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Content

Key Highlights

Member countries made progress across several areas. **Algeria** exited the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) "grey list", marking a significant boost to Algeria's financial integrity (see Stories from the Field). **Jordan** developed and published full documentation on its local currency bond market. **Libya's** High Committee for the Implementation of the Strategic Plan to Combat Corruption took practical steps to document and publish corruption vulnerabilities. **Morocco** completed an internal development of an end-to-end e-invoicing system, while **Syria** developed a sequenced reform plan to improve operations of the General Authority for Borders and Customs. **Yemen** prepared a digital transformation roadmap to modernize its tax administration.

Despite a persistently volatile regional security environment, METAC delivered 46 country CD activities, two regional workshops and two webinars in the first quarter of this fiscal year. Regional highlights included the launch of the **High-Level Supervisory Meeting** and two **Peer-Learning** Workshops: one on (1) Enhancing Cyber Risk Supervision between **Egypt** and **Morocco** and another on (2) Digitalization and IFMIS Implementation between **Lebanon** and **Somalia**.

METAC's Annual Steering Committee Meeting convened on July 1 in Rabat, Morocco, to review member countries' achievements, discuss priorities and brainstorm the strategic direction of METAC's new program phase.

In Staff News, Mireille Cherfane joined METAC as Administrative Assistant and Translator in August. Her arrival strengthens METAC's ability to better serve member countries through increased Arabic-language outreach and communications. This newsletter marks the first edition translated into Arabic—we hope you enjoy this new offering.

MEMBERS

Afghanistan, Algeria, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon

Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, West Bank and Gaza, Yemen

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

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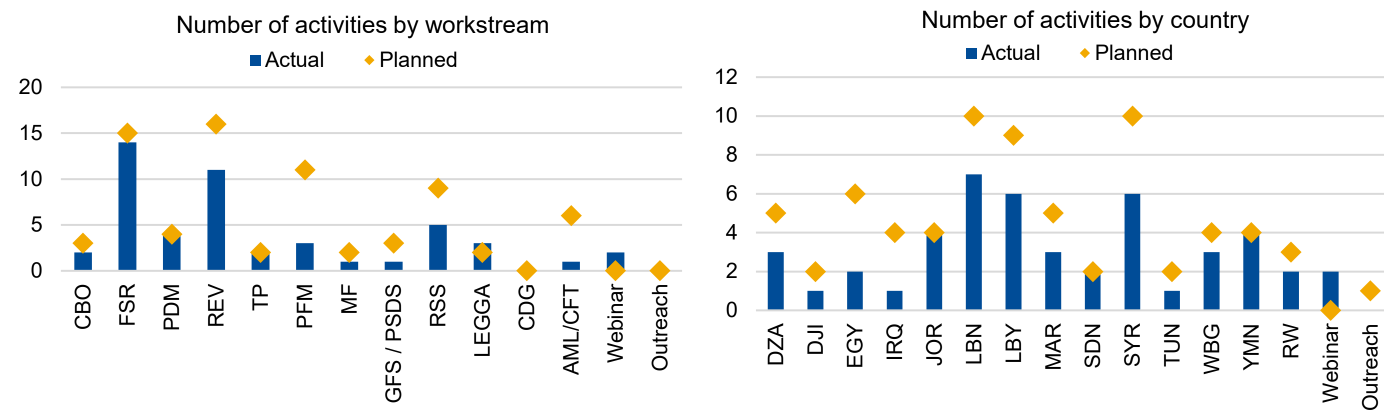
Figure 1. Capacity Development Activities
May 2026 to July 2026



Workstream acronyms: CBO: Central Bank Operations; CRC: Cross-Cutting, Digitalization and Gender Equality; FSR: Financial Supervision and Regulation; PDM: Public Debt Management; PFM: Public Financial Management; REV: Revenue Administration; RSS: Real Sector Statistics; TP: Tax Policy; MF: Macroeconomic Frameworks; GFS: Government Finance Statistics; LEGGA: Governance and Anti-Corruption; AML/CFT: Anti-Money Laundering & Combating the Financing of Terrorism.
Country acronyms: AFG: Afghanistan; DZA: Algeria; DJI: Djibouti; EGY: Egypt; IRQ: Iraq; JOR: Jordan; LBN: Lebanon; LBY: Libya; MAR: Morocco; SDN: Sudan; SYR: Syria; TUN: Tunisia; WBG: West Bank and Gaza; YMN: Yemen; RW: Regional Workshop; WEB: Webinar; OA: Outreach Activity.

