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AFRICA REGION			
Beneficiary	Subject Area	Committed	Description
Africa—multiple countries	Tax Administration	\$260,400	Extension of a long-term regional advisor to assist the ministers of finance and heads of tax departments in the Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of the Congo with the implementation of their tax administration modernization action plans based on strategies recommended by the IMF. The advisor will also spend about a third of his time assisting other Francophone African countries with their tax administration reforms, beginning with Madagascar.
Africa—multiple countries	Tax and Customs Administration	\$200,200	Short-term experts to assist four African countries (Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Zambia) that are dealing with similar revenue administration issues. Assistance will focus on (1) improving tax operations through strengthening self-assessment and risk management, (2) developing function-based tax and customs administration, and (3) introducing taxpayer segmentation to better take into account compliance risks and service needs of large, medium, and small taxpayers.
Africa—multiple countries	Payment Systems	\$260,400	Extension of long-term regional expert to assist the central banks in Angola, Botswana, Ghana, Malawi, Namibia, Sierra Leone, and Swaziland with the reform and modernization of their national payment and settlement systems.
Africa—multiple countries	Balance of Payments	\$93,750	Seminar on Balance of Payments, International Investment Position, and External Debt Statistics, for data compilers from the five Lusophone African countries (Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, and São Tomé and Príncipe) and also from Timor-Leste. The seminar, to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, will focus on compilation techniques consistent with the IMF's <i>Balance of Payments Manual, 5th Edition</i> and <i>External Debt Statistics: Guide for Compilers and Users</i> .
Africa—multiple countries	Banking Supervision	\$85,800	Short-term experts to help COBAC (the regional banking commission for central Africa) strengthen its banking supervision capacity through staff training, particularly with regard to on-site supervision, preparation of procedures manuals, and development of a common methodology applicable to all six member countries of the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC).

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Africa—multiple countries	Real Sector Statistics	\$280,400	Extension of long-term resident advisor to continue helping the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Congo strengthen their institutional structures and capacities to compile and disseminate economic and financial statistics, including participation in the General Data Dissemination System (GDDS). Assistance will focus on the improvement of national accounts and price statistics and strengthened coordination among data-producing agencies and data users.
Africa—multiple countries	Real Sector Statistics	\$330,400	Regional advisor based in Botswana to help statistical agencies in Botswana, Namibia, and Mauritius bring their real sector statistics up to a level that would enable them to subscribe to the IMF's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) intended for member countries seeking access to international capital markets.
Africa—multiple countries	Financial Programming and Policies	\$93,750	Regional Course on Financial Programming and Policies to be held in collaboration with the Banque des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale (BEAC) for officials from the six CEMAC member countries and other selected countries in the region, including Angola, Burundi, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Madagascar, and Rwanda. The course will cover macroeconomic accounts and forecasting techniques and macroeconomic structural issues.
Africa—multiple countries	Financial Programming and Policies	\$93,750	Regional Course on Financial Programming and Policies for participants from the five member countries of the West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management. The course will focus on the analysis of macroeconomic developments and design of policies that promote macroeconomic stability and economic growth.
Africa—multiple countries	Macroeconomic Management and Debt	\$93,750	Regional Course on Macroeconomic Management Issues and Debt Policies for officials from the eight member countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), as well as Guinea and Mauritania. The course will focus on the links between macroeconomic and debt policies and introduce the IMF's debt sustainability framework.
Africa—multiple countries	Macroeconomic Management and Fiscal Policy	\$93,750	Regional Course on Macroeconomic Management and Fiscal Policy Issues to be held in collaboration with the Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa (MEFMI) for participants from MEFMI member countries. The course will cover a broad range of fiscal policy issues and their implications for macroeconomic management.

