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<b>AFRICA REGION</b>			
<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Description</b>
Africa—multiple countries	Public Financial Management	\$301,400	Regional Public Financial Management (PFM) Advisor based in Liberia to assist that post-conflict country rebuild a transparent and efficient PFM system and to assist the neighboring countries of The Gambia, Ghana, and Sierra Leone carry out their ongoing PFM reforms.
Africa—multiple countries	Revenue Administration	\$209,300	Short-term experts to assist authorities strengthen tax administration in Benin, Burkina Faso and Cameroun with a focus on improving compliance from large and medium-sized taxpayers and broadening the tax base. In addition, assistance will also be provided to strengthen customs administration in the Cameroun by introducing valuation principles and risk-based controls.
Africa—multiple countries	Tax Administration	\$149,500	Short-term experts to assist authorities strengthen tax administration in Liberia and Sierra Leone. In Liberia, assistance will focus on launching a goods and services tax, creation of a domestic tax department, and improving large taxpayers administration. In Sierra Leone, assistance will focus on finalizing separate tax and customs modernization programs for donor funding.
Africa—multiple countries	Banking Supervision	\$179,400	Short-term expert to assist COBAC (the regional banking commission for central africa) strengthen banking supervision in the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) countries through staff training, particularly with regard to on-site inspection; improving human resources management of bank examiners; and providing manuals and methodological tools for the use of examiners.
Africa—multiple countries	Monetary and Financial Statistics	\$93,750	Seminar on monetary and financial statistics for Lusophone African countries (Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, and Sao Tome and Principe) and Timor Leste. The seminar is targeted at mid-level officials employed in the compilation of monetary statistics, and will be held at the Bank of Portugal in Lisbon.
Africa—multiple countries	Central Bank/Banking Legislation	\$119,600	Short-term experts to assist Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, and Sierra Leone in bringing legislation in line with international financial standards and best practices through drafting new legislation and redrafting existing legislation in the following areas: (1) central bank acts; (2) banking acts; (3) other financial legislation (insolvency law, payment and settlement legislation, deposit insurance schemes, supervision on non-bank financial institutions, etc.); and (4) internal central bank and other financial regulations. Where needed, experts will also assist with finalization of draft legislation and the adoption processes, as well as training in the field of financial legislation.

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Africa—multiple countries	Macroeconomic Management & Debt	\$93,750	Course on Macroeconomic Management and Debt Issues, in collaboration with the Banque des États de l'Afrique Centrale (BEAC), for participants from the six member countries of the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) and other countries in the region, including Angola, Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, and São Tomé and Príncipe. The course will focus on the links between macroeconomic and debt policies, focusing on policies necessary to ensure sustainable debt.
Africa—multiple countries	External Debt and Foreign Reserve Management	\$93,750	Course, to be held in South Africa, for central bank and other government officials from selected African countries to broaden their understanding of external sector vulnerabilities. The course aims to provide participants with a comprehensive set of analytical tools for assessing these vulnerabilities as well as various policy responses. The skills developed during the course will allow participants to address a wide range of issues that pertain to external debt and foreign reserve management, capital account liberalization, and the management of foreign aid flows.
Africa—multiple countries	Real Sector Statistics	\$298,400	Extension of long-term regional advisor based at West AFRITAC to continue assisting member countries carry out their plans to improve the quality of real sector statistics as described in their General Data Dissemination System metadata. The project will assist national statistical agencies develop self-sustaining systems for collecting required data, and compiling and disseminating national accounts and price statistics, consistent with internationally accepted methodologies and practices.
Africa—multiple countries	Real Sector Statistics	\$280,400	Extension of long-term regional advisor to continue helping the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Congo develop their capacities to compile and disseminate economic and financial statistics, including participating in the General Data Dissemination System. Assistance will focus on improving national accounts and price statistics, and strengthening coordination among data producing agencies and data users as well among international and bilateral agencies providing assistance in statistics to the two countries.
Burundi	Public Financial Management	\$179,400	Short-term expert to assist the Ministry of Finance strengthen budget management through streamlining budget and accounting procedures, finalizing budget and accounting manuals consistent with the new legal and regulatory framework, and reestablishing the treasury single account at the central bank.
Burundi	Central Bank Operations	\$260,400	Extension of long-term resident advisor to assist the Central Bank of Burundi put in place a strategy for modernization with a focus on improved liquidity management and monetary operations, a new data management system, and strengthened management capabilities, organizational structure and work practices.
Central African Republic	Public Financial Management	\$130,200	Extension of long-term expert to assist treasury authorities (i) develop a modern chart of accounts and a manual of implementation that is consistent with the new budget classification, (ii) prepare a framework for implementing the chart of accounts, (iii) train staff to prepare documents and tables required by the framework.