Stories from the Field

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Algeria just exited the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) "grey list", marking a significant boost to Algeria’s financial integrity and security. What did the authorities achieve to reach this milestone?

Bank of Algeria is now implementing a risk-based approach to AML/CFT supervision, strengthening the effectiveness of its oversight of financial institutions under its remit. Further, the national register for beneficial ownership meets transparency expectations. The important progress in Algeria's AML/CFT framework was recognized by the FATF and industry observers and led to the removal from the grey list in June 2026. Algerian authorities highly value the IMF's support and sought additional Capacity Development for further reforms in their AML/CFT framework.

How did you contribute to this achievement?

My work with Algeria was part of a Capacity Development project focused on helping authorities strengthen the AML/CFT system. Algeria was added to the FATF increased monitoring list (commonly known as the grey list) in October 2024. Together with the Bank of Algeria, we worked on developing AML/CFT supervision of financial institutions and helped strengthen entity transparency under the leadership of the Ministry of Trade.

What made Algeria's experience special?

For me, Algeria's experience shows that lasting reform is built on strong country ownership, sustained effort, and trusted partnerships. The authorities' commitment to reform was impressive. Seeing counterparts take the lead and translate technical advice into real progress has been one of the most rewarding parts of my work. Regulations, procedures, guidance and tools were quickly rolled out for all sectors, and supervisors were trained and applying new strategies and processes. Weaknesses in obtaining accurate and up-to-date beneficial ownership information were identified and quickly addressed.

Steering Committee Meeting

On July 1, METAC's Steering Committee convened in Rabat, Morocco, to review METAC's member countries' achievements over the past year, discuss priorities for the year ahead, and consider the strategic direction of METAC's new program phase. The meeting, chaired by H.E. Yassine Jaber, Minister of Finance of Lebanon, and hosted by Mr. Othmane Lahlou, Deputy Director at the Ministry of Finance of Morocco, brought together representatives from member countries, development partners, and the IMF. The Steering Committee endorsed the FY27 Work Plan and budget, approved increasing off-site mission participant numbers, and the creation of Artificial Intelligence as a new cross-cutting workstream. During discussion sessions, members and development partners emphasized the importance of coordination and information sharing and encouraged METAC to deepen coordination with development partners and other technical assistance providers.

Selected Technical Assistance and Training

The below summaries represent ***only a snapshot*** *of selected activities. For a full list of all TA and training activities, please have a look at Table 1 at the end of this section and check out METAC's website for details for each activity. Please see Table 2 for planned activities between May and July 2026.*

Algeria reached a major milestone in strengthening measures to tackle money laundering and terrorist financing with METAC's assistance. In June, Algeria was removed from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) "grey list" of jurisdictions under increased monitoring (see also Stories from the Field). The Banque d'Algérie recently established a legal framework for licensing and operating payment service providers, seeking METAC's assistance in enhancing the supervisory framework. Further, METAC conducted a Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT) training for the Algerian Directorate General of Taxation to strengthen officials' understanding of good international practices and clarify requirements for a future TADAT assessment.

Developing Regulatory Framework for DSIBs at the Banque d'Algérie in May 2026.

Central Bank of **Iraq** (CBI) strengthened its ability to apply risk-based licensing and supervise digital banks more effectively, supported by prioritized recommendations and an implementation roadmap aimed at promoting a more consistent, forward-looking, and robust regulatory framework in line with Iraq's broader banking sector reform agenda. The METAC mission helped strengthen the CBI's regulatory and supervisory framework for both banking licensing and digital banks.