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Africa—multiple countries	Macroeconomic Management and Financial Sector Issues	\$93,750	Regional Course on Macroeconomic Management and Financial Sector Issues to be held at the Joint African Institute for officials from Francophone African countries. The course will cover topics of current interest such as stabilization and growth, inflation targeting, and other frameworks for monetary policy, financial sector reform strategies, and assessment of financial fragility.
Africa—multiple countries	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$30,000	Regional AML/CFT workshop for evaluators from Francophone countries of the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa. The workshop will provide training on the practical aspects of preparing a detailed assessment report using the common methodology for assessing compliance with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommendations (FATF 40 Recommendations and FATF 9 Special Recommendations).
Africa—multiple countries	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$93,750	Regional AML/CFT workshop for judges from the member countries of the "Association des Hautes Juridictions Francophones" in the Francophone countries in west and central Africa. The workshop will focus on the theoretical and practical aspects of the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF 40 Recommendations and FATF 9 Special Recommendations) for an AML/CFT framework and its implementation.
Burundi	Public Financial Management	\$281,100	Long-term advisor to help the Ministry of Finance strengthen budget management through (1) proper recording of payroll and Heavily Indebted Poor Countries expenditures, (2) improved accounting operations, (3) simplifying and rationalizing procedures, (4) issuance of budget and accounting manuals, and (4) re-establishing the treasury single account at the central bank.
Burundi	Central Bank Operations	\$260,400	Extension of long-term advisor to assist in modernizing the operations of the Central Bank of Burundi. Assistance during this phase will focus on liquidity management and monetary and foreign exchange operations.
Central African Republic	Public Financial Management	\$260,400	Long-term advisor to help the Ministry of Finance consolidate its public financial management reform efforts, including re-establishing treasury authority over all government monies, completing rationalization of government bank accounts, improving cash planning, auditing, and strengthening the regulatory framework.
Congo, Dem. Rep. of	Public Financial Management	\$260,400	Extension of long-term advisor to assist the budget and treasury departments with their ongoing reform program. The advisor will focus on integrating the budget classifications into the accounting classifications, reducing the gap between budgetary appropriations and actual expenditures, and timely reconciliation of accounts and reporting.

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Congo, Dem. Rep. of	Central Bank Operations	\$27,100	Short-term expert to complete the assignment of the long-term advisor to the governor of the Central Bank of the Congo (BCC). The advisor, whose tenure was curtailed for personal reasons, was assisting with implementation of the action plan to strengthen BCC's capacity in key central bank functions, and the coordination of all TA provided to BCC by various donors.
Congo, Dem. Rep. of	Central Bank Operations	\$143,000	Extension of information technology expert to help the Central Bank of the Congo complete the computerization of its accounting and foreign exchange operations, and to conduct on-the-job training and seminars for staff of the Information Technology Directorate.
East AFRITAC	Public Financial Management	\$296,400	Continued financing for a regional public financial management (PFM) advisor based at the East Africa Regional Technical Assistance Center (East AFRITAC) to assist the six member countries with the following: developing improved/new budget laws and regulations and treasury manuals; strengthening implementation of program/performance budgeting and improved budget classifications; and improving budget execution and accounting systems, including expenditure control, cash management, and fiscal reporting.
Kenya	Customs Administration	\$171,600	Peripatetic expert to help the Kenya revenue authority strengthen customs administration by putting in place the proposed new function-based organization structure, streamlining operational processes, and developing and applying key customs administration performance indicators.
Liberia	Tax Administration	\$57,200	Short-term expert to help the Ministry of Finance initiate consolidation of organizational units into a single, function-based tax administration, strengthen operations of the large taxpayer unit, and develop a tax administration reform and modernization plan.
Liberia	Tax and Customs Administration	\$171,600	Peripatetic expert to provide continued assistance to the ministry of finance in implementing tax and customs reforms. Focus will be on (1) establishing a consolidated tax administration with a fully functioning large taxpayer unit and clearly defined medium and small taxpayer operations and (2) preparing a plan for the modernization of customs operations.
Liberia	Central Bank Operations	\$260,400	Long-term resident expert to serve as the chief administrator at the Central Bank of Liberia to strengthen its governance and financial management and ensure that internal controls and audits are carried out in accordance with established principles.

