

**Middle East and North Africa Senior Budget Officials Network – Budgeting for Societal Outcomes: Gender, Youth and SDGs Budgeting**

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Caserta, Italy  
18-19 July 2019**

The meeting will be held at the Royal Palace of Caserta (Reggia di Caserta), Viale Douhet, 2/A, 81100 Caserta – Italy

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Middle East and North Africa Senior Budget Officials Network (MENA-SBO)  
***Budgeting for Societal Outcomes: Gender, Youth and SDGs Budgeting***

**Thursday, 18 July 2019**

**9:30-9:45**      **Opening by Chair and OECD Secretariat**

**9:45-10:00**    **Participants' Introductions**

**10:00-11:00**   **SESSION 1 – Gender Equality and Gender Budgeting**

The 2015 OECD *Recommendation on Gender Equality in Public Life* maps out a comprehensive, forward agenda for how gender equality should be integrated in the various domains of public policy. It also underlines that gender budgeting is the principal tool by which such a policy agenda can be successfully delivered.

The OECD Secretariat will open this meeting by presenting an overview of OECD recommendations on gender equality and gender budgeting.

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**11:00-11:30**    ***Family Photo followed by Coffee Break***

**11:30-13:00**   **SESSION 2 – Gender Budgeting in OECD Countries: Where Do We Stand?**

The Secretariat will present the results of budgetary practices and procedures in OECD countries and emerging trends, as published in the *Budgeting and Public Expenditures in the OECD 2019*.

The OECD Secretariat will present the report's key findings on gender budgeting implementation and delegates from Italy and Spain will present their country's experience.

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**13:00-14:30**    ***Luncheon***

**14:30-16:00**   **SESSION 3 – Practical lessons from “Early Champions” in Gender Budgeting**

Some OECD and MENA countries have been implementing gender-responsiveness into the budget and policy-making process for a number of years and better know “how to make gender budgeting work”. This session will look at the practices in these early champion countries, highlighting what has worked well as well as identifying where results have fallen short of expectations and analysing why this may be.

The OECD Secretariat will present the experiences of Canada, Iceland and Austria. Delegates from Morocco and Jordan will present their country's experience.

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**16:00-16:30**    ***Coffee Break***

**16:30-18:00 SESSION 4 – Open discussion: Moving Forward Gender Budgeting in the MENA region**

This session will allow for an open discussion on challenges and opportunities in MENA countries in developing gender budgeting. It will provide an opportunity to discuss the views of delegates on country experiences presented earlier and identify potential solutions to challenges based on previous discussions.

***Time to be confirmed- Dinner for delegates organized by the Italian Hosts***



## Friday, 19 July 2019

**9:30-11:00 SESSION 5 – Towards Youth Budgeting?**

Young men and women are key drivers for inclusive growth and sustainable development. When young people are engaged and empowered, societies will be more cohesive and resilient and democracies more vibrant. Building on lessons learned from gender budgeting, this session will explore the role that budgets could play in better highlighting how public money is used to empower youth.

The OECD Secretariat will present its research in this area. Delegates from Lebanon and Spain will present their country's experience.

***11:00-11:30 Coffee Break***

**11:30-12:30 SESSION 6 – Budgeting for Societal Goals: Putting it All Together**

During this session, the OECD Secretariat will present how initiatives for developing gender, green and youth budgeting can be integrated into more global policy priorities, such as the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or New Zealand's *Well-Being* policy objective.

**12:30 Closing by the Chair and the OECD Secretariat**

***12:30-14:00 Luncheon***