The Central Bank of **Jordan** (CBJ) is advancing reforms to implement FSAP (Financial System Stability Assessment) recommendations to further strengthen supervisory frameworks. The CBJ prepared an initial draft regulation for key risk areas which METAC reviewed to enhance it in line with international standards and best practices. The Department of Statistics is progressing in the development of a residential property price index. METAC also supported the CBJ and the Ministry of Finance in developing its Local Currency Bond Market by preparing Term Sheets and comprehensive bond documentation. CBJ issued a circular publishing the local currency bond market documentation in June 2026. This serves as a preliminary step toward developing both the primary and secondary markets for government securities. Additional Technical Assistance on updating Jordan's debt management strategy and training of MoF officials on the joint IMF-WB Medium Term Debt Management Analytical Tool complemented Jordan's efforts in enhancing debt management practices.

Jordan Risk Management Regulation mission in July 2026.

Supervisors of **Lebanon's** Banking Control Commission of Lebanon (BCCL) strengthened their understanding of risk-based supervision and explored how selected Supervisory Review Process tools could be adapted to the Lebanese supervisory environment. The Ministry of Finance advanced in implementing electronic filing services for off-line tax returns, such as banking, insurance, and partnerships. Finally, a desk-based activity assessed key elements of the draft Income Tax Law and reviewed selected provisions.

Libya made comprehensive efforts in improving its revenue administration processes. METAC supported the Libyan Customs Administration in translating its newly adopted 2026-2029 Strategic Plan into a practical implementation roadmap. Customs managers developed a detailed action plan, six strategic objectives, and established key performance indicators to monitor reform progress. At the same time, METAC supported the Libyan Tax Administration in strengthening operational planning and monitoring to advance the implementation of its Strategic Plan. A pilot-based approach centered on the launch of the Large Taxpayer Office (LTO) in Tripoli and ongoing digitalization reforms. The LTO served as a platform for testing and scaling modern administrative practices. Moreover, the Ministry of Planning and the Bureau of Statistics and Census significantly progressed in developing Supply-and-Use Tables for 2022 to support the rebasing national accounts. The Central Bank of Libya strengthened supervisory approaches to corporate governance and Sharīʿah governance. It is also taking steps toward transitioning to a forward-looking risk-based supervision approach and developing a supervisory risk matrix.

Officials from the Libyan Customs Administration (LCA) with Customs Administration Advisor Andrew Allan developing an action plan for the LCA.

The **Palestinian Authority's** tax administration is seeking to develop a focused compliance strategy to improve short-term revenue performance. During several missions, METAC provided training and assisted the authorities in applying key Compliance Risk Management (CRM) and debt collection concepts to their data. The Ministry of Finance reviewed its Manual for Cash Management Directorate to bring it into line with good cash management practices and to reflect cash-flow forecasting, planning, and coordination with other MoF departments.

The **Moroccan** General Directorate of Taxes (DGI) prepared a comprehensive revenue administration tax gap analysis for value added tax (VAT) covering the period 2017–2025. METAC helped establish the analytical foundation for VAT and CIT gap estimation. The DGI also continued work on the development of an end-to-end e-invoicing system, called FATOURA. With METAC support, the platform is getting ready for operational deployment.

METAC delivered its first technical assistance mission to support the Debt Management Units at **Sudan**'s Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and the Central Bank of Sudan. The mission supported officials in strengthening core public debt management functions and helping the authorities prepare for the post-conflict phase, including the possible resumption of discussions on the HIPC Initiative, which was interrupted by the current conflict.

Training to the Debt Management Units in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and the Central Bank of Sudan.

