



RECIPIENT COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN	LIBYA
EGYPT	SUDAN
IRAQ	SYRIA
JORDAN	WBG
LEBANON	YEMEN

Price Statistics Mission in Afghanistan

A mission on external sector statistics to assist the Central Bank of Afghanistan (DAB) was conducted in Kabul, from January 5 to 16, 2014 by Mr. Malik Bani Hani, METAC resident statistics advisor.

The mission assisted the DAB in compiling the first international investment position (IIP) statement. It also assessed progress in the implementation of the direct investment (DI) survey, and the compilation of current and capital transfers.

The mission reviewed the current compilation practices of Balance of Payments (BOP) statistics and identified some weaknesses and potential areas for improvement and provided the necessary guidance to compile certain components of BOP.

In addition, the mission conducted training on the *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, sixth edition* (BPM6) methodology and assisted the staff at DAB in mapping the BOP data to BPM6 reporting format.

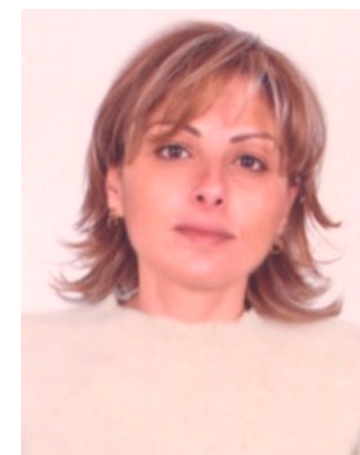
Review Progress in Implementing PFM Reform Agenda in West Bank and Gaza

A technical assistance (TA) mission visited Ramallah, West Bank from January 8 to 11, 2014 to follow up on the recommendations of the December 2011 International Monetary Fund (IMF), Fiscal Affairs Department (FAD) mission and the METAC mission of January 2013. The mission undertook a comprehensive review of public financial management (PFM) and prepared a revised PFM strategy framework in which recent developments and emerging needs were identified.

Budget Classification in Sudan

A TA mission visited Khartoum from December 8 to 18, 2013 to follow up on the recommendations of the April 2013 mission. The mission comprised Mr. Jacques Charaoui, METAC public financial management advisor, and Mr. Dominique Bouley, METAC short-term expert. The mission provided TA and hands-on training to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy on: (i) the implementation of the Classification of Functions of Government (COFOG) functional classification; and (ii) the consolidation of the final accounts of the Republic of the Sudan.

Farewell to Manal Assir



It is with mixed feelings that we say farewell to Ms. Manal Assir, METAC revenue administration advisor for the last four years. A feeling of sadness to see her go, and yet happiness to see her extending her career boundaries.

Manal served METAC membership with devotion and worked diligently to achieve results on the ground. Her work has been highly appreciated by the beneficiary institutions in METAC countries and her contributions have been a great benefit to METAC and, undeniably, she will be deeply missed.

We have no doubt that wherever Manal takes her career, she will continue to prove herself as an asset to that organization. We wish Manal the very best of luck and the greatest of success in all her future endeavors. Manal's last day will be February 14, 2014.

Manal's duties will be assumed by Mr. Charles Jenkins. Before joining METAC, Mr. Jenkins has been involved in the field of public revenue administration for over twenty years, both as a private sector consultant with Deloitte and PricewaterhouseCoopers, and as an executive manager. He has assisted tax and customs authorities in numerous countries in the areas of strategic development, organizational integration and change, new systems implementation and performance management. He has also served as the Commissioner General of the Revenue Authority in Lesotho.

