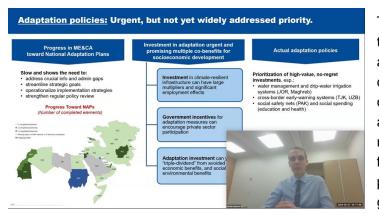


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## Feeling the Heat: Adapting to Climate Change in the Middle East and Central Asia 27 February 2024

As part of <u>METAC</u>'s event series on the Economics of Climate Change, METAC and the IMF Middle East and Central Asia Department (MCD) presented a webinar on regional adaptation challenges based on MCD's departmental paper "Feeling the Heat: Adapting to Climate Change in the Middle East and Central Asia". The webinar gave an overview of region's key climate challenges and illustrated the macroeconomic impact of climate change effects in the Middle East and Central Asia. It further presented specific adaptation policy priorities for the region, examined the policies' implied financing needs, and described sources of domestic external financing.



Economist Gareth Anderson (MCD) during his presentation.

The webinar was attended by more than 90 participants who engaged in a lively discussion with the speakers during the Q&A session. Questions covered various topics, including access to finance for adaptation measures, the IMF's role in attracting financing for adaptation, as well as private sector incentives in supporting green projects.