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Congo, Democratic Republic of	Public Financial Management	\$130,200	Six months extension of long-term advisor to continue assisting the budget and treasury departments with their ongoing reform program. Assistance will focus on strengthening budget preparation and budget management, and improving the quality of public finance through the reconciliation of government accounts and the training of accountants.
Guinea	Central Bank Operations	\$260,400	Long-term general advisor to assist the Central Bank of the Republic of Guinea (BCRG) strengthen its capacity in key central bank operations, such as foreign exchange and monetary management, and modernize its accounting and internal audit systems. The advisor will also assist in coordinating technical assistance provided to BCRG by other donors.
Guinea	Central Bank Accounting	\$130,200	Long-term accounting advisor to assist the Central Bank of the Republic of Guinea establish a new accounting system in line with international standards. Assistance will focus on modernizing the accounting directorate's organizational structure, improving accounting rules and procedures, and strengthening staff capacity through on-the-job training and seminars.
Liberia	Payment Systems	\$260,400	Long-term advisor to assist the Central Bank of Liberia develop a modern national payment system, consistent with international standards, to meet the growing needs of the country as strong economic and concomitant financial activities emerge after the post-conflict period.
Liberia	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	Long-term advisor to assist the Central Bank of Liberia strengthen its banking supervision capability through the implementation of a bank restructuring program and the establishment of an effective supervision department whose personnel will be trained in on-and-off site supervision and the chartering of new banks and the closing of failed and insolvent banks.
Liberia	Central Bank Operations	\$260,400	Extension of long-term resident expert to continue serving as the chief administrator at the Central Bank of Liberia to assist with the strengthening of its governance and management and to ensure that internal controls and audits are carried out in accordance with established principles. The chief administrator will also help to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of other technical assistance experts.
Liberia	Balance of Payments	\$260,400	Long-term balance of payments advisor to assist the Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) develop its capacity to compile and disseminate balance of payments statements consistent with the IMF's <i>Balance of Payments Manual, Fifth Edition (BPM5)</i> The adviser will, in particular, assist the CBL in compiling the balance of payments statements for 2006 and 2007, and work with the authorities in implementing the International Transaction Reporting System, improving data collection and survey methods, and training staff in data collection and compilation methods.
Nigeria	Public Financial Management	\$130,200	Six-month extension of resident advisor to assist the Nigerian Federal Treasury with (1) the rollout of the full range of automated systems developed to manage the essential financial management functions of the federal government, and (2) plans and specifications for a future financial management information system.

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Rwanda	Financial Sector Supervision	\$260,400	Long-term expert to assist the National Bank of Rwanda (NBR) establish a supervision department in charge of non bank financial institutions (such as pension funds and insurance and leasing companies), including putting in place supervisory tools and procedures in line with best practices, and building staff capacity through hands-on training and seminars.
Sierra Leone	Central Bank Accounting	\$59,800	Short-term experts to assist the Bank of Sierra Leone (BSL) strengthen its accounting systems and procedures consistent with international best practice, including full compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards. Assistance will, in particular, be provided for restating BSL's 2006 financial statement and preparing its 2007 financial statement, updating of operational manuals, and building staff capacity through hands-on training, seminars and workshops.
Sierra Leone	Banking Supervision	\$89,700	Short-term experts to assist the Bank of Sierra Leone strengthen its banking supervision capacity by moving towards risk-based off-site and on-site supervision in line with the recommendations of the 2006 Financial Sector Assessment Program for Sierra Leone. Assistance will include up-dating and promoting the use of supervisory tools, revision of procedures manuals, hands-on training, and development of relevant information technology.
South Africa	Tax Legislation	\$179,400	Short-term experts to assist and provide overall guidance to South African authorities with redrafting the income tax law, customs code, and tax administration act which would result in a more equitable, understandable, and easier to administer income tax law.

**ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION**

<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Description</b>
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Revenue Policy and Administration	\$310,400	Extension of regional advisor based at the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Center (PFTAC) to continue assisting member countries implement their short and medium-term programs to reform tax and customs policy and administration. The advisor will carry out diagnostic and advisory/training missions, manage and backstop short-term assignments of tax and customs experts, and organize attachments of PFTAC member country officials to other countries. The advisor will also continue to assist PFTAC's efforts to coordinate with donors and other TA providers to ensure uniformity and consistency of approach across the region.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Data Dissemination Standards	\$50,000	Workshop to assist national coordinators of countries participating in the IMF's General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) understand and implement newly emphasized aspects of the GDDS, especially regarding periodicity and timeliness of data dissemination; advance release calendars; national summary data pages; and related plans for improvement. These efforts would help interested participating countries graduate to the IMF's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS).

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Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Government Finance Statistics	\$30,000	Workshop on Government Finance Statistics to be held in Bangkok for participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam. The training will provide participants with a better understanding of the IMF's <i>Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001 (GFSM 2001)</i> methodology and promote the application of this methodology in the compilation and dissemination of fiscal statistics in their countries.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Multisector Statistics	\$305,400	Extension of regional advisor based at the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Center (PFTAC) to continue assisting member countries improve their production of a broad range of economic and financial statistics, including national accounts, price, employment and salaries, government finance, balance of payments, and monetary and financial statistics. The advisor will carry out advisory visits, provide training courses and seminars, and assist in the secondment of officials from the statistical agency of one PFTAC member country to that of another. The advisor will also coordinate with other providers of statistical technical assistance to the region.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Macroeconomic Management and Structural Adjustment	\$500,000	Continued funding for the training of Asian participants at the Joint Vienna Institute. Most of these participants come from countries implementing economic programs to redress macroeconomic imbalances or carrying out structural reforms aimed at improving macroeconomic management and promoting transformation to market economies.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Macroeconomic and Financial Management	\$260,400	Continued funding for one of two JSA-financed long-term experts assigned to the IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute to conduct courses and workshops in macroeconomic and financial management (including financial programming, monetary and exchange rate policy, and public finance) for mid-to high-level officials from the Asia and Pacific region.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Macroeconomic and Financial Management	\$260,400	One year extension for the second JSA-financed long-term expert assigned to the IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute (STI) to conduct courses and seminars in various aspects of macroeconomic and financial management (including financial programming, monetary and exchange rate policy, and public finance) and other topical areas of current interest to countries in the Asia and Pacific region.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Macroeconomic Management	\$350,000	High-Level Seminar on "Macroeconomic Management and the Japanese Experience in Economic Development" organized jointly with the Japan Center for International Finance (JCIF) for high-level officials from 6 Asian (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, and Vietnam) and 7 Commonwealth of Independent States countries (Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan).
Bangladesh	Capital Markets Development	\$89,700	Short-term expert to assist authorities in Bangladesh improve the functioning of the treasury securities markets by (1) establishing delivery versus payment arrangements, (2) implementing procedural changes for debt management operations, (3) supporting more active involvement by primary dealers as market makers, (4) developing market information and dealer association mechanisms, and (5) revising investment guidelines to facilitate insurance and provident company participation.

