Regional Capacity Development Centers
Strong economic and fiscal institutions are critical for development.

That’s why the IMF provides capacity development on macroeconomic issues to countries, helping enhance their economic policies and institutions. Our regional capacity development centers are at the forefront of this effort, responding quickly to our members’ emerging needs and helping them build stronger and more inclusive economies.

Christine Lagarde
IMF Managing Director
For more than 50 years, we have worked with our member countries to modernize their institutions, train their people, strengthen their economic policies, and promote peer learning. In doing so, we focus on our core areas of expertise, such as raising public revenues and enhancing the management of these resources, modernizing banking systems, advising on related legal frameworks, and improving economic analysis, forecasting, and the reporting of macroeconomic and financial statistics.

Our global network of regional centers coordinates much of the IMF’s capacity development delivery on the ground. Tailored to each region’s priorities, our centers work closely with member countries and development partners and respond quickly to emerging needs. Close cooperation and sustained follow-up support to institutions such as finance ministries, central banks, and statistical agencies help traction and ownership and contribute to their success.

These centers would not be possible without the support of our partners and host countries. They provide more than three-quarters of the resources needed to run our centers. They also contribute their expertise to ensure optimal coordination, efficient delivery, and sharing of best practices, for maximum benefit to our members.
The stories you will find here showcase the breadth of our work, but we have many more to share.

OUR HOST COUNTRIES

AUSTRIA  BARBADOS  CHINA  CÔTE D’IVOIRE  FIJI

GABON  GHANA  GUATEMALA  INDIA  KUWAIT

LEBANON  MAURITIUS  SINGAPORE  TANZANIA  THAILAND
WESTERN AFRICA

Senegal worked with AFRITAC West to expand the country’s tax base, building frameworks for medium-term debt strategies, and improving accounting procedures. Thanks to these efforts, revenue collected from medium-sized enterprises almost doubled, helping mobilize crucial resources to support the country’s poverty reduction efforts.

CARIBBEAN

CARTAC was the first to integrate gender throughout its public financial management (PFM) workplan for its 22 member countries in the Caribbean. It provides training on gender-budgeting and gender-sensitive audit practices, a practice other regional capacity development centers are moving to adopt.
10 years ago, West Bank & Gaza did not have a credit registry system. Now, it has one of the best in the region. The Palestine Monetary Authority worked with METAC to implement an automated, online 24/7 credit registry system. This has helped households and small businesses obtain credit, boosting financial access; and led to a significant decline in credit delinquencies and losses.
EUROPE, THE CAUCASUS, AND CENTRAL ASIA

“I will use knowledge from the course on ‘Tools and Policies for Inclusive Growth’ to contribute to improving Kazakhstan’s fiscal and macroeconomic policies. I will hold seminars in this and other areas. I will share my experience with other ministries on issues of poverty, growth, the labor market, and fiscal policy for inclusive economic growth.”

—Participant from JVI course

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Upgrading statistics supports better policies. Zambia worked with AFRITAC South to rebase and update its national account statistics to match international standards, and to reflect the country’s two decades of economic growth and structural change. Zambia is now regarded as a leader in statistical best practices.
For many years, PFTAC has been helping 16 Pacific Island countries to cope effectively with the risks and costs of climate change. Through hands-on advice, peer-learning workshops, and training, it has helped members conduct their own debt sustainability assessments taking into account the fiscal implications of natural disasters, and create robust fiscal frameworks and public financial management (PFM) plans, that are key for resilience.

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