



Technical Assistance Mission in PFM

A Fiscal Affairs Department / METAC technical assistance (TA) public financial management (PFM) mission visited Khartoum, Sudan during July 29 – August 10, 2015 to take stock of reforms in budget preparation, treasury management, and fiscal reporting areas and to recommend next steps in five key areas: Treasury Single Account (TSA), Cash Flow Forecasting, Strategic Phase of Budgeting, Fiscal Reporting, and IT-based Information Systems. The mission also organized two workshops on TSA and cash flow forecasting.



A second METAC mission visited Sudan during August 23 - 31, 2015 to provide additional TA to further support the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning capacity building in applying its Medium-Term Fiscal Framework.

Revenue Administration visits

West Bank and Gaza

A METAC TA mission visited Ramallah during August 16 – 27, 2015 to support the General Directorates of Income Tax, and Value Added Tax (VAT) & Customs in defining the reporting requirements of the new Revenue Management System. This mission is part of a longer term program, in consultation with other development partners, to use enhanced management and operational information to support greater strategic focus in tax administration.

As part of the mission a workshop was organized that brought together representatives of the tax administration, the Ministry of Finance Macro-Fiscal Unit and the systems developers.

Jordan

METAC Resident Advisor visited the Income and Sales Tax Department and Jordan Customs Authority in Amman, in order to map out a program of continued support to both organizations. As a result of this visit, a further three missions were agreed on for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Project to BCCL

METAC continues to work with the Banking Control Commission of Lebanon (BCCL) on reviewing and upgrading the inspection manual and further aligning it to risk based supervision.

This project, under the banking supervision area, will continue until January 2016 includes a set of examination procedures that is prepared by the expert from home and two onsite missions to review progress and recommend next steps.

During August, in addition to three work-from-home missions under this project, a one week visit took place to BCCL. Significant progress has been made in updating and improving the inspection manual in line with the time frame that was agreed on with the authorities.

New link to IMF courses

We are pleased to announce that a new link to the IMF Institute for Capacity Development (ICD) course catalog has been added to our website. The catalog lists all courses offered in the IMF training centers as well as online courses.

The link can be found on the home page under “IMF training catalog”.

Upcoming Regional Workshop

METAC is organizing a regional workshop on “*Budget Preparation Process*” as part of its activities in the area of PFM. This workshop will take place in Jordan in the area of the Dead Sea, during October 12 - 15, 2015.

This four-day workshop will aim at deepening participants’ understanding of issues related to bringing a medium-term perspective to budget decision making and processes; to estimating expenditures, and budgeting techniques and tools; to conducting analysis; and negotiating improved budget policies by sector.

The workshop will include practical examples and case studies related to expenditure policy analysis techniques.

METAC PLANNED MISSIONS

METAC planned missions for September 2015 can be found on our website at www.imfmetac.org