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Bangladesh	Central Bank Accounting	\$29,900	Short-term expert to assist the Bangladesh Bank (1) train its accounting staff in modern accounting practices and systems and prepare for the transition to a new automated accounting system and (2) complete its 2006 financial statements and external audit.
Cambodia	Customs Administration	\$239,200	Two short-term experts to continue helping the Customs and Excise Department implement its reform and modernization plan, including updating regulations and instructions consistent with the proposed new customs law, preparing for installation of the new ASYCUDA computerized customs clearance system, and developing and introducing procedures and guidelines for the new automated operational environment.
Cambodia	Banking Supervision	\$89,700	Short-term expert to assist the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC) strengthen on-site supervision of banks through intense instruction and on-the-job training for a team of NBC bank examiners. In addition to working with the team through all aspects of an on-site examination, the expert will review and make recommendations for improving manuals and guidance notes.
Cambodia	Central Bank Operations	\$260,400	Extension of long-term resident advisor at the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC) to provide day-to-day advice and assistance for strengthening NBC's institutional capacity, with a continuing focus on enhancing off-site surveillance of banks, strengthening the regulatory framework and enforcement of prudential regulations.
Cambodia	Central Bank Audit	\$59,800	Short-term expert to further assist the National Bank of Cambodia strengthen its internal audit department. The expert will provide intensive on-the-job training and guide staff through all stages of internal audit, from preparation of the audit plan through completion of the audit report. Audits will be completed in two areas of operations: (1) soiled notes and vault management activity, and (2) foreign exchange operations and reserves management.
China	Tax Administration	\$29,900	Short-term expert to assist in conducting a seminar on the Strategic Management of Tax Administration for officials from the State Administration of Taxation. The seminar will focus on (1) allocation of resources to agreed priorities, (2) development of clear accountability through action and business plans, and (3) linkage of individual performance assessments to attainment of agreed business improvements.
China	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$59,800	Two short-term experts to participate in conducting the above-mentioned Workshop on AML/CFT in the Securities and Insurance Sectors under the Joint China-IMF Training Program in Dalian. The workshop will review practical measures for establishing sound and effective AML/CFT supervisory practices and tools and to enhance participants' understanding of China's AML/CFT regulatory practice with respect to the securities and insurance sectors, which is a new area of responsibility for the People's Bank of China.
China	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$50,000	Workshop on AML/CFT in the Securities and Insurance Sectors under the Joint China-IMF Training Program in Dalian. The workshop will review practical measures for establishing sound and effective AML/CFT supervisory practices and tools and to enhance participants' understanding of China's AML/CFT regulatory practice with respect to the securities and insurance sectors, which is a new area of responsibility for the People's Bank of China.

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China	Monetary and Financial Statistics	\$50,000	Course on Monetary and Financial Statistics, under the Joint China IMF Training Program in Dalian, for officials from the People's Bank of China and data compilers of major commercial banks. The course will focus on the IMF's methodology (as recommended in its <i>Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual</i> ) for collecting, compiling, and reporting monetary data to be used in macroeconomic analysis.
Indonesia	Public Financial Management	\$119,600	Extension of a peripatetic expert to continue assisting the Ministry of Finance establish a fully operational treasury single account (TSA) regime, improve cash planning and management through the integration of short-term cash management with debt management, and prepare for the implementation of an integrated financial management information system ("SPAN") financed under a World Bank loan.
Indonesia	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	Extension of long-term bank supervision expert to advise Bank Indonesia (BI) in various areas of banking regulation and supervision with a focus on (1) risk-based supervision, (2) Basel II issues, (3) aligning supervision with the Basel Core Principles, and (4) further developing stress testing at BI.
Indonesia	Market Risk Supervision	\$179,400	Short-term peripatetic expert to assist the Bank of Indonesia (BI) build its capacity for market risk supervision. Among other things, the expert will (1) assist in improving the process, techniques and examination tools used, (2) provide both classroom and on-the-job training, (3) develop capital markets/market risk related training courses for BI's in-house school for banking supervisors, and (4) make recommendations on the required skill sets and career path for BI's risk modeling specialists.
Indonesia	Banking Supervision	\$89,700	Short-term experts to assist Bank Indonesia's (BI) in-house school develop a complete set of training materials for training in credit risk analysis which will enable BI's front-line supervisors better understand and evaluate the process of identifying, monitoring, measuring, and controlling credit risk.
Lao P.D.R.	Customs Administration	\$59,800	Extension of short-term expert to assist the Lao PDR Customs Department complete preparation of the department's policy and procedures manual, and finalize instructions to fully implement the WTO customs valuation agreement.
Maldives	Public Financial Management	\$119,600	Peripatetic expert to provide the Maldives authorities with strategic guidance at key junctures in the design, tendering, and implementation of a modern public sector accounting and financial management information system which is being funded by the European Union and the World Bank.
Mongolia	Monetary Policy	\$29,900	Short-term expert to assist the Bank of Mongolia with (1) reviewing theoretical and practical aspects of carrying out a monetary policy with medium-term targets and instruments, (2) developing skills required for policy settings, and (3) adopting a structure for monetary policy implementation that is conducive to policy changes and is consistent with a medium-term horizon.