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Liberia	Bank Restructuring	\$114,000	Peripatetic expert to help the Central Bank of Liberia build its capacity to carry out the rehabilitation and liquidation of insolvent and problem banks and resolve the problem of abandoned and non-operating banks.
Madagascar	Public Financial Management	\$57,200	Short-term expert to assist the Ministry of Finance with (1) establishing a system of commitment planning and management in key line ministries, (2) improving the system of cash planning and management, and (3) adopting measures to prevent arrears.
Mauritius	Monetary Policy and Financial Sector Strategy	\$130,200	Long-term advisor for six months to assist the Bank of Mauritius with (1) implementation of its monetary framework and (2) preparation of a financial sector strategy paper.
Nigeria	Public Expenditure Management	\$260,400	Long-term advisor to help the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation to complete the rollout of the computerized accounting transactions recording and reporting system to all federal line ministries, departments, and agencies and initiate its use in the collection and consolidation of financial data and the production of annual financial statements.
Rwanda	Monetary Policy and Foreign Exchange Operations	\$114,400	Peripatetic expert to help the National Bank of Rwanda (NBR) build the analytical capacity of the research department to support the NBR in carrying out its responsibilities for monetary and foreign exchange policy formulation and implementation.
Sierra Leone	Tax Administration	\$57,200	Short-term expert to help the National Revenue Authority implement its modernization strategy, specifically with restructuring the domestic tax department along functional lines and strengthening the operations of the large taxpayer unit.
Uganda	Tax Administration	\$85,800	Extension of a short-term peripatetic expert to help the Uganda Revenue Authority strengthen its large taxpayer office, establish medium-size taxpayer offices, complete a draft tax procedure code, strengthen the system for service to small taxpayers, and implement an integrated tax administration information technology system.
Uganda	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	Extension of long-term advisor to continue helping the Bank of Uganda strengthen the framework for risk-based supervision and build staff capacity for effectively supervising financial institutions. The advisor will, in particular, assist with strengthening the legal and regulatory framework for supervision, complete the updating of off-site surveillance manuals, complete the development of the consolidated supervisory framework, and carry out staff training in a broad range of central bank functions.

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WAEMU—West African Economic and Monetary Union	Public Financial Management	\$171,600	Short-term experts to help the WAEMU Commission revise two of its five public financial management directives namely—the Directive on Organic Budget Law and the Directive on Public Accounting Regulation—and to ensure consistency between the two directives.
West AFRITAC	Real Sector Statistics	\$295,400	Extension of long-term regional advisor based at West AFRITAC to help the 10 member states strengthen the capacity of their national statistical agencies to collect data and compile and disseminate national accounts and price index statistics consistent with internationally accepted methodologies and practices. The advisor will help participating countries implement plans for improving real sector statistics as described in their General Data Dissemination System metadata, and provide regular and timely reporting of these statistics to the IMF for operational use and inclusion in IMF statistical publications.

ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION

Beneficiary	Subject Area	Committed	Description
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 carry out structural reforms aimed at improving macroeconomic management and promoting transformation to market economies.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	\$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 seminars in various aspects of macroeconomic management, statistical methodology, financial soundness and transparency, and other topics of current interest to member countries.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	\$130,200	Extension of the second JSA-financed long-term expert assigned to the IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute to conduct courses and seminars in various aspects of macroeconomic management, statistical methodology, financial soundness and transparency, and other topics of current interest to member countries.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Public Financial Management	\$85,800	Regional short-term expert to (1) help Tonga and the Marshall Islands develop capacity for preparing revenue estimates through training Ministry of Finance staff and (2) help the Ministry of Finance in Kiribati assess its budget formulation capacity and prepare a plan to implement a multi-year budget framework.

