

Agenda

Workshop on How the Youth Advisory Group Can Engage in Budget and Fiscal Processes?

Location: Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan

Date: December 19, 2025

Day 1

19 December 2025

10:00 – 10:15

Opening Session

- Welcome words
- Training objectives and agenda
- Participants Expectations

10:15 – 10:45

Introductory Session: Public Policies and their Role in State Building

- The State: Its Functions and Impact on Our Daily Lives
- From public policies to public services
- The PFM cycle

10:45 – 12:00

Introduction to the Lebanese Tax System

- Concepts and objectives of tax policy.
- Trade-offs in tax policy design (efficiency, equity, simplicity, and revenue generation)
- Structure of the tax system

Mr. Charbel Ighnatio – Head of tax compliance, Ministry of Finance

12:00-12:15

Break

12:15 – 14:00

Introduction to the State Budget

- Definition and Importance of state budget
- Budget as a strategic planning tool
- Reading the budget: structure and main classifications
- International practices in budgeting: GRB and CSB

Budget Preparation Process and Main stakeholders (Game of Flouss)

Lebanon Fiscal Transparency: Sourcing Budget information (Dashboard and Citizen Budget)

14:00 – 14:30

Lunch break

14:30 – 15:30

Preparation of questions and advocacy points for the dialogue with policymakers

Mr. Edmond Sassine

15:30 – 16:30

Policy Dialogue - Engaging with MP. Farid al Boustany

Moderator: Mr. Edmond Sassine

16:30 – 17:00

Closing and Certificates distribution