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Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center



## Webinars on Macro Fiscal Planning in the METAC Region

- May 27:**        **The Role of Macro-Fiscal Units in the COVID-19 pandemic**
- June 10:**      **Managing Uncertainty: Approaches and Tools for Macro-Fiscal Planning**
- June 24:**      **Fiscal Risks and the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Time:** 14:00 – 15:30 (Beirut time)

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged economies in North Africa and the Middle East in unprecedented ways. Countries are dealing with a double shock from the pandemic and a decline in oil prices; those that are fragile and have a low tax-to-GDP ratio have been hit harder by the crisis and face greater challenges in the medium-term. The needs of ministries of finance for reliable assessments of the macroeconomic impact on the budget have never been more important, not only for the regular reasons, but also for building credibility in the eyes of citizens and investors that governments are doing the “right thing”.

Three web seminars (webinars) will shed light on the current challenges faced by practitioners of macro-fiscal planning. They are structured as follows: METAC and FAD staff will start the webinar with a presentation drawing from recent experience of countries and available literature on the subject; this is followed by interventions from MENA countries about how the current situation is being addressed in terms of analytics and support for fiscal policies; finally, a discussion session allows participants to ask questions and interact with peers.

**Target group:** Officials from macro-fiscal units and related key divisions (for instance fiscal risk, debt management, forecasting, etc.).

**To participate in the Webinar,** please use the links below.

To access Webinar 1 on May 27 click here: <https://imf.webex.com/imf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4c6264a6fe27958314285922b6da137a>

To access Webinar 2 on June 10 click here: <https://imf.webex.com/imf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e460f6aa04978ed32f3a2ca72addd4911>

To access Webinar 3 on June 24 click here: <https://imf.webex.com/imf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e978ca1140780972803f1967adc927bdb>

**Language:** English (Presentations available in French and Arabic)

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