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Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Tax Legislation	\$286,000	Short-term experts to help selected countries in Asia and the Pacific improve tax legislation, including enactment of a revised income tax law in Bangladesh, improved legal framework for petroleum taxation in Cambodia, enactment of a new revenue administration law in Fiji, amendment of the income tax act in Kiribati, enactment of a value added tax (VAT) law in the Marshall Islands, adoption of implementing regulations and manuals for new tax laws in Mongolia, enactment of a revenue administration act in Papua New Guinea, enactment of VAT law and a revenue administration act in the Solomon Islands, and consolidation of tax legislation in Timor-Leste.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Financial Sector Supervision	\$118,400	Regional expert to help the central banks of Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand (1) conduct an assessment of their capital markets supervision program and their progress in implementing Basel II and (2) plan for enhancing their capacity in both areas.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Financial Sector Supervision	\$260,400	As a follow-up to the above assistance, a long-term regional advisor based in Thailand will help central banks in the Asia and Pacific region (initially in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand), strengthen their capacity in capital markets supervision, risk management, and risk modeling, in connection with Basel II implementation. Assistance will include classroom and on-the-job training and the development of new examination procedures and guidelines.
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	External Sector Statistics	\$93,750	Seminar on international investment position and external debt statistics methodology for participants from some 12 countries in the Asia and Pacific Region to promote familiarity with the IMF's manuals and guides namely—the <i>Balance of Payments Manual (5th Edition)</i> , <i>International Investment Position: A Guide to Data Sources</i> , and <i>External Debt Statistics: Guide for Compilers and Users</i> .
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Data Dissemination Standards	\$50,000	Seminar to familiarize national statistical agency staff from about 15 countries in the Asia and Pacific region with recent developments in the IMF's data dissemination initiatives with a view to promoting greater participation in the IMF's GDDS (General Data Dissemination System) and subscription to the IMF's SDDS (Special Data Dissemination Standard).
Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$93,750	An AML/CFT Workshop to be held at the IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute for participants from 12 countries in the Asia and Pacific region. The workshop will focus on the processes involved in the development of AML/CFT supervisory strategies and tools.

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Asia and Pacific—multiple countries	Field Visit to JSA-Supported Projects	\$20,000	Provide funding for the costs associated with a joint IMF-Japan field visit to Cambodia, the Philippines, and the IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute aimed at enhancing the knowledge of the Japanese authorities concerning the effectiveness of JSA-financed projects.
Bangladesh	Central Bank Audit	\$114,400	Peripatetic expert to continue helping the Bangladesh Bank strengthen its internal audit, including improving audit documentation and file management, strengthening the organizational structure of the internal audit department and oversight of the audit committee, and improving staff skills through classroom and on-the-job training.
Bhutan	Monetary Policy and Operations	\$260,400	Long-term resident advisor to help the Royal Monetary Authority strengthen the monetary policy framework and monetary operations with a focus on strengthening reserves management, introduction of market-based instruments in implementation of monetary policy, introduction of a liquidity management framework, and relaxation of restrictions on foreign currency exchange.
Bhutan	Monetary Policy and Operations	\$85,800	Short-term expert to work with the resident advisor in helping the Royal Monetary Authority implement a liquidity monitoring and forecasting framework, including identifying measures to develop interinstitutional borrowing arrangements.
Cambodia	Public Financial Management	\$200,200	Short-term experts to help the National Treasury (1) utilize the new chart of accounts in budget preparation and execution and (2) formulate a cash management and fiscal reporting strategy that includes rationalizing government bank accounts, improving cash planning, and preventing payment arrears.
Cambodia	Customs Administration	\$143,000	Two short-term experts to continue helping the Customs and Excise Department complete implementation of the customs administration reform and modernization plan, including preparing and issuing needed regulations, installing the ASYCUDA computerized customs clearance system, and introducing procedures and guidelines for the new automated operational environment. The experts will also assist with developing a strategy for future external support needed to sustain the current customs reform initiatives.
Cambodia	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	Extension of long-term advisor to continue helping the National Bank of Cambodia strengthen its banking supervision capacity. This phase of the assistance will focus on enhancing off-site surveillance. The advisor will also assist with strengthening the regulatory framework and enforcement of prudential regulations.

