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Technical Assistance Missions

Revenue Administration

Egypt

The Egyptian Customs Authority is preparing a revised organizational structure that is in alignment with the new Customs Act and reflects international good practice in Customs administration. The new structure is to be submitted to the government by the end of March 2016. To support this exercise, METAC provided Technical Assistance (TA) to develop and agree on key organizational design principles, review current proposals and advise on the necessary changes.

Afghanistan

The METAC Revenue Administration Advisor joined a Headquarters mission to meet with Afghan officials, and explore opportunities to provide future TA in the areas of Tax and Customs administration.

Jordan

At the request of the Jordan Customs Authority, METAC provided TA to support the development of the intelligence function as a basis for enhanced risk management and operational effectiveness. The mission presented a ‘target’ intelligence function for the consideration of management, and conducted a gap analysis against the intelligence arrangement currently in place. Following this analysis, assistance was provided to define an action plan to address the gaps identified.

Banking Supervision

West Bank and Gaza

METAC short-term expert visited the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) and delivered TA on capacity development, mainly on how to assess bank’s risks and implement the risk-based inspection’s manual that METAC has assisted before in its development. This would save the PMA resources and efforts when supervising banks.

Regional Workshop on “Price Index Compilation Issues”



METAC and the IMF Statistics Department held a workshop on “Price Index Compilation Issues” in Beirut from February 1-5, 2016. The workshop addressed specific price statistics compilation issues of participating countries. International standards and best practices were also discussed.

The interactive workshop facilitated extensive discussions and included practical exercises. In a final wrap-up session, participants were given the opportunity to identify potential areas for future METAC TA support.

Twenty four officials from national statistical offices who are involved in the compilation of price statistics in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region attended the workshop. The countries represented included: Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Sudan, and West Bank and Gaza.

IMF Capacity Development is on Social Media

As part of the ongoing efforts to boost communications on the Fund’s capacity development activities, the IMF Capacity Development Department now has two social media initiatives up and running- a Facebook page and a Twitter account.

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IMFCapDev>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IMFCapacityDevelopment/>

These are great platforms to enhance visibility of the Fund on-the-ground work, provide greater visibility to donors’ support to Regional Technical Assistance Centers, and increase broader awareness of IMF Capacity Development.

We very much welcome your comments and any feedback you might have on these two social media initiatives.

METAC PLANNED MISSIONS

METAC planned missions for March 2016 can be found on our website at www.imfmetac.org

