

Middle East and North Africa Senior Budget Officials Network (MENA-SBO Network)

Virtual meeting of MENA-SBO Network

Monday, 06 December 2021

11:00 to 13:00 CET

The meeting will be chaired by Andrew Blazey, Deputy Head of the Public Management and Budgeting Division, Public Governance Directorate, OECD.

This meeting is being held virtually owing to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This meeting is jointly organised with the MENA-OECD Governance Programme Training Centre of Caserta ([website here](#))

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Draft Agenda

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10:45 – 11:00

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This meeting will take place remotely using Zoom. Delegates are asked to connect to the platform 15 minutes before the meeting begins to test their connection. Further guidance on connecting to the platform will be sent separately.

11:00 – 11:30

Welcome remarks

Jón Blöndal, Head of the Public Management and Budgeting Division, OECD Secretariat

Opening remarks

H.E. Mr. Ambassador Antonio Bernardini, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OECD and co-chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme

11:30 – 11:50

OECD Secretariat Presentation

Brian Finn, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD Secretariat will present key elements and principles with regard to medium-term expenditure frameworks if they are to be established and developed successfully.

Effective budgetary management requires medium-term planning, by which the horizon for fiscal policymaking is extended beyond the annual budget cycle. OECD member countries typically have a MTEF in place but these frameworks often differ in terms of political commitment, planning horizon, coverage, level of detail, formulation of targets, exclusion of certain items, carryover arrangements and whether they are of a binding nature.

The presentation will focus particularly on the advantages that a MTEF can offer as well as the challenges in developing a MTEF that underpins and supports medium term fiscal policy objectives.

11:50 – 12:50

Roundtable and discussion

Following the presentation, the Chair will lead a virtual roundtable during which Delegates will comment on the presentation and which points they found to be most relevant from their own perspective.

Should they wish to do so, delegates may also briefly discuss key aspects of the experience with MTEFs in their own countries.

12:50

Wrap Up

Wrap up by the **Chair**.