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Cambodia	Central Bank Audit	\$114,400	Short-term expert to help the National Bank of Cambodia strengthen the capacity of its internal audit department by providing on-the-job training and assisting with audits of selected NBC departments and operational areas.
Cambodia	Multisector Statistics	\$265,400	Extension of long-term advisor to continue helping the National Institute of Statistics, the Ministry of Economy and Finance, and the National Bank of Cambodia formulate and implement programs to strengthen their institutional structure and operational capacity to improve real sector and balance of payments statistics and, to a lesser extent, government finance and monetary statistics. The advisor will also assist with (1) improving coordination among data producing agencies and TA donors and (2) the annual revision of General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) metadata and implementation of GDDS action plans.
China	Tax Policy	\$28,600	Short-term expert to conduct a workshop for senior officials of the State Administration for Taxation on various aspects of corporate and financial taxation, including the tax treatment of financial derivatives, cross-border investments, financial leases, mergers and acquisitions, and e-commerce.
China	Balance of Payments Statistics	\$50,000	Course on Balance of Payments Statistics under the Joint China-IMF Training Program in Dalian for officials from the State Administration for Foreign Exchange and other government agencies. The course will focus on the conceptual framework of balance of payments and investment position presented in the IMF's <i>Balance of Payments Manual, Fifth Edition (BPM5)</i> and the methodologies and procedures for compiling these statistics.
China	External Sector Statistics	\$50,000	Seminar on Cross-Border Flows and Stocks under the Joint China-IMF Training Program in Dalian for officials from the State Administration for Foreign Exchange and other relevant government agencies and commissions, as well as various bank representatives. The topics to be covered include the framework for external sector statistics, capital account liberalization, cross-border flows and stock statistics for banks, direct investment flows and stock statistics, and utilization of international organizations' data.

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China	Macroeconomic Management and Fiscal Issues	\$50,000	Course on Macroeconomic Management and Fiscal Issues under the Joint China-IMF Training Program in Dalian for officials from selected government agencies. The course will examine key elements of fiscal policy and macroeconomic management, such as taxation, expenditure policies, fiscal management, public infrastructure and growth, and public enterprise reform and privatization. It will also address recent fiscal challenges, such as contingent liabilities, fiscal decentralization, and governance issues.
China	Macroeconomic Management and Financial Sector Issues	\$50,000	Course on Macroeconomic Management and Financial Sector Issues under the Joint China-IMF Training Program in Dalian for officials from the People's Bank of China and other government agencies. The course will examine how financial sector issues affect macroeconomic management, with a special focus on such issues as exchange rate regimes, capital account liberalization, international capital flows, regulation of the financial system, and assessment of financial fragility.
China	Financial Programming and Policies	\$50,000	Course on Financial Programming and Policies under the Joint China-IMF Training Program in Dalian for staff of the People's Bank of China and other government agencies. The course will focus on the techniques of, and the issues involved in, formulating and implementing a financial program.
China	Financial Programming and Policies	\$70,000	A second course on Financial Programming and Policies under the Joint China-IMF Training Program in Dalian for staff of the People's Bank of China and other government agencies. The course will also focus on the techniques of, and the issues involved in, formulating and implementing a financial program.
China	Monetary Policy	\$50,000	Workshop on Monetary Policy to be held in Dalian for senior and mid-level officials from the People's Bank of China and other government agencies to examine the key requirements for effective implementation of market-based monetary policy instruments.
Fiji	Macroeconomic Management	\$57,200	Short-term experts to help the Ministry of Finance prepare a report on a medium term debt strategy and framework for Fiji that would examine, among other things, portfolio composition, use of financial instruments and markets, and the overall sustainability of public debt within the broad framework of the government's fiscal policy. The experts will also conduct training on debt sustainability analysis.

