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## Developing a Tax Procedures Code (TPC) in Sudan

METAC organized a mission to Sudan from March 31 to April 4, 2013 to assist the Taxation Chamber in developing a Tax Procedures Code (TPC).

The mission was conducted by Ms. Manal Assir, METAC Revenue Administration Advisor, and Mr. Louay Hajj Chehade, METAC short-term expert in tax administration. The mission reviewed the preliminary TPC draft, focusing on the pending issues that are still delaying its finalization and that need to be settled. The mission provided advice and input on necessary amendments that need to be introduced and the proper schemes to finalize the TPC, including an action plan and timetable to produce the final TPC draft.

## Budget Classification – Sudan

A technical assistance mission visited Khartoum, Sudan, from April 8 to 18, 2013 to follow up on the recommendations of the June 2012 International Monetary Fund, Fiscal Affairs Department mission. The mission was led by Mr. Jacques Charaoui, METAC Public Financial Management Advisor, and comprised Mr. Mark Silins, METAC short-term expert. The mission assisted the Ministry of Finance and National Economy in (i) modernizing the budget classification and the chart of accounts, in line with the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001 and the Classification of the Functions of Government; and (ii) improving fiscal reporting.

## Strengthening Banking Supervision – Afghanistan

METAC Banking Supervision Advisor, Rachid Awad, visited Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) during March 30 to April 8, 2013 on a mission to assist in drafting a medium-term strategic plan for the Financial Supervision Department (FSD). The plan aims at strengthening the FSD practices and enhancing DAB prudential regulations. Mr. Awad had many meetings with DAB senior management and with FSD senior staff to discuss and agree on the main components of the plan. A first draft of the strategic plan was prepared during the mission and discussed with FSD senior staff in order to discuss it at a later stage with DAB senior management and submit it to DAB supreme council for approval.

## A Joint Regional Workshop between METAC, ESCWA and the Central Bank of Jordan



METAC organized a joint regional workshop in Amman, Jordan, from April 24 to 25, 2013 with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) on “*The Compilation of Workers’ Remittances*”. The workshop was hosted by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ), and benefitted from an important contribution of the Banque du Liban. Thirty five participants from METAC and Gulf countries attended the workshop, opened by Dr. Maher Sheikh Hasan, Deputy Governor of the CBJ. To improve the compilation of remittances, discussions confirmed the necessity of using surveys and migration data, in addition to traditional sources (banks and money transfer companies) and of organizing cooperation among compilers at regional level, preferably in the framework of a project to be setup under the aegis of a regional or international institution.

## Regional Workshop on Effective Risk Management of Tax Compliance in Jordan



METAC organized a regional workshop on “*Effective Risk Management of Tax Compliance*” from April 28 to 30, 2013 in Amman, Jordan. Gathering more than 40 senior officials from METAC and non-METAC countries, the workshop provided a platform for knowledge exchange related to building modern risk-based tax compliance approach. It highlighted best practices and challenges in designing a comprehensive risk management strategy and implementing effective risk-based compliance schemes. The event was a great opportunity to share experiences; several presentations were delivered by representatives of tax administrations, and dynamic discussions and debates characterized the sessions. The workshop was led by Ms. Manal Assir, METAC Revenue Administration Advisor, and Mr. Marcus Chew, METAC short-term expert.

