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CCAMTAC Regional Webinar on “Online Learning: Shaping the Future of Capacity Development”

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Introduction and Moderation:

Mr. Norbert Funke, Director, CCAMTAC

Presenters:

Ms. Natalia Malysheva, Capacity Development Officer, Institute for Capacity Development, IMF

Ms. Veronica Sanchez, Project Manager, Institute for Capacity Development, IMF

Intervention:

Ms. Aliya Kistaubayeva, Economic Analyst, CCAMTAC

The IMF Online Learning Program aims at strengthening the technical knowledge and expertise in government agencies with a view to developing and implementing sound economic and financial policies fostering stability and growth. The online training program makes the IMF's expertise in key macroeconomic and financial issues available anytime, anywhere, and with free access for all.

Natalia Malysheva and Veronica Sanchez shared some news and insights about online learning courses provided by the IMF. Since the start of the pandemic the demand for online learning has increased dramatically, and so did the number of IMF course offerings. The demand for such courses is prominent in most of the CCAM region. At the same time, IMF has expanded its portfolio of online learning products: from traditional online courses to smaller modular courses, to microlearning resources to combinations of online with other modalities into the blended capacity development. There are close to 60 online courses available year-round for government officials and members of the general public that cover a wide range of topics including fiscal policies, macroeconomic analysis, inclusive growth, monetary policy and exchange rate, legal issues and statistics. Some of these courses are also available in Russian. All the courses are self-paced, free of charge, and do not have limits on the number of participants. The audience of IMF online courses can benefit greatly from lectures taught by the Fund's top experts, strong engagement in the learning process, consistent evaluation, and certification. As the world is returning to normal after the Covid-19 pandemic, IMF is now rolling out blended capacity development, which is a combination of face-to-face and online learning experience both in training and in bilateral technical assistance. This modality is expected to make the learning process more agile and efficient in changing epidemic and social environments.



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In the second part of the webinar, Aliya Kistaubayeva shared her experience with IMF online courses. She shared the motivation and learning strategy and discussed how IMF online learning can be different from the courses taught in universities. She explained the potential institutional and individual career benefits of taking IMF online courses by giving some real-life examples and observations.

During the general discussion the questions to the speakers covered (i) the possibility of cooperation with IMF and greater coverage of the public sector; (ii) the ownership of online learning certificates as criteria for selecting participants for face-to-face training; and (iii) individual choice of relevant courses.

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