

Statistics

Regional Workshops in Fiscal Year 2018

Quarterly National Account

STA, METAC, and CEF held a joint workshop on “National Accounts Compilation Issues” in Kuwait during March 5-8, 2018. Twenty-nine officials from national statistical offices involved in the compilation of national accounts and users from the government institutions in the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf attended the workshop. Participating countries included Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Qatar Sudan, Tunisia, and West Bank and Gaza.

The workshop aimed to improve participants’ capacity to compile quarterly national accounts, reflecting international standards and best practices, based on the revised IMF Quarterly National Accounts Manual, 2017. Topics discussed include: data sources; price and volume measures; benchmarking and reconciliation of quarterly estimates with annual national accounts; seasonal adjustment; revisions; and dissemination policy. The program also included countries’ presentation on the status of quarterly national accounts in Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, and West Bank and Gaza, which facilitated peer-to-peer discussions. In the final session, participants identified potential areas for future METAC support.



*Regional Workshop on National Accounts Compilation Issues,
Kuwait
March 5-8, 2018*

Price Index Compilation Issues

METAC held a workshop on “Price Index Compilation Issues” in Amman, Jordan during November 6-9, 2017. Twenty-five officials from the national statistical offices of 13 countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) attended the workshop. The represented countries comprise: Afghanistan, Algeria, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan, Sudan, Tunisia, and West Bank and Gaza.



*Regional Workshop on Price Index Compilation Issues, Jordan
November 6-9, 2017*

The workshop addressed specific compilation issues for price statistics and challenges of participating countries. It discussed international standards and good practices related to the compilation and dissemination of price indexes, and included practical exercises. The interactive nature of the workshop facilitated extensive discussions among participants, who, in wrap-up session, were given the opportunity to identify potential areas for future METAC TA in their countries.