



State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) & Professional Accountancy Organizations (PAOs) in Public Financial Management (PFM) Reform: Recovery Post COVID-19

Webinar Date: August 11, 2021
Time: 15:00–17:00 EEST (Amman, Jordan Time)
Language: Simultaneous Live Translation Available (English & Arabic)

The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), World Bank Group MENA Governance Global Practice, and the Arab Federation of Accountants and Auditors (AFAA) are pleased to announce the organization of the *State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) & Professional Accountancy Organizations (PAOs) in Public Financial Management (PFM) Reform: Recovery Post COVID-19* Webinar. This joint webinar is oriented towards the unique issues and challenges – as well as strengths and opportunities – for SOEs & PAOs throughout the MENA region pertaining to PFM reform.

Objective	<p>To provide participants with access to experts, opportunities to discuss, and a regional forum for collaboration.</p> <p>To provide a forum for IFAC, the World Bank Group MENA Governance Global Practice, and AFAA to work together to support our MENA region clients, position them for success during the post-COVID recovery phase, and advance transparency and accountability throughout the region.</p>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hatem Kawasmy, AFAA Chairman • Jens Kristensen, Practice Manager, Governance, Middle East North Africa, World Bank • Rajat Narula, Lead Financial Management Specialist, Governance, World Bank • Jamal Milhem, IFAC PAO Development Advisory Group (DAG) MENA Working Group Chair • Laura Leka, Principal, PAIB and Public Sector, IFAC
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Government officials (especially Auditor Generals and Accountant Generals) • Representatives from Supreme Audit Institutions • Heads of Professional Accountancy Organizations (Arabic-speaking) • Head of AFAA • Representatives from AFAA • Representatives from IFAC • Representatives from World Bank • IFAC PAO Development Advisory Group Members and Technical Advisors • Individual practitioners and students

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AGENDA

Description	Time
1.1 Opening Session: Introductory Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hatem Kawasmy, AFAA Chairman 	15:00–15:10
1.1 Supporting the Global Accountancy Reform Agenda This session will feature a joint presentation highlighting how IFAC and the World Bank support the global accountancy reform agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) IPSAS Adoption and Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Leka, Principal, PAIB and Public Sector, IFAC (b) WB’s Role in Facilitating Engagement Among Partner Countries for Sustainable Public Oversight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rajat Narula, Lead Financial Management Specialist, Governance, World Bank 	15:10-15:40
1.2 PFM Reform from the SOE Perspective This session will provide an overview of PFM and SOE reforms to benefit MENA economies. This session will also provide an overview of potential institutional capacity building projects to advance transition into market-oriented economies by creating more economic opportunities. Presenter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jens Kristensen, Practice Manager, Governance, Middle East North Africa, World Bank 	15:40-15:55
1.3 PFM Reform from the PAO Perspective This session will feature a presentation on PAO role in supporting PFM reforms. In the public sphere, the accounting profession supports a public sector that is more transparent and accountable to its citizens. Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamal Milhem, IFAC PAO Development Advisory Group MENA Working Group Chair 	15:55-16:10
1.4 Panel Discussion and Q&A with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jens Kristensen, Practice Manager, Governance, Middle East North Africa, World Bank • Hatem Kawasmy, AFAA Chairman • Jamal Milhem, IFAC PAO Development Advisory Group MENA Working Group Chair • Laura Leka, Principal, PAIB and Public Sector, IFAC 	16:10-16:50

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1.5 Closing Session: Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jens Kristensen, Practice Manager, Governance, Middle East North Africa, World Bank	16:50–17:00