The first METAC-FAD diagnostic assessment of **Syria's** customs and tax administrations helped establish a shared understanding of the key institutional, legal, and operational challenges facing the General Authority for Borders and Customs (GABC). Based on the findings, METAC and GABC agreed on a sequenced reform plan that includes a review of the new customs law, development of secondary legislation, a roadmap for transitioning from specific to ad valorem tariffs and strengthened collaboration with the General Commission for Taxes and Fees. With METAC support, supervisors at the Central Bank of Syria (CBS) enhanced their understanding of risk-based supervisory approaches and gained practical experience in assessing inherent risks, risk management practices, and key risk areas, including credit, liquidity, operational, and governance risks. CBS also strengthened its understanding of Basel III capital adequacy requirements and the application of IFSB-23 standards for Islamic banks.

The Central Bank of **Tunisia** is advancing its Basel-III reform agenda by enhancing the country's liquidity risk regulatory framework. METAC supported the CBT in developing a qualitative liquidity risk regulation aligned with Basel principles and reviewing the Liquidity Coverage Ratio framework against international standards.

Developing Regulation on Liquidity Risk Management in Tunisia.

During a scoping mission for **Yemen**, METAC's Governance and Anti-Corruption advisor met with the Central Organization for Control and Auditing (COCA) to understand the COCA's analysis of corruption-related risks. The COCA delegation presented multiple proposals for strengthening its own capacity, as well as the capacity of the whole ecosystem. The mission identified priority areas for capacity development to strengthen anti-corruption and governance frameworks. The Central Statistical Organization of Yemen advanced work on the 2025 GDP estimates. METAC helped clarify source data requirements, introduced simplified compilation methods to accelerate progress, and supported the initial compilation of selected GDP components. It also facilitated knowledge exchange with Egyptian counterparts.

Governance and Anti-Corruption mission for the Central Organization for Control and Auditing (COCA) in Yemen.

METAC assessed the Central Bank of Yemen’s institutional, regulatory, and supervisory arrangements for overseeing ICT and cybersecurity risks. Based on the findings, a medium-term roadmap was developed. The Yemeni General Taxation Department advanced preparations for tax administration modernization through the development of a digital transformation roadmap aligned with its strategic objectives.

Regional events focused on fostering peer-learning and exchange. They included a high-level Supervisory Meeting, a peer-learning Workshop on Digitalization and IFMIS and the Financial Regulation and Supervision’s first Peer-learning Workshop. A **High-Level Supervisory Meeting** brought together senior policymakers and heads of banking supervision from METAC member countries and the Gulf region to discuss key supervisory challenges, emerging risks, and strategic priorities, while promoting peer learning. Participants emphasized growing demand for technical assistance on digitization-related topics, including payment service providers, fintech, cyber resilience, and crypto-assets.

High-Level Meeting of Supervisors (2-3 July).

The IMF Monetary and Capital Markets Department and METAC conducted a **Peer-Learning Workshop** on “**Enhancing Cyber Risk Supervisory Framework”** for staff from the Central Bank of Morocco and the Central Bank of Egypt. The workshop covered the cyber threat landscape, cyber risk management, governance, regulation, supervisory practices, third-party risk management, and incident reporting, among others, along with a session on recent developments in frontier AI models and their cybersecurity implications.

Peer-Learning Workshop on Enhancing Cyber Risk Supervisory Framework for staff from Morocco and Egypt.

A four-day peer-to-peer exchange on **Digitalization and Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS)** between the Ministries of Finance of Lebanon and Somalia brought together seventeen Lebanese officials, including directors from seven directorates under the Directorate General for Finance, to facilitate sharing of experiences. The peer exchange showcased practical lessons from

Somalia's digitalization and IFMIS implementation in a fragile and capacity-constrained environment.

Peer-Learning on Digitalization and IFMIS for Lebanon and Somalia.

METAC also supported the IMF CEF and the IMF Regional Office in Riyadh in organizing the course "**Financial Programming and Policies for Fragile and Conflict-Affected States**". Using a real-world case study on Iraq, participants strengthened their skills in macroeconomic analysis, forecasting, and policy design for Fragile and Conflict-Affected States.

Training course "Financial Programming and Policies for Fragile and Conflict-Affected States".

