SAVE THE DATE—10TH ANNIVERSARY AND 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY AND 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NETWORK—12-14 OCTOBER 2016

The GIFT-MENA Network has launched the preparations for the 7th Annual Conference scheduled to take place in Paris, France, on October 12-14, 2016. The event will mark the 10th Anniversary of the Network, in presence of member and partner institutions.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat: contact@if.org.lb

YOUR NETWORK IN 2016

INVITATION TO MEMBERS TO HOST ACTIVITIES IN 2016

Member institutions are invited to inform the GIFT-MENA Secretariat of the regional activities they would like to host in 2016, in an effort to encourage institutional cooperation and the exchange of experiences.

Activities could include a training program, study visit, or any initiative that would encourage networking and expertise-sharing.

Read more: http://www.gift-mena.org/invitation-members-host-activities-2016

TAKE PART TO THE TRAINING PROGRAM ON “ECONOMIC CONCEPTS AND MEDIA” AT THE ARAB PLANNING INSTITUTE—KUWAIT

The GIFT-MENA Secretariat is joining efforts with the Arab Planning Institute in Kuwait to provide GIFT-MENA members institutions with the opportunity to nominate candidates to take part in the specialized program on “Economic Concepts and Media” offered in 2016 at API premises.

For information & early registration, please contact the Secretariat: contact@if.org.lb

TRAIN THE TRAINER PROGRAMS—FEBRUARY & AUGUST 2016

The Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan—Secretariat of the Network is organizing two “Training of Trainers” programs.

- General Level: August 2016 (25hrs) - deadline for registration 18 July 2016
- Advanced Level: February 2016 (25hrs) - deadline for registration 14 January 2016

Interested candidates from GIFT-MENA member institutions are invited to fill in the registration form and send it by the set deadlines to: contact@if.org.lb

Read more about the programs: http://www.gift-mena.org/announcement-train-trainer-programs-beirut

OUR NEWS

STUDY VISIT TO THE DIRECTORATE OF ADMINISTRATION AND CIVIL SERVICE PARIS—FRANCE—23-25 NOVEMBER 2015

The GIFT-MENA Network organized a study visit to French institutions involved in civil service modernization and capacity building between the 23 and 25th of November 2015. The visit was jointly organized with the French General Directorate of Administration and Civil Service-DGAFP. It included visits to the National School of Administration-ENA and the Regional Institute of Administration in Metz.

Read more: http://www.gift-mena.org/study-visit-france
8TH ANNUAL MEETING OF OECD-MENA SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS NETWORK  
DOHA, QATAR—14-15 DECEMBER 2015
The OECD-SBO meeting discussed recent budgeting developments in MENA countries, including the management of fiscal risks of SOEs, performance budgeting in Tunisia, the State of Public Finances – 2015 update, long term strategic planning and fiscal rules.
Read more: http://bit.ly/1Zdz25F

CALL FOR PAPERS - 2016 IAS-IASIA JOINT CONGRESS
CHENGDU, P.R. OF CHINA—23-26 SEPTEMBER 2016
The 2016 IIAS-IASIA Joint Congress is organized under the theme “Building Capacity for Sustainable Governance”. Call for papers is now open.
For more information: http://www.gift-mena.org/call-papers-2016-ias-iasia-joint-congress

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT BEYOND AID
This publication by capacity.org reflects on 25 years of capacity development and emerging trends and its linkages with aid. It explores how good practice be harnessed and further developed by concerned actors to serve the sustainable development agenda as well as the impact of capacity development in fragile and unstable environments.
Read more: http://www.gift-mena.org/capacity-development-beyond-aid

DOING BUSINESS 2016
MEASURING REGULATORY QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY
Eleven of the region’s 20 economies implemented a total of 21 reforms in the past year facilitating the ease of doing business, according to the new "Doing Business 2016: Measuring Regulatory Quality and Efficiency" report.

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To include your activities in our next NEWS FLASH, send an e-mail to the GIFT-MENA Secretariat. We are also awaiting your suggestions and ideas.

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