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IMF's Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center Concludes the Technical Assistance Mission in External Sector Statistics

The International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center (METAC) conducted a technical assistance mission on external sector statistics (ESS) for Afghanistan, during March 12-22, 2018, in Beirut. The mission assisted the authorities in improving the quality of the balance of payments and international investment position, with particular focus on filling data gaps. Reliable ESS are essential for informed economic policy-making by the authorities.

The participation of representatives Da Afghanistan Bank, Ministry of Finance, Central Statistics Organization, and Customs Department enhanced the interagency cooperation and established the basis for a partnership between institutions compiling ESS and those that are main source data providers.

METAC, as part of its engagement with Afghanistan, will continue to support the authorities' efforts to enhance the external sector statistics.