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Nepal	Public Financial Management	\$29,900	Short-term expert to assist the Ministry of Finance prepare (1) a new budget classification consistent with internationally accepted standards, and (2) a new chart of accounts integrating the new budget classification. These constitute the first step in the needed reform and modernization of Nepal's public financial management system.
Papua New Guinea	Central Bank Audit	\$89,700	Short-term expert to help strengthen internal audit in the Bank of Papua New Guinea (BPNG). Assistance will include (1) training on audits of specialist business units across all high risk areas of BPNG operation, (2) reviewing audits undertaken by internal audit and recommending improvements to programs, approaches and reporting, (3) recommending improvements to the internal audit manual, and (4) reviewing the audit committee process and recommending improvements where needed.
Philippines	Public Financial Management	\$119,600	Peripatetic expert to assist the Department of Budget and Management and the Bureau of the Treasury strengthen budget execution and cash management through simplifying budget control and reporting requirements, rationalizing and improving management of government bank accounts, and improving cash flow projections.
Samoa	Monetary Policy and Operations	\$59,800	Short-term expert to assist the Central Bank of Samoa strengthen its capacity for liquidity forecasting and management in order to better address the current tight liquidity conditions in the country.
Thailand	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	Long-term advisor to assist the Bank of Thailand (BOT) strengthen its consolidated supervision of banking groups. The advisor will review the current supervisory program for financial conglomerates to identify opportunities for enhancement, and analyze the current structure and staffing of BOT's examination division to determine if it sufficiently supports the consolidated supervision of complex financial groups. The advisor will also provide advice on various supervisory issues as requested.
Timor-Leste	Public Financial Management	\$272,400	Continued financing of long-term advisor to further assist the Ministry of Planning and Finance (MFP) strengthen its public financial management capacity. Assistance in this phase will focus on (1) streamlining organizational arrangements in the MPF and line ministries, (2) decentralizing treasury functions to line ministries, (3) strengthening the treasury single account, (4) improving the financial management information system, (5) enhancing rules and regulations, and (6) training staff.
Timor-Leste	Central Bank Operations	\$130,200	Six-month extension of resident advisor to the General Manager of the Banking and Payments Authority of Timor-Leste (BPA) to assist in BPA's evolution to a central bank, including completion of the necessary institutional structures, rules of procedure and operational guidelines, as well as arrangements for the appointment of a Governing Board and Audit Committee.
Timor-Leste	Central Bank Operations	\$179,400	Peripatetic expert to work with the resident advisor at the Banking and Payments Authority of Timor-Leste (BPA) in assisting BPA evolve into a central Bank, particularly with regard to the drafting of by-laws and regulations consistent with the Central Bank of Timor-Leste Law, developing a long-term strategic plan, and evaluating future technical assistance needs.

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Timor-Leste	Banking Supervision	\$89,700	Peripatetic expert to assist the Bank and Payments Authority of Timor-Leste (BPA) develop the capacity of its supervision department for on-site examinations and off-site surveillance in preparation for BPA becoming a central bank. Assistance will include staff training, establishment of procedures and the preparation of manuals.
Vietnam	Tax Administration	\$119,600	Short-term experts to assist the General Department of Taxation with (1) introduction of a new personal income tax and (2) steps to be taken to establish a full-service large taxpayer operation.

