

## Meeting of the Directors of Civil Service Schools and Institutes in MENA

### Building capacities for Sustainable Development: Understanding the 2030 Agenda and Integrating the SDGs in Learning

Beirut, Lebanon, 26-27 November 2018

The GIFT-MENA network<sup>1</sup> is organizing, in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France (MEAE), a regional workshop on **Building capacities for Sustainable Development: Understanding the 2030 Agenda and Integrating the SDGs in Learning**.

The workshop will take place in Beirut, Lebanon, at the GIFT-MENA Secretariat premises located at the Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan, on November 26 and 27, 2018.

#### I- About the event

The event aims to:

1. Present the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, and discuss challenges related to their integration and localization to the region, with particular focus on capacity development strategies and institutional collaboration mechanisms. Special attention will be given to SDGs 16 and 17, and to the governance related and public policy targets in all SDGs and across agenda 2030.
2. Elaborate a primary action plan for the integration of the SDGs in learning activities and in training curricula and for setting up of a regional task force within GIFT-MENA composed of a pool of experts and practitioners able to facilitate and follow-up on this work.
3. Assess prospective training needs of schools of government across the region to feed in the development of new learning programs.

Discussions will address the SDGs and their localization to fragile environments and post-conflict contexts, the need to develop a shared culture, values and knowledge around the SDGs in the Arabic language; as well as the need of schools of government in the region to build their institutional capacity and integrate the SDGs in their learning approaches.

The event will include the presentation and discussion of learning initiatives currently being developed by the network's partners.

It will also be an occasion to launch the project: "**Support to the GIFT-MENA network for cooperation, institutional capacity development, regional integration and peace**", financed by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.

<sup>1</sup> The Governance Institutes Forum for Training in the Middle East and North Africa

#### In collaboration with:



## II- Target Audience

Presidents and directors of civil service training schools in MENA, as well as senior management, and representatives of the donor community.

## III- Tentative Agenda

MONDAY, November 26, 2018	
9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9 :30 - 10:30	<b>Opening session</b> Welcome speeches
10 :30 – 11 :00	Coffee-break
11 :00 – 13 :00	<b>Session 1 : The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Introduction to the overall framework of the 2030 Agenda and the new approach to development</i></li><li>• <i>Role of training schools in the implementation and follow-up on the Agenda and the importance of their engagement.</i></li></ul>
13 :00 – 14 :00	Lunch
14 :00 – 16 :00	<b>Session 2 : The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</b>
18 :00	<b>Official reception</b> to launch the project: " <i>Support to the GIFT-MENA network for cooperation, institutional capacity development, regional integration and peace</i> " financed by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.
TUESDAY, November 27, 2018	
9 :00 – 10 :30	<b>Session 3 : The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</b> <i>This session will report back on the results and recommendations of the working groups and will feature the presentation of cases and lessons learned</i>
10 :30 – 11 :00	Coffee-break
11 :00 – 12 :30	<b>Session 4: Presentation of Online Training Programs under development to be made available to GIFT-MENA members institutions</b>
12 :30 – 13:30	Lunch
13 :30 – 15 :00	<b>Session 5 : Training needs Assessment Exercise</b>
15 :00 – 16 :00	<b>Session 6: The Way Forward : Towards a Roadmap to enhance the capacities of civil service training schools and institutes in MENA to integrate the SDGs</b>