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IMF's Middle East Center for Economics and Finance (CEF) and the Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC) Conclude the Series of Workshops on "Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT)"

The International Monetary Fund's Middle East Center for Economics and Finance (CEF) and the Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC) organized a regional workshop on "Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT)", in Kuwait City, Kuwait during February 19-22, 2018. TADAT has been designed to deliver an objective and standardized assessment of the key outcomes of any country's system of tax administration. Twenty-nine senior representatives of tax authorities and finance ministries from 13 countries attended the workshop. The countries represented were: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, West Bank and Gaza, Oman and Somalia.

Given the comprehensive nature of TADAT and the volume of material to be covered, a series of three workshops have been planned during 2017-18. This workshop was the last in the series. It provided participants with an initial awareness session on the TADAT process, followed by detailed discussions on the internationally recognized good practices espoused in the TADAT methodology on the effective tax dispute resolution, efficient revenue management, as well as accountability and transparency. The workshop included recap of the previous two workshops, and country presentations on the achievements and main challenges that country authorities are currently facing.

Participants provided very favorable feedback. Many comments focused on the good practices that they would like to see implemented in their own tax administrations. Accordingly, discussions covered the practical implementation aspects of the presented good practices.

METAC will continue to provide support on TADAT assessments throughout the region, in partnership with other development partners.