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Technical Assistance Missions

Banking Supervision

Lebanon

In response to the request of the Banking Control Commission of Lebanon (BCCL), METAC conducted a technical assistance (TA) mission to Lebanon on the implementation of a risk-based supervision (RBS) manual that was developed earlier with METAC assistance. In particular, the mission helped the authorities in developing a template for RBS report, which helps to assess how a bank manages risks and flags out the areas that could threaten the soundness and safety of the bank.

Public Financial Management

Iraq

In response to a request from the Ministry of Finance (MoF) of Iraq, a METAC mission visited Amman to discuss the design and steps required to implement commitment controls and to review the latest draft of the Financial Management Law, which is a structural benchmark part of the IMF Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) for Iraq. The mission took place concurrently with the IMF mission conducting the first review of the SBA.

Jordan

A METAC TA mission visited Amman, Jordan to (i) provide additional capacity building to the MoF on International Public Sector Accounting

Standards (IPSAS) cash basis, and (ii) assist the authorities with the implementation of the mid-November 2016 structural benchmark on IPSAS included in the IMF's Extended Fund Facility for Jordan.

Revenue Administration

Jordan

Two METAC short-term experts visited Amman, Jordan to discuss the capacity development priorities of the Income and Sales Tax Department (ISTD), and agree with the authorities on a structured program for METAC TA support to the ISTD over the next one to two years. This mission is a follow-up on the Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool assessment conducted in March 2016.

Statistics

Egypt

A METAC mission worked jointly with the national account compilers of the Ministry of Planning and the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics to ensure consistency in concepts, methodological procedures, and source data, for compiling GDP aggregates by the production, income, and final expenditure approaches in annual national accounts and Supply and Use tables. The mission also assisted the compilers in enhancing the procedures for quarterly GDP estimates.

Training Activities

Banking Supervision

Afghanistan



As part of its capacity development program to Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) on enhancing its banking regulatory and supervisory frameworks, METAC held an off-site mission in Amman, Jordan to train a team of supervisors from DAB on "Dealing with Weak Banks". The mission discussed how to identify problematic banks at an early stage, the difficulties encountered while inspecting them, and the possible measures that could help manage such cases.

Collaboration with External Partners

METAC Coordinator visited Brussels and The Hague during September 6-9 to meet with external partners from the European Commission and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meetings focused on

METAC's activities and achievements in the region, coordination with other TA providers, the center's strategy for the next five years, and financing issues.

Technical Assistance Reports

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

| | Algeria |
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| | National Accounts |

METAC PLANNED MISSIONS

METAC planned missions for October 2016 can be found @ www.imfmetac.org

