

## **Statistics**

### **National Workshops in Fiscal Year 2018**

#### **Afghanistan** (July 16-20)

METAC assisted the Central Statistics Office (CSO) of Afghanistan in updating the base year for GDP estimates to 2013/14 (1393 Solar year). The off-site mission, which took place in Amman, assessed the household surveys results, and trained the CSO staff on using the data to estimate independently household final consumption expenditure and informal household production. It recommended updates on the household survey questionnaire to more comprehensive data needed for estimating the informal activities of households. Data sources for government accounts were also reviewed and recommendations provided. The authorities aim to complete a provisional version of the benchmark GDP estimates for 2014/15 by December 2017.

#### **Djibouti** (January 14-25)

In cooperation with AFRISTAT, METAC assisted the Directorate of Statistics and Demographic Studies (DISED) in restoring and developing the national accounts compilation system, based to the extent possible on the methodological framework of the 2008 System of National Accounts. The mission provided hands-on training to DISED staff and assisted them in compiling the 2014 GDP based on the newly established system. It also agreed with the authorities on mid-term objectives to fully operationalize the national accounts team at DISED so that they can autonomously produce the national accounts statistics. These objectives will be jointly supported by METAC and AFRISTAT. In addition, METAC agreed to organize a mission in March 2018, to help the national accounts team in producing and disseminating preliminary GDP estimates in accordance to the IMF GDDS dissemination requirements.

#### **Libya** (September 16-27)

In January 2017, METAC, in collaboration with the Bureau of Statistics and Census of Libya, designed a program to develop Libya's national accounts compilation system. Strengthening the staff's capacity was identified as a priority, and METAC provided intensive training to the officials participating in the mission. A follow-up mission was organized in September, during which METAC provided off-site training to six participants from the Central Statistics Organization (CSO) on developing the source data and re-establishing the national accounts compilation framework. The mission aimed to reinforce the achievements of the previous January mission. The old questionnaires were redrafted, to be used in the planned economic survey in 2018. Based on the existing information, the mission designed and recommended a compilation framework to cover the 2013-2017 data gap, which is one of the major concerns of both the compilers and users of national accounts data.