

**Headquarter-led Technical Assistance Activities of the Fiscal Affairs Department  
(October-December 2010)**

Country	Purpose of Assistance
Afghanistan, Islamic Republic	Assist with identifying key implementation issues and recommending specific measures to address them, specifically in the areas of budgeting and treasury management, for implementation of the recently adopted Public Financial Management Road Map.
Bangladesh	Together with the World Bank undertake a Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) assessment, with a particular on assessing PEFA indicators on the budget credibility.
Bolivia	Provide advise on tax and customs administration reform and the integration of the revenue agencies.
Bulgaria	Review the public pension system with a view to identifying options for reform to: (i) generate cumulative budget savings; and (ii) ensure the medium-term financial viability and benefit adequacy of the pension system in light of expected population aging.
Central African Republic	Review the design of domestic taxes to improve their efficiency and enhance the revenue mobilizing potential.
Central America Region	Help facilitate the XXVIII Meeting of the Central America Working Group on Tax Coordination (WGTC) with an agenda that included, among other topics, discussions about exchange of information; free trade zones in the region; recent trends in the corporate income tax (CIT) rates in the region and the world; and tax treatment of leasing, gambling and casinos.
China, People's Republic of	Assist the State Administration of Taxation in developing a strategy for improving the tax compliance of China's largest businesses, and discuss the scope for further technical cooperation in tax administration and tax policy.
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Evaluate progress in performance of public financial management (PFM) systems since 2008, prioritize and sequence the reform effort going forward, and review the recently adopted PFM Reform Plan.

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Egypt, Arab Republic of	Assist the Ministry of Finance in drafting the amendment to the General Sales Tax Law for transforming it into a full-fledged VAT and provide advise on related tax policy measures. Help designing tax policy and revenue administration measures to strengthen international taxation and building the Egyptian Tax Authority's capacity to enforce transfer pricing and other international taxation rules.
El Salvador	Review specific topics of the tax system to increase revenue, including discussions with different sectors on the possibility of adopting a fiscal pact.
Ethiopia	Provide advice on the next steps to improve tax and customs compliance, and assess the progress of reforms, particularly the transfer of Addis Ababa City tax collection responsibilities to the Ethiopian Revenue and Customs Authority.
Greece	Provide further support to authorities in implementing the anti-evasion plan and help the authorities kick-start preparatory work on the medium-term structural reforms and advise on structural benchmarks.
Indonesia	Review progress with the National Directorate of Taxation modernization strategy since May 2010, and discuss the outline of a work plan for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2011 and FY 2012.
Lebanon	Take stock of implementation of key reform issues in the areas of institutional structure at the Ministry of Finance, budgeting and treasury management, accounting and Government Financial Management Information System (GFMIS) and internal controls and audit; and provide guidance on further technical assistance (TA) needs to address the reforms.
Liberia	Provide guidance to the authorities on the design and implementation of further tax policy reforms in the natural resources sector and to initiate a review of indirect taxes.
Libya	Take stock of the progress in implementation of PFM reforms with a view to developing an updated action plan for the next three years.
Lithuania	Investigate new taxation options and help identify measures to strengthen the tax system's revenue productivity and stability in relation to the economic cycle.

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Maldives	Make recommendations to improve fiscal reporting and cash planning and management, and provide a realistic medium-term roadmap to strengthen these.
Mauritius	Assist the authorities to undertake a joint review of the current status of the public financial management (PFM) framework using the internationally recognized Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) assessment methodology and produce a draft PEFA report.
Moldova	Take stock of tax administration reform progress, provide guidance on the way forward and help secure financial support and technical assistance from donors for reform implementation.
Namibia	Undertake a diagnostic evaluation of the current state of tax administration and provide advice on measures necessary to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the Inland Revenue Department.
Namibia	Develop alternative and additional sources of revenue in order to mitigate revenue losses to Namibia from taxes on international trade.
Nigeria	Assess the status of the Federal Inland Revenue Service's modernization and reform program and provide advice on next steps on strengthening the self-assessment system, enhancing taxpayer education and services, and developing an appropriate regime for taxation of small and micro-enterprises.
Paraguay	Advise on tax and customs administration reform and agree with the customs administration and the tax department on updated versions of their reform strategies.
Peru	Improve treasury management by providing advice on (i) the functional redesign of the Peruvian Treasury; (ii) cash planning and adopting an active strategy for liquidity management; and (iii) consolidating the Treasury Single Account.
Philippines	Review the status of plans to enhance the electronic tax information system (e-TIS) and develop a coordinated plan for technical assistance (TA) to be delivered under an International Monetary Fund (IMF) project financed by the United States Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and assistance from the World Bank.

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Romania	Review the development of the fiscal strategy (2011-13) and help to strengthen processes for preparation of subsequent fiscal strategies; support PFM reforms; and review the local government equalization grant system.
Senegal	Assist the Treasury in the implementation of the government accounting reforms , and finalize the terms of reference of an IMF long-term expert in accordance with the public financial management action plan.
Senegal	Follow-up on the recommendations of a November 2009 tax administration mission with a focus on reviewing plans for reorganizing the tax administration in accordance with best practices for taxpayer segmentation and strengthening audit operations.
Senegal	Review the design of direct and indirect domestic taxes in order to improve their growth orientation and revenue-mobilizing potential, and also to review tax expenditures.
South Africa	Strengthen capacity in fiscal policy analysis in the Treasury's Fiscal Policy Unit (FPU) and conduct a diagnostic of the analytical framework and tools used in the FPU.
Sudan	Provide an assessment of and recommendations for Sudan's petroleum fiscal regime and revenue management, and monitoring, reporting, and transparency of sector fiscal and financial data.
Suriname	Assess the current sales tax regime, the authorities' current plans for the introduction of a full VAT, and the tax treatment of small businesses under the prospective VAT and other taxes.
Uganda	Assist the authorities with the integration of existing body of budget, treasury, and accounting legislation into a single public financial management framework law.
Ukraine	Assess the current status of the tax administration and provide advice on the direction for tax administration reforms.
West Bank and Gaza	Assess progress in reforming the tax and customs administrations and make recommendations for the next stage of reforms.
Yemen, Republic of	Review overall progress and assist the authorities in implementing the public financial management reforms envisaged in the IMF-supported program.