## **PROPOSED DATES:** December 2 – 13, 2024

**TARGET GROUP** | Junior and highly motivated officials from central banks and ministries of finance and economy working on macroeconomic analysis, macro-fiscal issues, and macro-modelling, with 1 to 5 years of work experience, at a minimum a master's degree in economics or finance, and expectations of continuing their career within those institutions. Candidates should not have attended the following inperson courses at the Joint Vienna Institute: Financial Programming and Policies, Macroeconomic Diagnostics, Macroeconomic Forecasting and Analysis.

**DESCRIPTION** The IMF-Caucasus, Central Asia, and Mongolia Regional Capacity Development Center (CCAMTAC) and the Joint Vienna Institute (JVI) developed a joint blended macroeconomic cohort training for young officials from member countries, consisting of two online segments and two 2-week face-to-face workshops, one in Almaty and one in Vienna.

With an estimated hundred-fifty hours of training over an eight - month period, the new cohort training aims at providing junior officials with a comprehensive understanding of macroeconomic analysis and linkages, the business cycle, how to diagnose internal and external imbalances, and economic policies to address them. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to develop a strong peer network across the region.

## Part 1: Blended Financial Programming and Policies (FPP)

- 1. **Online and virtual component** (November 2024). Participants will need to complete online selected modules of FPP training by participating in virtual sessions, performing some exercises, and participating in a final test (estimated needed time in total about 25 hours). Only participants having received a score of 60 percent and above in the final test may be allowed to participate in the rest of the program.
- 2. *In-person segment in Almaty* (December 2 13, 2024). The training will mix FPP lectures and hands-on workshops based on a country case from the region.

Part 2: Blended Macroeconomic Management

- 3. **Online and virtual component** (April 2025). Participants will need to complete selected modules of the online IMF courses on Macroeconomic Diagnostics and Model-Based Monetary Policy Analysis and Forecasting, participate in virtual sessions, perform some exercises, and participate in a final test (estimated needed time about 20 hours).
- 4. In-person segment in Vienna (April-May 2025). This segment, which also includes a mix of lectures and workshops, focuses on relationships between key economic indicators over the business cycle and on the policies aiming at restoring external and internal balance in the economy. It uses a small open economy model to analyze the impact of various shocks and the role of macroeconomic policies. No modeling experience is required.

**LANGUAGE** | The workshop will be delivered in English language.

**DEADLINE** | Apply by October 10, 2024.

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