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Tenth Annual Arab Fiscal Forum

*A Decade of Fiscal Dialogue: Building Macroeconomic Resilience  
by Strengthening Fiscal Policies and Institutions*

Monday, 2 February 2026

Al-Johara 2 Hall  
World Government Summit – Convention Center  
Madinat Jumeirah  
Dubai, UAE

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Coffee
9:00 – 09:30	Opening Session
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening Remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini, Minister of State for Financial Affairs, United Arab Emirates.</li> <li>- Fahad M. Alturki, Director General Chairman of the Board, Arab Monetary Fund.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Keynote Address:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
9:30 – 10:45	Session 1: Fiscal policy at a time of shocks and uncertainty
<p>This session will provide an update on the global and regional economic conditions, encompassing the effects of trade tensions. It will take stock of global and regional challenges and explores policy recommendations relevant to Arab countries. Given the global backdrop, it will analyze the near-term repercussions on fiscal positions and highlight key considerations for fiscal policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator:</b> H.E. Dr. Muhammad Sulaiman Al-Jasser, President, Islamic Development Bank.</li> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> Arab Monetary Fund</li> <li>• <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Jihad Azour, Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund.</li> <li>• <b>Panel Discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>General Discussion</b></li> </ul>	
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:30	Session 2: Digital transformation in public finance and the scope for AI
<p>This session will discuss how governments can navigate the process of planning and implementing digital transformation in the areas of public financial management, revenue administration and fiscal policy. The</p>	

session emphasize the role that GovTech advances can play in improving governance and will discuss the future scope for AI technologies. This session will highlight how countries in the region in fragile situations can use digital technologies to strengthen their fiscal policies and institutions in a way that paves the way for exiting fragility.

- **Moderator:** TBD
- **Keynote Speakers:**
  - External policy maker
- **Panel Discussion**
- **General Discussion**

<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Finance of the UAE Hanaaya Restaurant – Jumeirah Mina Al Salam</b>
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<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Session 3: Revamping expenditure policies and fostering development finance</b>
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This session will discuss strategies to enhance the efficiency and composition of public spending and their implications for economic growth in the region. It will show how public spending patterns have evolved across countries and over time, highlighting the extent of the “efficiency gap” in spending. It will also showcase Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) performance indicators across the region. Last, the session will dive deeper into the development finance, allocating substantial resources, and increasing development investments especially in post conflict countries within the region. Complementarily, discussion will also explore opportunities to initiate public private partnership scheme and projects across Arab countries.

- **Moderator:** TBD
- **Keynote Speakers:**
  - International Monetary Fund.
  - Arab Monetary Fund.
- **Panel Discussion**
- **General Discussion**

<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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<b>15:45 – 17:00</b>	<b>Session 4: Ten years of the AFF: looking back and forwards</b>
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This session will take a brief stock of the main themes, topics, and contributions of the annual Arab Fiscal Forum (AFF) during the period 2015 – 2025. During the second part of the session, Ministers of Finance of the region will have an opportunity to reflect on how the AFF can best serve their needs and interests going forward (e.g., the next five, ten years). Thus the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AFF will end with a session that looks to the future.

- **Moderator:** Fahad M. Alturki, Director General Chairman of the Board, Arab Monetary Fund.
- **Interventions and discussion:** Arab Finance Ministers and Central Banks Governors.
- **Closing remarks by lead organizations:** AMF, IMF, UAE

<b>Closure of the 10<sup>th</sup> AFF</b>
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\*/ Speakers to be determined.