notes, which can be found [here](#).

This webinar, a joint effort of the Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC) and the IMF's Monetary and Capital Markets (MCM) department, provides a forum for members of METAC to discuss how central banks can support financial markets during the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath, and proposes the following sessions:

- (i) What are the key messages from the IMF's technical note on possible central banks measures to counteract the impact of COVID-19?
- (ii) What are the global and regional experiences—based on data collected by MCM?
- (iii) How can METAC expand its capacity development to its members in the area of monetary operations – METAC intends to hire before the end of 2020 a monetary operations expert?

The target audience for this webinar is senior experts of financial market operation and economic/monetary policy departments, who are in charge of designing and implementing central bank operations in different segments of the financial markets.

As a member of METAC, we look forward to having you and your colleagues participate in the webinar. If you are unable to attend, please nominate an alternate senior staff member from your institution and send the name, job title, and email address of the nominees to Ingrid Nehme (inehme@imf.org) and Suellen Basilio (sbasilio@imf.org), **by June 23**. WebEx video-conference dial-in details will be sent to confirmed attendees. Interpretation English – Arabic will be provided during the webinar. Please feel free to send also your specific questions related to the topic in advance, parallel with your nominations.

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