Table 1. Technical Assistance Missions during May 2026 - July 2026

Country	Workstream	Date
	Central Bank Operations	
LBN	FX Reserve Management	Jun - Jul
	Financial Supervision and Regulation	
DZA	Building Supervisory Capacity for Payment Services Providers Oversight	Jun
DZA	Developing Regulatory Framework for Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)	May
EGY	Peer to Peer Learning with Morocco on Cyber Risk Supervision	Jun
IRQ	Reviewing and updating the Banking Licensing Guide/Mechanisms and principles for monitoring digital banks	Jun
JOR	Developing Risk Management Regulation	Jul
LBN	Workshop on Supervisory Review Process (EU SREP methodology)	Jun
LBY	Workshop on Shariah Governance supervision	May
LBY	Risk-Based Banking Supervision	Jul
SYR	Workshop on SRP: Supervisory Tools and Techniques	May
SYR	Capital Adequacy Framework	Jul
TUN	Developing Regulation on Liquidity Risk management	Jun
YMN	Supervisory reporting	Jul
REG	METAC-CEF Crypto Assets Regulation and Supervision	May
REG	High-Level Meeting of Supervisors	Jul

Public Debt Management		
DJI	Domestic debt market for government securities	May
JOR	Follow-up LCBM development	Jun
JOR	MTDS and ABP developing and implementing	Jul
SDN	Strengthening debt management and debt analytics capabilities	Jun
Public Financial Management		
WBG	Review and update of the Manual for Cash Management Directorate	May
SDN	Treasury Single Account – Part 1	Jul
LBN	Peer-to-peer Learning on Digitalization and IFMIS with Somalia Ministry of Finance	Jul
REG	Regional Note: Managing Cash Management Function in Fragile and Conflict Affected States	Jul - Oct
Tax Administration		
DZA	Pre-TADAT Training	May
LBN	Support the MoF on IT Stabilization	Jun
MAR	Support to the Implementation of E-invoicing	May
MAR	Assist in RA GAP Estimation (Remote Data Collection)	May
MAR	Assist in RA GAP Estimation (Field Based)	Jun
SYR	HQ-METAC Develop a Reform Plan	Jun
SYR	Review tax Laws 3rd Review	May
WBG	Support to Develop a Focused Compliance Strategy that Improves Short-term Revenues	Jun
WBG	Develop a Digital Transformation Roadmap (METAC, HQ, WB)	Jul
YMN	Develop a Digital Transformation Roadmap	Jul
Customs Administration		
LBY	Customs Strategic Action Plan and KPI Drafting	Jun
SYR	Customs Support to HQ Diagnostic Mission	Jun
Tax Policy		
LBN	Income Tax Law Design and Implementation	Jun
SYR	HQ-Desk-Based Drafting of Model PSC	Jul
Government Finance Statistics and Public Sector Debt Statistics		
LBN	Expand GFS and PSDS Coverage	Jul
Real Sector Statistics		
EGY	Supply and Use Tables	May
LBY	Supply and Use Table (off-site)	May
LBY	PPT - PPI Improvements	Jul
SYR	GDP - Annual and Quarterly National Accounts	Jul
YMN	GDP - Annual National Accounts	May
Governance and Anti-Corruption		
LBN	Governance Diagnostic Outreach (Virtual)	Jul
LBY	Strategy Implementation and Updating (Virtual)	May - Jun
YMN	Anti-Corruption Strategy Implementation	Jul
Macroeconomic Frameworks		
LBY	Scoping Mission	May - Jun
Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism		
JOR	Diagnostic Mission on Immediate Outcome 3	Jun

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Webinars

METAC cross-cutting work programs introduced new topics aligned with emerging challenges, focusing on issues of immediate relevance to member countries and highlighting their macro-critical policy implications.