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Lao P.D.R.	Customs Administration	\$114,400	Continued financing for a peripatetic expert to help the Ministry of Finance (MOF) finalize the legal framework needed to implement the new customs law including the Prime Minister's Implementing Decree and other regulations, and MOF instructions, guidelines, and manuals.
Maldives	Financial Sector Supervision	\$243,900	Short-term experts to provide continued support for the Maldives Monetary Authority in developing its capacity for financial sector regulation and supervision consistent with international best practices. In this phase, emphasis will be on completion of prudential regulations, review of organizational structure of the financial supervision department, and staff training, particularly in off-site monitoring and on-site supervision.
Mongolia	Central Bank Operations	\$200,200	Short-term experts to help the Bank of Mongolia build its capacity in a broad range of central bank operations, including monetary policy and reserve management and banking supervision, as well as to strengthen its governance structure and internal control system.
Mongolia	Real Sector Statistics	\$114,400	Peripatetic expert to help the National Statistical Office improve data collection systems and compilation procedures in the preparation of national accounts statistics in line with the recommendations of the United Nations System of National Accounts—1993.
Nepal	Tax and Customs Administration	\$143,000	Short-term experts to assist the Inland Revenue and Customs Departments with (1) development and implementation of an action plan to improve control over large taxpayers, including an improved audit methodology, and (2) design and implementation of import and export risk management and revenue collection procedures to make best use of the upgraded ASYCUDA computerized system.
Nepal	Financial Sector Supervision	\$114,400	Peripatetic expert to help the Nepal Rastra Bank improve its oversight of the financial sector through (1) conducting a self-assessment using the Basel Core Principles of Effective Banking Supervision and (2) identifying and implementing capacity-strengthening measures to address detected shortcomings.
Palau	Macroeconomic Analysis and Management	\$114,400	Peripatetic expert to help the Bureau of Budget and Planning update financial procedures and build capacity for macrofiscal forecasting through preparation of manuals, development of a fiscal forecasting model, and staff training.
Papua New Guinea	Banking Supervision	\$114,400	Short-term experts to help the Bank of Papua New Guinea strengthen its capacity for banking supervision through (1) delivery of training courses and on-the-job training in key supervisory areas and (2) updating supervisory procedures manuals.

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Papua New Guinea	Foreign Exchange Operations and Reserve Management	\$228,800	Peripatetic short-term experts to help the Bank of Papua New Guinea (1) assess and strengthen its staff capacity for managing foreign exchange reserves and oversee the country's exchange rate arrangements, and (2) upgrade financial management and reporting systems to be consistent with internationally accepted standards.
PFTAC—Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Center	Tax Policy and Tax and Customs Administration	\$296,400	Extension of regional advisor based at the PFTAC in Fiji to continue assisting member countries in implementing their programs to modernize their tax policy framework and reform tax and customs administration, including, among other things, introduction and/or implementation of a value-added tax in Kiribati, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Tuvalu; introduction of a computerized customs information systems for Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Niue, Palau, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Tuvalu; and redrafting of tax and customs laws in Fiji, Kiribati, Palau, the Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.
PFTAC	Multisector Statistics	\$305,400	Extension of regional advisor in economic and financial statistics based at the PFTAC to continue helping member countries to strengthen their capacity to collect, compile, and disseminate a broad range of economic and financial statistics. Assistance, provided through advisory visits and training, will cover a broad range of issues, including management, infrastructure, and priority setting.
PFTAC	Real Sector Statistics	\$143,000	Regional expert to support the work of the PFTAC regional multisector statistics advisor in improving real sector statistics in the Pacific Island countries. In the first instance, the expert will assist in developing import price indices in Fiji, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, and Tonga, and carry out training in national accounts in Papua New Guinea.
PFTAC	Monetary and Financial Statistics	\$143,000	Regional expert to support the work of the PFTAC regional multisector statistics advisor in improving monetary and financial statistics in selected Pacific Island countries (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Palau, Samoa, and the Solomon Islands). Assistance will focus on the compilation of monthly monetary accounts in accordance with international standards for official use and publication and submission to the IMF.
Philippines	Tax Administration	\$257,400	Peripatetic expert to help the Bureau of Internal Revenue implement a comprehensive reform program agreed on by the government, the IMF, and the World Bank. Priority will be given to taxpayer registration and returns filing and assessments, audit, taxpayer services, and the establishment of a performance management system.

