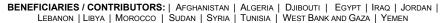


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IMF's Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center Concludes Workshop on "Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT)"

The International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC) held a workshop on the Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT) in Amman, Jordan during September 11-13, 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 two senior representatives of tax authorities and finance ministries from 10 countries attended the workshop. The countries represented were: Afghanistan, Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Sudan, West Bank and Gaza and Oman.

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 second in the series. It provided participants with an initial awareness session on the TADAT process which was then followed by detailed discussions on the internationally recognized good practices espoused in the TADAT methodology related to the effective risk management both for compliance and institutional risks. The workshop included several break-out group sessions, where participants collectively worked on elements of a Compliance Improvement Plan, which could be used in their own Tax Administration.

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.