Webinar Title	Date
Food Insecurity due to the Middle East Conflict	4 Jun
Bridging Skill Gaps for the Future: New Jobs Creation in the AI Age	23 Jun

Technical Assistance Reports

The following reports were uploaded to the IMF's Partners Connect website. Steering Committee members of countries and development partners who have signed a confidentiality agreement with the IMF may access the reports at TA Reports (imfconnect.org):

Algeria	
Mise à jour des règlement prudentielles	Imfconnect.org
Egypt	
National Accounts Compilation	Imfconnect.org
National Accounts Compilation	Imfconnect.org
Iraq	
Follow-up workshop on the Implementation of Treasury Single Account	Imfconnect.org
Jordan	
Assisting in the Further Improvement of the National e-invoicing System	Imfconnect.org
Developing ICAAP Regulation and Guidelines for Pillar 2 Risks Assessment	Imfconnect.org
National Accounts Compilation	Imfconnect.org
Lebanon	
Report on Government Finance Statistics Mission	Imfconnect.org
Electronic Filing and IT Stabilization	Imfconnect.org
Libya	
Consumer Price Index	Imfconnect.org
Diagnostic on Technical Assistance Needs in Regulation and Supervision of Banks	Imfconnect.org
Supply and Use Tables	Imfconnect.org
Sudan	
Preparing to Re-establish the Treasury Single Account	Imfconnect.org
Syria	
National Accounts Compilation	Imfconnect.org
Tunisia	
Comptabilité Nationale	Imfconnect.org
Comptes du patrimoine non-financier	Imfconnect.org
Yemen	
Treasury Single Accounts Reform	Imfconnect.org
National Accounts	Imfconnect.org

Staff News

Ms. Mireille Cherfane joined METAC as Administrative Assistant and Translator in August. Ms. Cherfane is an English-Arabic translator and conference interpreter with extensive experience in multilingual communication and international organizations. She has worked with the International Organization for Migration, UNHCR, and the IMF where she translated technical, financial, and legal documents between English and Arabic and provided consecutive and simultaneous interpretation for high-level meetings, workshops, and expert missions. She also supported engagement with government officials and stakeholders, contributing to the planning and coordination of expert on-site and off-site missions and meetings and facilitating effective communication in multilingual environments. Her professional background combines expertise in conference interpretation, legal and technical translation, and international protection, with a strong focus on accuracy, and cross-cultural communication. She holds a Master's degree in Conference Interpretation from the Lebanese University.

Activities Planned during August – October 2026

Table 2. Planned Technical Assistance Missions during August – October 2026

Country	Topic and Lead METAC Advisor	Date
	Central Bank Operations – Mr. Stefaan Ide	
SDN	FX Operations	Sep - Oct
YMN	FX Operations	Sep
MAR	Central Bank Collateral Framework	Oct
	Financial Supervision and Regulation – Ms. Nehmat Hantas	
DZA	Developing Supervisory Framework for Payment Services Providers	Sep
JOR	Developing ILAAP Regulation	Sep
EGY	Workshop on IFRS 9 Implementation	Oct
REG	Roundtable on SRP Implementation	Oct
	Financial Supervision and Regulation – Ms. Lusine Margaryan	
YMN	Loan Classification and Provisioning	Aug
SYR	Development of a Risk Matrix	Aug - Sep
IRQ	On-site Supervisory Manual Development	Sep
WBG	SRP Manual	Sep
	Public Debt Management – Mr. Chaker Soltani	
SYR	TA on Sovereign Sukuk issuance	Aug
IRQ	MTDS and ABP Developing and Implementing	Sep
MAR	Debt Risk Management and Implementation of Internal Audit	Sep
DZA	MTDS and ABP Developing and Implementing	Oct
	Public Financial Management – Ms. Amra Srdanovic	
LEB	IFMIS Gap Analysis	Aug
SYR	TSA and Cash Management (HQ-led)	TBD
EGY	Medium-Term Fiscal Framework (HQ-led)	Oct

