

IMF-Middle East Center for Economics and Finance (CEF)

General Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Kuwait time)

Hybrid: CEF Premises (Symphony Building, 10th Floor, Workshop Room 7) and WebEx

Agenda

Session 1: Primary Members and Partners' Meeting (4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)

4:00 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by the Chair• Approval of the 2021 SC Minutes• Approval of the Agenda• Opening Remarks	Mr. Ahmad Bastaki Executive Director, Planning and Senior Management, Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA)
4:05 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	Director's Presentation (on Issues for Discussion): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main Achievements in FY22• FY2023 Program: Courses and Events• Program Document for Phase III• Priorities and Strategic Objectives• Partnerships• Training Modalities	Mr. Paulo Drummond Director, CEF
4:20 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Issues for Discussion	All Members of the SC
4:20 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kuwaiti Authorities' Views on the CEF partnership and Issues for Discussion	Mr. Ahmad Bastaki Executive Director, Planning and Senior Management, KIA Professor Nabeel Al-Loughani Professor of Finance (Emeritus), Kuwait University Mr. Saad Al-Alati Manager Budgets of the Ministries of Public Services and Defence, MOF Mr. Ahmad Al-Omran Manager, Financial Planning and Monitoring Department, MOF Ms. Amna Jamal Supervisor, Under-Secretary Office, MOF

4:35 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IMF/ICD's Perspective on CEF's Contribution to Meeting CD Needs and Priorities in the Region 	<p>Mr. Roger Nord Deputy Director, Institute for Capacity Development (ICD), IMF</p> <p>Mr. Oussama Kanaan Assistant Director, Institute for Capacity Development (ICD), IMF</p>
4:40 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MCD's Perspective on CEF's Contribution to Meeting CD Needs and Priorities in the Region 	<p>MCD Representative (TBC) Middle East and Central Asia Department (MCD), IMF</p>
4:45 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMF: Views on CEF-AMF Partnership and Issues for Discussion 	<p>Mr. Mohamed Adawi Director, Training and Capacity Building Institute, Arab Monetary Fund (AMF)</p>
4:50 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BAM: Views on CEF-BAM Partnership and Issues for Discussion 	<p>BAM Representative (TBC) Bank Al-Maghrib, Morocco</p>
4:55 p.m. – 5:00p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> METAC: Views on CEF-METAC Partnership and Issues for Discussion 	<p>Mr. Holger Floerkemeier Director, Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC)</p>
5:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OECD: Views on CEF-OECD Partnership and Issues for Discussion 	<p>Mr. Jorge Gálvez Méndez Economist and Policy Analyst, Middle East and Africa Global Relations, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</p>
5:05 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WB: Views on CEF-WB Partnership and Issues for Discussion 	<p>Mr. Ghassan Alkhoja (TBC) Resident Representative, Kuwait Country Office, World Bank Group (WB)</p>
5:10 p.m. – 5:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTO: Views on CEF-WTO Partnership and Issues for Discussion 	<p>Mr. Samer Seif El-Yazal (TBC) Head of the Arab Desk, World Trade Organization (WTO)</p>