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## Workshop on Implementing Gender and Green Budgeting in Egypt

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*Summary Note*



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street, Cairo, Egypt

## Implementing Gender and Green Budgeting in Egypt Workshops

### Towards more inclusive and sustainable budgeting in Egypt ✓

In the framework of the EU-funded project "Support to Enhanced Administrative and Public Economic Governance in Egypt", a 2-day workshop was conducted on Gender and Green Budgeting on 20-21 June 2023.



On the first day, OECD technical experts focused on advancing Egypt's implementation of gender budgeting which aligns with the European Union's key principles of gender mainstreaming and which is consistent with the project's overall objectives. The focus of the second day was on introducing green budgeting, in line with Egypt's National Climate Change Strategy 2050 and responding to the EU-Egypt partnership priorities with particular attention to green economy.



During both days, participants were given the opportunity to conduct a practical exercise of (green/gender) budget tagging using the Egyptian State budget.

The workshop drew heavily on OECD practical experiences in these areas. OECD countries have been increasingly relying on Green and Gender budgeting as important public finance tools to assess how fiscal policy decisions impact overarching policy objectives such as gender equality and climate-friendly, sustainable growth. In fact, almost two thirds of OECD countries are practicing gender and green budgeting.

#### ***On day one, the workshop discussed:***

- Egypt's progress, plans and challenges with gender budgeting.
- The latest trends, challenges and lessons learned in relation to gender budgeting practices across OECD countries.
- The OECD Gender Budgeting Index and presentation of country case studies from across the spectrum of the Index. These highlighted the various approaches, features, challenges, and legal underpinnings for gender budgeting in each country and how these relate to the Egyptian experience.
- Presentation by the Canadian peer on Canada's approach to Gender budgeting, a world leader in this area, including core principles, key features and challenges.

- Practical application to a section of Egypt's State Budget on gender budget tagging.



### ***On day two, discussions revolved around:***

- The latest trends, challenges and lessons learned in relation to gender budgeting practices across OECD countries.
- The four building blocks of the OECD's Green Budgeting Framework and how these relate to MOF's progress so far.
- Ways to integrate green in the Egyptian budget cycle.
- Case studies, tools and methods and practical examples from the implementation of green budgeting in OECD countries.
- Discussion on the framework already in place in Egypt and how it can be improved and supplemented.
- Presentation by the Canadian peer on Canada's approach to Green budgeting, including core principles, tools (e.g., impact assessment), key features and challenges.
- Capacity building on positive and negative green budgeting tagging using a section of Egypt's State Budget on green budget tagging.



### **Some of the key takeaways from the workshop include:**

- For both reforms, Egypt has strong commitment and solid institutional arrangements, including national strategies and clear gender equality/ environmental objectives.

- Advancing Egypt's implementation of programme and performance budgeting (especially performance setting and evaluation) is a necessary foundation for effective gender and green budgeting.
- Some of the implementation challenges are common for both reforms and are also common for OECD countries. These include availability of disaggregated data on climate change and on gender, as well as relevant knowledge, awareness, and technical expertise inside the Government.
- **On gender budgeting:**
  - Egypt's intersectional approach, which adopts a wide definition for gender budgeting to encompass any vulnerable section of the population requiring targeted intervention, is noteworthy and is in line with the Canada's approach, a leader in this area.
  - Going beyond Egypt's inclusion of the gender budget annex in the FY23 programmatic budget, it is important to start thinking about the utilization of this information in policy development and budget decisions.
- **On green budgeting:**
  - This reform entails multi-disciplinary tools which Egypt can choose to adopt in its budgetary processes and practices. A good starting point could be green budget tagging which can be kept simple at the initial phases of implementation and developed with time.
  - Strong coordination between the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Environment is indispensable for the implementation of green budgeting.

The workshops are in line with Egypt's Strategy for Women's Empowerment, National Human Rights Strategy, Climate, Sustainable Development Goals and is part of the capacity-building activities under the EU-funded project. The technical needs for the advancement of these reforms were discussed and will be agreed at the management level in the coming period.