**EUROPEAN REGION**

<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Description</b>
Europe—multiple countries	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$30,000	AML/CFT Information Technology (IT) Workshop to be held at the Joint Vienna Institute for officials from financial intelligence units in countries in central and eastern European. This workshop is a follow-up to the one held in September 2006 and will focus on (1) the development and application of IT systems to prioritize and process large amounts of data, (2) the use of statistical analysis and data mining techniques, and (3) new tools for detecting suspicious transactions.
Albania	Banking Legislation	\$93,750	Workshop on Banking Law for judges and bank regulators in Albania to help increase their understanding of the causes of bank failures, the legal aspects of bank supervision, the regulatory treatment of distressed and insolvent banks, and the role of the judiciary in resolving banking disputes.
Kosovo	Banking and Financial Sector Supervision	\$179,400	Short-term experts to help strengthen the supervision capacity of the Central Banking Authority of Kosovo with regard to on-site examination of banks and the regulation of the insurance industry. Assistance will include staff training and the review and revision of insurance regulation and rules.

**IMF - MULTIPLE REGIONS**

<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Description</b>
IMF—multiple regions	Financial Soundness Indicators (FSI)	\$70,000	Seminar on Financial Soundness Indicators (FSIs) to be conducted at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation for participants from countries of the former Soviet Union and Baltic countries. The seminar will provide training and information on (1) FSI compilation using the IMF's <i>Compilation Guide on Financial Soundness Indicators</i> , (2) the use of FSI and metadata database created for the Coordinated Compilation Exercise recently carried out in the participating countries, and (3) the use of FSIs in financial stability analysis.

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IMF—multiple regions	General Data Dissemination System (GDDS)	\$70,000	Workshop to be held in Mexico for GDDS coordinators from countries in the Middle East and the Western Hemisphere to help them better understand and implement the newly emphasized aspects of the GDDS, especially regarding periodicity and timeliness of data dissemination, advance release calendars, national summary data pages, and related plans for improvement. These efforts would support interested participating countries graduate to the Special Data Dissemination Standard.
IMF—multiple regions	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$93,750	Workshop on Money Laundering (ML) to be held in Italy for participants from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. The workshop will cover practical issues related to the analysis and investigation of ML and, in particular, to the phenomenon of trade-based ML. Domestic and international cooperation in the fight against ML will also be covered.
IMF—multiple regions	JSA Annual Report	\$10,000	Funding for the costs associated with preparation and publication of the English and Japanese version of the JSA Annual Report and posting on the IMF public website.

**MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA REGION**

<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Description</b>
Middle East & Central Asia—multiple countries	Public Financial Management	\$317,400	Regional public financial management advisor to provide assistance with public financial management (PFM) reforms in selected central asia countries including (1) implementing Uzbekistan's Public Financial Management Reform Strategy 2007-18, (2) developing the treasury component of Tajikistan's public PFM modernization project, and possibly (3) modernizing budget classification in Armenia and moving to accrual accounting in Azerbaijan. The regional expert will be based in Uzbekistan.
Middle East & Central Asia—multiple countries	Central Bank Accounting	\$308,400	Long-term expert based in Mauritania to assist the central banks of Mauritania and Djibouti strengthen their central bank accounting functions to enable them to meet international financial reporting standards. Assistance will include intensive staff training and helping put in place new policies, procedures and institutional structures.
Middle East and Central Asia—multiple countries	External Sector Statistics	\$285,400	Extension of regional statistics advisor to assist authorities in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Uzbekistan improve the quality of their external sector statistics, particularly with regard to their collection, compilation, production, and dissemination. In Azerbaijan and Georgia, assistance will focus on overcoming institutional impediments in moving towards subscription to the Special Data Dissemination Standard. In Uzbekistan, assistance will focus on steps needed for participation in the General Data Dissemination System.

