2009 at a glance

The commitment and support of all GIFT-MENA members and friends played a key role in keeping the network active and productive. Our achievements for 2009 include:

1. The organization of the first Annual Meeting of Directors on "The MENA leadership challenge in building a performing and responsive State ", in Beirut, at the Basil Fuleihan Institute of Finance, between November 18 and 20, 2009 and the signature of the Beirut Declaration (conference report attached);

2. The organization of a regional workshop on the "Common Assessment Framework and the Balance Scorecard" on December 7 and 8, in Beirut. The workshop was funded under the EU-TAIEX instrument;

3. The organization of a Regional Workshop on “Performance Budgeting: Designing MTEF and performance indicators”, in collaboration with the Korean Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management, in Beirut, on December 16 and 17, 2009;

4. The publication of the first issue of the "Directory of Civil Service Training Schools in the MENA region";

5. The launching of the French version of the e-training module on Performance Budgeting, by the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Morocco;

6. The publication by the Basil Fuleihan Institute of Finance of the report on "MENA training needs in Public Financial Management";

7. The organization of a number of exchange and study visits among member institutions, namely the Basil Fuleihan Institute of Finance, the Public Finance Training Center of Jordan, the Institute of Finance of Palestine, the Finance Institute of Yemen, the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Morocco and the Ministry of Finance of Egypt;

8. The finalization of a draft for the "GIFT-MENA Quality Charter for the exchange of training modules";

9. The finalization of the "design phase" to the training management system, developed by ADETEF for the Ministry of Finance of Palestine;

10. The participation of GIFT-MENA members to various regional and international conferences on topics related to public administration and civil service reform as well as technical cooperation.

News
The Lebanese and Palestinian Ministries of Finance signed a Memorandum of Understanding aiming to enhance cooperation between the two parties. This is expected to be achieved through enhancing technical assistance, cooperation on the development of training curricula, exchange of trainers and experts, as well as the pooling of information and expertise.

Congratulations to ADETEF and the Ministry of Finance of Palestine for signing the Terms of Reference of phase 2 of their collaboration for the creation of an Institute of Finance in Palestine. Phase 2 of the project includes specialized trainings on public finance management, trainings of trainers, in addition to transfer of know-how pertaining to the management of the training center.

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,

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