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The IMF’s Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center and Statistics Department conclude a Workshop on

“Statistics on International Trade in Goods and Services”

The International Monetary Fund (IMF)’s Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC), and Statistics Department conducted a joint regional workshop on “Statistics on International Trade in Goods and Services” during December 16-20, 2018 in Amman, Jordan. Twenty-three participants from central banks, national statistics offices, and one exchange office covering 11 METAC member countries attended the workshop (Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, and West Bank and Gaza).

The workshop’s objective was to enhance compilers’ capacity to produce reliable current account statistics and promote a better understanding of the linkages between international merchandise trade statistics and the goods component of the balance of payments. The interactive workshop helped strengthen compilers’ knowledge of emerging demands and international initiatives on trade in services, and addressed issues related to informal cross-border transactions, digital trade, and globalization.