EGY	Fiscal Risks	Oct
Public Financial Management – Mr. Kevork Baboyan		
SDN	Strengthening Budget Preparation Processes	Aug
MAR	Fiscal Risks from Innovative Financing	Sep
YMN	Expenditure Control and Monitoring of Commitment Framework Implementation	Sep
LBY	Rebuilding the Macro-Economic and Fiscal Analysis Function	Sep
Tax Administration – Ms. Sabine Corm		
IRQ	Training on IFRS	Oct
JOR	Enhancing ISTD CRM Framework	Sep
JOR	TADAT Assessment	Oct
SDN	HQ-Led Scoping mission	Sep
Tax Administration – Mr. Frank Van Driessche		
DZA	Support for TADAT Assessment	Aug
MAR	Study Tour Visit to the Belgian Tax Administration	Sep
REG	FAD-CEF Tax Policy and Administration Training	Oct
Customs Administration – Mr. Andrew Allan		
JOR	CRM Improvement through Data Sharing	TBD
SDN	CRM Improvement through Data Sharing	Sep
Tax Policy – Ms. Sarah Bou Atmeh		
SYR	Follow up on General Tax Policy	Aug
LBY	General Scoping Mission	Sep
SDN	Mining Fiscal Regime and tax reviews	Oct
Government Finance Statistics and Public Sector Debt Statistics – Mr. Amir Hadziomeragic		
YMN	Data Improvement	Aug
SYR	Fiscal Reporting	Sep
Macroeconomic Frameworks – Ms. Enkhzaya Demid		
SYR	Scoping Mission	Aug
LBY	Needs Assessment Mission	Sep
Real Sector Statistics – Mr. Gregory Legoff		
EGY	GDP Revisions I	Aug
IRQ	CPI Improvement II	Sep
WBG	Supply and Use Tables	Aug
YMN	GDP - Annual National Accounts	Sep
REG	Compiling Annual GDP Estimates in FCS Using Limited Source Data	Sep
Governance and Anti-Corruption – Mr. Christopher Marshall		
LBY	Anti-Corruption Strategy Review	Aug
LBY	Anti-Corruption Strategy Implementation (Virtual)	Aug
LBN	Governance Diagnostic Outreach	Sep
SYR	Scoping Mission	Oct
YMN	Strategic Approaches to Combatting Corruption	Oct
Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism – Mr. Peter El Sharoni		
WBG	Financial Investigations	Oct
REG	METAC-CEF Workshop Strategic and Practical Considerations in Money Laundering Investigations and Prosecutions	Sep
Cross-cutting Work Programs		

WEB	Central Bank Exploration of Tokenized Reserves	Aug

Note: REG: Regional activity; OA: Outreach Activity; WEB: Webinar. More missions might be added to the list depending on authorities' needs, availability, and security updates.

Analytical Corner

Publication	Region / Country
World Economic Outlook Update, July 2026: Global Economy in Crosscurrents of War and Technology (Link)	IMF Flagship
2026 External Sector Report: Amid Rising Imbalances, the Case for Rebalancing (Link)	IMF Flagship
Competition and Productivity in Middle East and Central Asia: What Role Do Tariffs Play? (Link)	Regional
Resilience by Design: What Role Can Policy Frameworks Play in the Middle East and Central Asia? (Link)	Regional
Central Bank Independence and Monetary Policy Effectiveness in the Middle East, Central Asia and Caucasus (Link)	Regional
Strengthening GCC-CCA Economic Cooperation (Link)	Regional
Should Oil Economies Worry About Oil Shocks' Impact on the Banking System? The Case of Oman (Link)	Regional
Iraq: Technical Assistance Report-Macro Frameworks Technical Assistance to the Central Bank of Iraq (Link)	Iraq
Jordan Staff Report: Fifth Review Under the Extended Arrangement Under the Extended Fund Facility, and Second Review Under the Resilience and Sustainability Facility Arrangement (Link)	Jordan
Lebanon: Technical Assistance Report - Diagnostic Report Governance and Corruption (Link)	Lebanon
Leveraging Non-traditional Data for Macroeconomic Nowcasting: The Case of Morocco (Link)	Morocco

IMF Online Courses

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