Tunisia

Fiscal Year 2026

Capacity Development Activities

Financial Supervision and Regulation

Bank supervision (June 30-July 4)

METAC assisted the Central Bank of Tunisia (CBT) in developing a supervisory framework for Payment Companies (PCs). This collaboration achieved three primary objectives: (i) developing dashboards for effective supervision of PCs; (ii) review CBT's reporting templates for PCs; and (iii) drafting inspection guides for off-site and on-site supervision. The technical assistance enhanced the supervisory framework for payment companies and built the knowledge, understanding, and capacity of supervisors to assess the risks associated with these entities in the Tunisian banking sector.

Developing Regulation on Net Stable Funding Rating (NSFR) (January 12-16)

The mission assisted the Central Bank of Tunisia (CBT) in developing a liquidity regulation on the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR), aligned with Basel III liquidity standards. three days of training covered liquidity risk management and Basel III liquidity requirements, addressing newly recruited staff needs. The mission (i) presented the Basel framework for the long-term structural liquidity ratio, the NSFR, and (ii) prepared a first draft regulation along with an NSFR template for a quantitative impact study (QIS) to be distributed to banks in anticipation of the future adoption of a Tunisian NSFR. The mission concluded with recommendations to enhance the existing liquidity regulatory framework, develop comprehensive risk management guidelines for banks, revise the current LCR framework to align with Basel III standards, design templates for liquidity monitoring tools, and complete the NSFR project.

Real Sector Statistics

Improving Quarterly GDP Estimates and Annual Balance Sheets

Since 2022, METAC has worked with Tunisia to develop quarterly GDP estimates by expenditure. In October 2025, the team reviewed and improved the method for estimating household final consumption expenditure. The national statistical office also requested a review of its annual non-financial assets estimates for inclusion in the national accounts balance sheets.

Improving Tunisia’s National Accounts (January 12-16)

The National Institute of Statistics (INS) plans to release quarterly GDP estimates by expenditure (QGDPE) using improved methods by February 2027, despite data limitations. The annual benchmark for the 2025 GDP is planned to be published in August 2026. Indicators selected for compiling QGDPE underwent further improvements during the mission.

Development Of Non-Financial Balance Sheets (April 6-10)

The mission assisted the Tunisian statistical institute (INS) with the development of non-financial balance sheets (NFBS). Most practical assistance was directed toward compiling statistics on dwellings, primarily owned by households. Moreover, the strategy for addressing non-financial assets held by corporations was revised.

Revenue Administration

Spotlight on Capacity Building: Advancing AI in Tunisian Customs (June 17-26)

IMF HQ and METAC delivered an intensive training to strengthen the capacity of Tunisian Customs officers in enhancing selectivity mechanisms through artificial intelligence (AI). This initiative directly supports the strategic objective of the General Directorate for Customs (GDC) to integrate AI into the risk management framework of SYNDA 2—the country's next-generation customs IT system currently under development.

The workshop trained seven dedicated officers from the Risk Management, Statistics, and IT departments. Their strong understanding of the customs environment fostered rich discussions and practical insights, making the sessions highly interactive and impactful. Participants explored how AI can be applied to improve targeting, streamline operations, and support data-driven decision-making, laying the groundwork for future innovation in Tunisian Customs.