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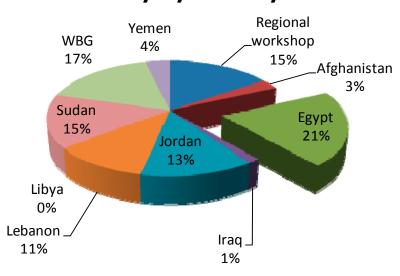




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#### A year in Summary

## **Delivery by country**



During fiscal year 2015, and despite the security situation in some of METAC member countries, METAC was able to deliver technical assistant (TA) to all member countries except Syria and Libya. METAC's implementation ratio (executed vs. planned missions) reached 85 percent including nine regional workshops. Due to weak security situation, METAC missions for Iraq and Yemen were held in Amman and Beirut, respectively. For the first time since the inception of METAC, Egypt received the largest share of TA resources (21 percent), followed by West Bank and Gaza (17 percent).

#### The work plan for Fiscal year 2016

The work plan for fiscal year 2016 was designed based on the IMF Middle East and Central Asia department's Strategy note, METAC's long term Advisors' knowledge of the member countries' needs and requests for TA from the authorities.

The anticipated risks during fiscal year 2016 are similar to those of the past two years, mainly weak security situations in a number of METAC countries. To limit this impact, for countries with serious security issues, TA will continue to be held in external locations.

### **Credit Scoring mission to Sudan**

During May 2015, METAC mission visited Khartoum, Sudan to assist the "Credit Information and Scoring Agency" (CIASA) in evaluating and selecting a preferred vendor for a credit scoring system that CIASA will use to enhance credit risk review process and predict the likelihood of a credit's applicant of becoming past-due.

# PFM Technical Assistance mission to Iraq

METAC public financial management (PFM) Advisor, Mr. Jacques Charaoui, is in Amman during May 27 to June 4 2015, to join an IMF Middle East and Central Asia Department mission. The advisor held meetings and will meet with officials of an Iraqi delegation from the Ministries of Finance and Planning in order review the overall progress in the implementation of PFM reforms, explore TA that METAC would deliver to the Ministry of Finance in the PFM area, and prepare the grounds for the upcoming mission from the Fiscal Affairs Department.

#### **Customs Mission to Sudan**

A METAC mission commenced to support the Sudan Customs Authority in introducing the World Trade Organization valuation methodology. Analytical work is being undertaken in both the Authority's Head Office in Khartoum, and at its key operational base in Port Sudan. The mission, which is scheduled to conclude in June, will include the delivery of a workshop to address the most pressing implementation issues.

As this is the first engagement METAC has had with Sudan Customs, the mission will also assess the requirements and opportunities for future METAC support. The mission is being undertaken by a short-term expert, and will be joined for a week by Mr. Charles Jenkins, METAC revenue administration Resident Advisor.

#### **METAC PLANNED MISSIONS**

METAC planned missions for June 2015 can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.imfmetac.org">www.imfmetac.org</a>

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