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Middle East and Central Asia—multiple countries	National Accounts Statistics	\$276,400	Long-term expert based in Syria to assist statistical agencies in Syria and Lebanon improve their national accounts statistics within the framework of the IMF's General Data Dissemination System. The expert will provide staff training, assist in establishing a timetable for implementation of IMF recommendations, and work with the authorities to further increase cooperation and coordination in statistics among government agencies.
Middle East and Central Asia—multiple countries	Banking Legislation	\$93,750	Seminar on Banking Law and Regulations to be held at the Joint Vienna Institute for judges from Central Asia. The seminar will focus on (1) the economic origins of banking crises and the legal response to prevent or resolve these crises and mitigate systemic risks, (2) the legal aspects of bank supervision and enforcement, and (3) the legal aspects of bank insolvency and resolution.
Middle East and Central Asia—multiple countries	Field Visit to JSA-Supported Projects	\$15,000	Provide funding for the costs associated with a joint IMF-Japan field visit to the Middle East Technical Assistance Center (METAC) in Beirut and METAC-supported activities in Lebanon and Syria.
Afghanistan	Monetary and Government Finance Statistics	\$89,700	Short-term experts to assist the Central Bank of Afghanistan strengthen its capacity to collect and compile monetary and financial statistics and government finance statistics in accordance with the methodologies set out in the IMF's <i>Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual</i> and <i>Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001</i> .
Afghanistan	Macroeconomic Management & Fiscal Policy	\$93,750	Course on Macroeconomic Management and Fiscal Policy for officials from the Ministry of Finance, Da Afghanistan Bank, and other government ministries involved in economic and financial issues. The course aims at deepening participants' knowledge of the design and implementation of macroeconomic and fiscal policies, including such issues as fiscal adjustment, fiscal vulnerability, tax administration and reform, public expenditure management, debt management, civil service reform, and privatization.
Azerbaijan	Tax Administration	\$59,800	Short-term expert to assist the Ministry of Taxes improve compliance and reduce costs through adopting a risk-management approach and a modern system of "self-assessment."
Syrian Arab Republic	Tax Administration	\$59,800	Short-term expert to assist the Ministry of Finance with measures to be taken in introducing the new value added tax (VAT) including finalizing legislation and bylaws, carrying out taxpayers education and awareness programs, integrating income tax and VAT operations, and modernizing collection procedures and audits.
Syrian Arab Republic	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	Long-term advisor to help the Central Bank of Syria (CBS) strengthen its banking regulatory and supervisory capacity, including reviewing the adequacy of CBS' organizational structure and staffing needs, providing training, and assisting with developing a work program that would lead to implementation of bank regulations and supervision fully in line with the requirements of the the Basel Core Principles.

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<b>WESTERN HEMISPHERE REGION</b>			
<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Description</b>
Western Hemisphere—multiple countries	Multisector Statistics	\$93,750	Statistics workshop to be held at the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank for participants from Caribbean countries to identify best practices in the provision of statistical services in small counties and strategies for statistical development in such countries.
Western Hemisphere—multiple countries	Government Finance Statistics	\$59,900	Workshop on Government Finance Statistics (GFS) to be held in Costa Rica for participants from seven Central American countries. The workshop, which will focus on defining a regional GFS framework and assessing current national systems and procedures, will initiate a regional project to harmonize GFS in the participating countries that will enable comparative analysis of fiscal development and promote regional policy dialogue.
Ecuador	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$149,000	Short-term experts to assist the financial regulatory agency (SBS) and the finance intelligence unit of Ecuador review the adequacy of regulations applicable to all reporting institutions, assess the adequacy of the supervisory framework (policies, procedures and resources) with regard to AML/CFT, prepare training material and provide staff training, and prepare inspection manuals for on and off-site supervision.
Paraguay	Customs Administration	\$59,800	Extension of long-term expert to further assist the Customs General Directorate with implementation of the customs reform program with a focus on modernizing control and duty assessment procedures, developing automated facilities, and staff training and human resources development.
Peru	Public Financial Management	\$136,600	Peripatetic expert to assist the Ministry of Finance and the Treasury of Peru improve treasury management and expenditure control. Assistance will address a broad range of issues including (1) reorganization of the Treasury, (2) introduction of a treasury single account, (3) and improved revenue collection and payment mechanisms.
Peru	Public Financial Management	\$142,200	Resident treasury management advisor to provide additional assistance to the Peruvian authorities with the implementation of a treasury single account, development of a treasury general ledger, integration of the new budget classification in the chart of accounts, strengthened cash and commitment controls, and streamlined procedures for budget execution
Peru	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$229,400	Short-term experts to assist the Peruvian authorities (1) assess the need to amend laws and regulations on AML/CFT and assist in subsequent drafting, (2) improve financial supervision policies and practices with respect to AML/CFT, and (3) strengthen the analytical capabilities of the financial intelligence unit and its capacity to manage reports and other information.