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IMF's Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center Concludes Workshop on "Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT)"

The International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC) held a workshop on the recently launched Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT) in Amman, Jordan during March 27-30, 2017. TADAT has been designed to deliver an objective and standardized assessment of the most critical outcomes of any country's system of tax administration. Twenty senior representatives of tax authorities and finance ministries from eight METAC countries attended the workshop. The countries represented were: Afghanistan, Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Sudan and West Bank and Gaza.

Given the comprehensive nature of TADAT, and the volume of material to be covered, a series of three workshops have been planned. This workshop was the first in the series. It provided participants with an introduction to the TADAT process and undertook a detailed analysis of the internationally recognized good practices espoused in the TADAT methodology. It focused on the following four performance outcome areas: 'Integrity of the Registered Taxpayer Base', 'Supporting Voluntary Compliance', 'Timely Filing of Tax Declarations', and 'Timely Payment of Taxes'. The two subsequent workshops in the series are scheduled for FY18, with the next concentrating on Effective Risk Management, and the last covering the remaining outcome areas.

Feedback received from the participants was extremely favorable. Many comments concentrated on the good practices that they would like to see implemented in their own tax administrations.

METAC will be providing future TA support for TADAT assessments throughout the region, in partnership with other development partners, where appropriate.