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Banking Supervision Training for Iraq



As part of "Improving the Banking Supervision Regulation Framework" project, METAC Banking Supervision Advisor, Mr. Mohamad Ali Hassan, completed a two-week mission in Beirut aimed at enhancing the capabilities of the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) examiners and improving their skills in banking supervision.

The first part, January 10-14, provided training to CBI examiners on the new prudential regulations and related supervisory call reports which were developed by METAC in line with the requirements of Basel Committee on banking supervision and international best practices.

The regulations were approved and issued by the authorities in Iraq.

The second part, January 17-21, covered off-site supervision and the preparation of monthly and yearly reports for banks following the CAMELS approach.

FAD/WB/METAC joint mission in Public Financial Management (PFM) in Jordan

At the request of Jordanian authorities, an FAD/METAC mission, with the participation of the World Bank, visited Amman from January 17-27 to review progress in the public financial management reform agenda. This included a review of budget preparation, budget execution and cash management, reporting and accounting, as well as new topics as "mega-projects" and pre-conditions for public-private partnership activities. The mission was headed by Mr. Dimitar Radev, Senior Economist in the IMF Fiscal Affairs Department. METAC was represented by Mr. Pierre Messali, PFM Resident Advisor, and Mr. Subra Ramamurthy, short-term expert.

Tax Information Systems Workshop for Afghan Officials



From January 10-14 METAC organized a workshop on tax information systems in Beirut for a high-level delegation from the Afghan Revenue Department comprising eleven senior officials and headed by the Deputy Minister for revenue and customs.

As the Afghan Revenue Department is currently in the process of implementing a modern automated tax administration system, the workshop aimed at strengthening the readiness of the Afghan officials in carrying out this major endeavor and served as a platform to address outstanding issues and present best practices in this area.

The workshop addressed the challenges brought by the automation of tax operations and the associated change in management processes. The delegation benefited first hand from the successful experience of Lebanon in customizing and processing its automated tax operations.

The workshop was led by Ms. Manal Assir, METAC Revenue Administration Advisor, and Ms. Claudine Karaki, METAC short term expert.

Upcoming Events

Islamic Finance Workshop

In the context of continuous collaboration with the Banque du Liban (BDL), METAC and BDL are organizing a regional workshop on Islamic Finance. This workshop will gather bank examiners from central banks and officials from the ministries of finance in the region and is scheduled for February 21-23, 2011.

The workshop aims to develop the capacity of examiners in Sharia Structure (General rulings for Islamic Finance and C-ontract rulings for Sharia compliant operations) and Financial Structure (General rulings for Islamic Accounting and Islamic Financial Instruments Engineering - Ijara, Musharaka, Mudaraba, Salam, Murabaha and Istisna). The workshop will discuss Sukuk, which is one of the most important Islamic instruments for raising funds in the international capital markets.

