1. GIFT-MENA upcoming venues

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| GIFT-MENA 2009 Annual Meeting on "The MENA leadership challenge in building a performing and responsive State " | 1. Directors of Training Schools and Institutes in MENA  
2. Heads of HR and Training Departments  
3. Capacity-building experts | November 18-20, 2009  | Lebanon |
| Regional Workshop on "Performance Budgeting: Designing MTEF and performance indicators" – In collaboration with the Korean Development Institute | 1. Heads and decision-makers in Budget, Expenditures, Treasury, Planning and Audit Departments in Ministries of Finance in the MENA region,  
2. Regional experts in public financial management. | December 15-17, 2009  | Lebanon |

2. Updates regarding on-going projects and services

✔ The Ministry of Economy and Finance of Morocco launched the testing of the **e-learning module on Performance Budgeting**, developed in partnership with the World Bank. The first sample of trainees is composed of selected staff from the Moroccan Ministry of Economy and Finance.

✔ ADETEF and GAYA organized in September 2009 a joint expert mission to Beirut for presenting the terms of reference of the **training management system** to be developed in 2010 for the Ministry of Finance of Palestine. It is worth mentioning that, on the occasion of the GIFT-MENA General Assembly in 2008, ADETEF expressed its willingness to share, at a later stage, the **Training Management System** with all interested GIFT-MENA members.

ADETEF and GAYA expert mission to Beirut – Meeting with the Institute's team

3. News

✔ GIFT-MENA wishes to congratulate Mr. Ahmed Laamoumri, head of the training division at the Ministry of Economy and Finance and member of the GIFT-MENA steering committee, for his nomination as Director of Public Administration Modernization at the Ministry of Public Sector Modernization in Morocco.

✔ GIFT-MENA would also like to extend its best wishes of success to Mr. Ashraf Almimi, newly appointed as Director of the Quality Improvement Fund at the World Bank in Palestine. Mr. Alimi has been replaced by Mr. Hassan Shubeitah at the National Institute of Administration.

4. GIFT-MENA recommendations

The GIFT-MENA Secretariat encourages you to consult the following websites, reports and publications:

✔ **The Programme on Governance in the Arab Region**: [www.pogar.org](http://www.pogar.org)

✔ **The Regional Capacity-Building Initiative (EU initiative for countries of the Mediterranean Sea**

5. International venues to which GIFT-MENA members participated

- Ms. Lamia Moubayed (from the Basil Fuleihan Institute of Finance of Lebanon) participated to the workshop organized by the Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress, also known as the Stiglitz-Sen Commission held on September 14, 2009, at la Sorbonne-Paris. The workshop offered a platform for the Commission to submit its report to stakeholders from all over the world. For further information on the Commission’s work, kindly consult: www.stiglitz-sen-fitoussi.fr/en/index.htm

- Ms. Rola Darwish (from the Basil Fuleihan Institute of Finance of Lebanon) attended the Third Committee Meeting and Seventh Network Meeting of the EuroMed Training of Public Administrations Program held in Madrid on October 1 and 2, 2009.

For sharing your news with network’s members, kindly send by mail to the GIFT-MENA Secretariat the information you wish to disclose and we will include it in our next GIFT-MENA Activity Report.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

On behalf of the GIFT-MENA Secretariat

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