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**Technical Assistance Missions**

*Public Financial Management (PFM)*

**Sudan**

An IMF-Fiscal Affairs Department and METAC joint technical assistance mission visited Khartoum to take stock of progress in the areas of treasury single account (TSA), cash management, budget preparation, and macro-fiscal analysis and advise on further reforms, including a realistic implementation plan. PFM reforms have gained momentum: the authorities have centralized cash balances for the central government at the Central Bank and reduced idle balances, which have spurred other associated key reforms: (i) centralized payment processing and (ii) activation of the payment processing module of the IT system and roll-out to all ministries. These reforms have important benefits for fiscal policy, including real time view on actual cash expenditures and payments for financing items; close follow-up on budget implementation; and improvement of fiscal reports.

*Statistics*

**West Bank and Gaza**

As part of METAC’s capacity development program to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) on improving national account statistics, a mission visited Ramallah to review data sources and methods for measuring GDP volumes by production and expenditure approaches. The mission assisted PCBS in estimating GDP volumes and adopting the

chain-linking technique for constructing time series. The mission also followed up on progress in adopting procedures for independent quarterly estimates of the household final consumption expenditure (HFCE) and gross fixed capital formation (GFCF).

**Training Activities**

*Banking Supervision*

**Egypt**

As part of the capacity development program to the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) on enhancing the banking regulatory and supervisory frameworks, METAC organized a training in Cairo on the new Basel Committee on Banking Supervision’s Standard related to the minimum capital requirements for market risk. The objective of the training is to strengthen the capacity of the CBE supervisors in assessing bank’s capital adequacy against market risk by emphasizing on banks’ risk management practices.

**Jordan**

A METAC mission trained the supervisors of the Central Bank of Jordan on stress-testing as an essential tool to assess the resilience of banks to adverse economic and financial conditions. This tool is expected to help supervisors identify vulnerable banks at an early stage and contribute to enhancing financial stability.

*Revenue Administration*

**Egypt**

Following a Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT) in October 2015, two

METAC short-term experts visited Cairo to provide post-assessment TADAT training to managers in the Egyptian Tax Authority (ETA) and the Ministry of Finance. The experts gathered feedback from participants regarding the priority areas to be addressed in building ETA capacity in line with international good practices. This feedback will form the basis of a structured program for METAC TA support to the ETA over the next 1-2 years.

**West Bank and Gaza**

METAC organized a training in Ramallah to enhance the technical investigative capacity of Customs’ staff, and to improve the existing mechanisms for joint action by the Customs Directorate and General Prosecution Services.

*Statistics*

**Lebanon**

METAC and the IMF Statistics Department conducted a joint workshop on “Producer Price Index (PPI): Compilation Issues” for the staff of the Central Administration of Statistics (CAS). The workshop provided an overview of the concepts and methods used to compile PPIs.

**Workshop on Producer Price Index**



Discussions and applied exercises emphasized the practical application of international standards and best practices. Topics focused on country-specific needs and objectives to support the development of a PPI for Lebanon.

**Technical Assistance Reports**

The following TA reports were uploaded on our website during August 2016. Steering Committee members of countries and donors who signed a confidentiality agreement with the IMF can access the reports on our website.

|                        | <b>Egypt</b>                        |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Revenue Administration | VAT Implementation Readiness        |
|                        | <b>Iraq</b>                         |
| Statistics             | Price Statistics                    |
|                        | <b>Sudan</b>                        |
| Statistics             | National Accounts                   |
| Revenue Administration | Review of Risk Management Pilot     |
|                        | <b>West bank and Gaza</b>           |
| Banking Supervision    | Implementing Risk-Based Supervision |

**METAC PLANNED MISSIONS**

METAC planned missions for September 2016 can be found @ [www.imfmetac.org](http://www.imfmetac.org)

