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Analytical Tools for Better Public Financial Management Reforms and Systems

METAC, jointly with the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) Secretariat, delivered a four-day course at the CEF to (i) present selected PFM diagnostic tools and methodology of PEFA Handbook Volume IV to plan, implement and monitor PFM reforms and (ii) work on a practical country case. A case study was developed as a background discussion document based on a real country experience that each participant had to then apply to his own country. The objective was to better understand how diagnostic tools can be used to better inform PFM reforms, and answer questions related to each step of the reform plan. The course garnered an attendance of 29 participants from a variety of METAC and GCC countries with an excellent gender balance (16 women and 13 men). Key points raised by participants were how to improve ownership and ensure timely implementation of PFM reforms in countries that experience protracted situations of fragilities and conflict.