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Technical Assistance Missions

Statistics:

Afghanistan: An Offsite external sector statistics mission to DA Afghanistan Bank (DAB) was conducted in Jordan. The mission provided guidance to DAB in addressing outstanding balance of payments issues, in particular regarding the collection of data on trade in goods and aids flows; and provided training in the methodology of the IMF's sixth edition of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6). Improvements have been achieved since METAC's November 2014 mission in the areas of data sources reporting to the DAB as well as in the data compiled.

Banking Supervision:

Lebanon: METAC continues to work with the Banking Control Commission of Lebanon (BCCL) on reviewing and upgrading the inspection manual and further aligning it to risk based supervision. A new set of examination procedures was prepared and submitted to the working group at BCCL for review.

Jordan: A METAC mission visited Jordan and delivered training to the staff of the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) to strengthen the capacity of the CBJ staff in stress testing and in assessing the resilience of individual banks to any adverse economic and financial conditions in a forward-looking perspective.

Egypt: Within the context of assisting the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) in implementing Pillar 2 of Basel II, a mission assisted the CBE in reviewing their supervisory manual which represents a guideline for the CBE supervisors in making risk-based assessments of banks, including the evaluation of banks' internal capital adequacy assessment process (ICAAP).

Public Financial Management:

Lebanon: In 2012, the ministry of finance established a Macro Fiscal Department (MFD) under the Budget and commitment control directorate. During that time a METAC mission provided training to the MFD. The World Bank and the European Union are also providing technical assistance to the MFD. The main objective of this month's METAC mission is to provide training in the areas of revenues forecasting and spending analysis. The mission discussed with the authorities the main challenges in expenditures and revenues forecasting and held a workshop that covered various aspects of the work of the MFD.

METAC Annual Report Fiscal Year 2015

METAC's Annual Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 (May 2014 to April 2015) was published this month. The report describes METAC's technical assistance and training activities, key achievements, outreach activities; the Center's strategic objectives based on results-based management framework (RBM) and the work plan for FY 2016. The report is available on our website at www.imfmetac.org.

METAC PLANNED MISSIONS

METAC planned missions for October 2015 can be found on our website at www.imfmetac.org

Shift in Statistics Focus

After consultation with the IMF Statistics department and METAC country mission chiefs at the IMF, the interdepartmental working group that was formed to consider strategic issues relating to METAC's next program cycle (May 2016-April 2021), recommended to shift the focus at METAC in the Statistics area to National Accounts Statistics. METAC will continue to cover other Statistics areas with backstopping from Headquarters.



The decision necessitated change in staff of METAC; the assignment of Mr. Malik Bani Hani who served as METAC External Sector Statistics Advisor for the last two years ended last week. We wish Mr. Bani Hani the best in his future endeavors

The new National Accounts Statistics position will be assumed by Mr. Todor Todorov who, before joining METAC, worked for four years as the Statistics Advisor at the IMF regional technical assistance center in Mauritius. Mr. Todorov started his assignment at METAC on September 1st, 2015.

