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## METAC Technical Assistance Missions

### *Sudan*

#### Banking Supervision

As part of METAC's technical assistance (TA) to help the Central bank of Sudan since 2008 in enhancing its credit registry functioning, a TA mission provided evaluation of vendors who submit credit scoring proposals. The mission will continue in May as the authorities decided to extend the period for receiving offers/bids from credit scoring vendors. The mission will assist the Credit Information and Scoring Agency in creating a short list of vendors who will make final presentations in June 2015.

#### External Sector Statistics

A TA mission visited Khartoum, to assess progress in the implementation of former mission's recommendations, with particular focus on assessing recently collected data on crude oil exports; oil-sharing agreements with foreign investors; and transactions and positions of nonresidents' holdings of equity and debt securities. The mission provided the necessary guidance to improve the quality and coverage of external sector statistics.

### *West Bank and Gaza*

In order to continue reform measures and enhance banking supervision practices, the Palestine Monetary Authority has requested METAC's assistance to improve banks on-site and off-site supervision practices, and to assist in the development of a risk-based supervision manual. This assistance is seen to compliment that provided by other donors, most notably the World Bank with regard to implementation of Basel II and III. This mission is part of a series of peripatetic missions that began in March to April 2012, in which an action plan was developed for implementation of a risk-based framework.

### *Egypt*

#### Revenue Administration

The METAC revenue administration advisor joined a headquarters mission to update the value-added tax compliance management plan.

### *Jordan*

#### External Sector Statistics

In response to a request from the Central Bank of Jordan, a TA mission was conducted in Amman, to assist the authorities in implementing the sixth edition of the *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6)*. Moreover, the mission provided needed advice on further development of balance of payments compilation system and identified areas where changes are needed to bring the external sector statistics compilation practices fully in line with the *BPM6* and the *BPM6 Compilation Guide*.

### *Lebanon*

#### Price Statistics

In response to a request from the Central Administration for Statistics, a TA mission visited Beirut, to assist the authorities in developing a producer price index (PPI). The mission provided necessary training and recommendations on how to design, develop and compile the PPI.

## Upcoming Regional Workshop in Lebanon

METAC is organizing a regional workshop on "Cross-Border and Consolidated Supervision". The workshop will take place in Beirut, Lebanon during June 2 to 4, 2015.

This three-day workshop aims at: enhancing the capacity of the participants; developing their skills in implementing best practices in cross-border and consolidated supervision, and providing training on the methodologies and approaches for conducting such supervision.

The workshop is targeted to banking supervisors and staff from central banks and/or other financial supervisory agencies.

## METAC PLANNED MISSIONS

METAC planned missions for May 2015 can be found on our website at [www.imfmetac.org](http://www.imfmetac.org)

