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## **Regional Workshop on Tax Expenditures**

**December 12-14, 2022**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC) and the IMF Fiscal Affairs Department (FAD) hosted a three-day regional workshop in Amman, Jordan, during December 12-14, 2022. The workshop aimed to build capacity in estimating and publishing tax expenditures to enhance transparency and inform policymaking.

25 participants from 9 countries across the METAC and GCC regions attended the workshop. Discussions took place around 9 country presentations covering income taxes and the VAT, among other taxes. Topics included: 'benchmark tax system', data requirement, estimation techniques, template microsimulation models, and current practices in the area of tax expenditures in the region.