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Philippines	Banking Supervision	\$249,000	Extension of long-term resident advisor to continue helping the Philippines Central Bank (BSP) implement a new supervision and examination framework and carry out the newly approved reorganization of BSP's supervision and examination department.
Philippines	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	As a follow-up to the above assistance, extension of the long-term resident advisor to continue helping the Philippines Central Bank complete the reorganization of its supervision and examination department and implement a new risk-focused supervisory and consolidated examination framework.
Solomon Islands	Monetary Policy and Operations	\$166,000	Peripatetic expert to help the Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI) implement policies to promote sound monetary and financial conditions and monitor financial sector developments. Assistance will focus on monetary prospects and policy alternatives, near- and medium-term actions and instruments, building monitoring capacity, and preparations for an organizational review of CBSI.
Solomon Islands	Monetary Policy and Operations	\$171,600	As a follow-up to the above assistance, peripatetic expert to provide continued support to the Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI) in implementing policies that promote sound monetary and financial conditions and monitoring financial sector developments. Focus will continue on monetary prospects and policy alternatives, near- and medium-term actions and instruments, building monitoring capacity, and preparations for an organizational review of CBSI.
Sri Lanka	Financial Sector Supervision	\$200,200	Short-term expert to continue helping the Insurance Board of Sri Lanka strengthen its capacity to regulate and supervise the insurance sector. Assistance will focus on the introduction of risk-based regulation and supervision of both insurance companies and insurance brokers.
Thailand	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	Long-term resident advisor to help the Bank of Thailand strengthen its risk-focused consolidated supervision program. The advisor will, in particular, review the current program and design an enhancement plan, evaluate the structure of the examination division and recommend adjustments to ensure adequate support for the consolidated supervision of complex financial conglomerates, and conduct a mentoring program.

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Timor-Leste	Central Bank Operations	\$130,200	Six-month extension of the long-term resident advisor to the general manager of the Banking and Payments Authority (BPA) to continue supporting BPA's efforts to evolve into a central bank. In addition to building staff skills to perform central banking functions, the advisor will assist in developing BPA's in-house capacity for policy design, developing a strategic institutional plan, and revising the Central Bank of Timor-Leste Law.
Vietnam	Tax Administration	\$114,400	Peripatetic expert to assist the General Department of Taxation (GDT) with developing administration strategies for small, medium, and large taxpayers; restructuring GDT headquarters; and refining GDT's performance measures.
CENTRAL AND WESTERN EUROPE			
Beneficiary	Subject Area	Committed	Description
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Real Sector Statistics and Balance of Payments	\$270,400	Extension of long-term advisor to continue helping the Bosnia and Herzegovina Agency for Statistics build its capacity for compiling reliable and timely real sector statistics. The advisor will also work with the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina on improving and expanding data for compilation of balance of payments.
Central and Western Europe—multiple countries	Monetary Policy	\$267,000	Extension of long-term regional advisor to help the National Bank of Serbia improve its monetary policy decision making through staff training in analysis and forecasting, upgrading research and documentation, and transitioning to a formal inflation targeting regime. The advisor will also make short trips to provide similar assistance to other countries in the region as needed and as time permits.
Central and Western Europe—multiple countries	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$93,750	An AML/CFT workshop to be held at the Joint Vienna Institute for staff of Financial Intelligence Units in the Baltic countries, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, and Ukraine. The workshop will focus on the development and application of information technology systems for AML/CFT purposes.

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Kosovo	Central Bank Operations	\$260,400	Continued financing for the position of managing director of the Banking and Payments Authority of Kosovo (BPK) to ensure continued development of a sound financial system in Kosovo, which would involve BPK maintaining adequate capitalization of financial institutions and carrying out strong enforcement actions, developing and implementing financial monitoring instruments, promoting domestic payment systems, and building local staff capacity to assume managerial positions in BPK.
Kosovo	Central Bank Operations	\$264,000	As follow-up to the above-mentioned assistance, financing for the position of managing director of the Central Banking Authority of Kosovo (CBAK), formerly the Banking and Payments Authority of Kosovo, to continue capacity-strengthening of CBAK, particularly at the managerial level; modernization of payments systems; and improved financial reporting.
Macedonia F.Y.R.	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	Extension of long-term advisor to help the National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia (NBRM) complete its move to risk-based supervision (RBS) through the implementation of its supervisory development plan to meet the preconditions for RBS, including (1) adoption of a comprehensive law on banks to establish their sound corporate governance and ensure that they have reliable internal risk-management systems, and control and audit processes; and (2) reorganizing NBRM banking supervision strategies and procedures in line with RBS.

EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

Beneficiary	Subject Area	Committed	Description
Eastern Europe and Central Asia—multiple countries	Public Financial Management	\$306,400	Long-term regional advisor based in Uzbekistan to assist with public financial management reform in selected countries in the region, including developing a unified chart of accounts in Armenia, transitioning to accrual accounting in Azerbaijan, and developing a comprehensive strategy for budget and treasury reform in Uzbekistan.
Eastern Europe and Central Asia—multiple countries	Tax Administration	\$149,000	Peripatetic experts to help authorities in Armenia and Georgia implement tax administration reform, including (1) strengthening self-assessment and risk-based compliance, (2) moving to integrated and function-based tax operations, and (3) introducing taxpayer segmentation to better account for compliance risks and service needs of large, medium, and small taxpayers.

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Eastern Europe and Central Asia—multiple countries	Monetary and Financial Statistics	\$93,750	Seminar for central bank officials responsible for compiling monetary and financial statistics in the Baltic countries, Russia, and other countries of the former Soviet Union. The seminar will cover both conceptual and practical aspects of compiling monetary and financial data consistent with the IMF's <i>Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual (MFSM 2000)</i> and forthcoming <i>Compilation Guide</i> .
Eastern Europe and Central Asia—multiple countries	Balance of Payments	\$93,750	Seminar on the international transactions reporting system (ITRS) for officials from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan responsible for compiling balance of payments statistics, as well as staff of commercial banks in Azerbaijan that participate in the ITRS.
Eastern Europe and Central Asia—multiple countries	External Sector Statistics	\$275,400	Long-term advisor based in Azerbaijan to help the National Bank of Azerbaijan and the National Bank of Georgia, and other concerned agencies in these two countries, build their capacity for external sector data production, compilation, and dissemination.
Eastern Europe and Central Asia—multiple countries	Real Sector Statistics	\$295,400	Regional long-term advisor based in Uzbekistan to help statistical agencies in Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan improve their capacity to compile national accounts statistics, the consumer price index, and the producer price index.
Georgia	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	Extension of long-term resident advisor to continue helping the National Bank of Georgia strengthen its banking supervision capacity. The advisor will, in particular, provide guidance and training in the areas of off-site supervision, licensing, remedial actions, and problem-bank resolution.
Georgia	Public Financial Management	\$89,400	Peripatetic expert to help the Ministry of Finance with implementation of the accounting reform strategy, introduction of a new budget economic classification system based on the IMF's <i>Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001</i> , and further development of cash planning and management and commitment control instructions.
Ukraine	Macroeconomic Management	\$282,400	Extension of resident macrofiscal advisor to continue helping the Ministry of Finance strengthen its capacity for macrofiscal analysis, planning, and forecasting, including estimating macroeconomic consequences of proposed policy decisions or legislation. The advisor will also assist in the development of an organizational structure for the ministry's new Macro-Forecasting Department that will best support its mandate.

IMF - MULTIPLE REGIONS

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Beneficiary	Subject Area	Committed	Description
IMF—multiple regions	Macroeconomic Management	\$359,000	High-Level Seminar on Macroeconomic Management and the Japanese Experience in Economic Development organized jointly with the Japan Center for International Finance for high-level officials from six Asian countries (Cambodia, China, Lao P.D.R., Mongolia, Myanmar, and Vietnam) and six Commonwealth of Independent States countries (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan).
IMF—multiple regions	Monetary and Financial Statistics	\$286,000	Short-term experts to help five Francophone countries in the Middle East and North Africa region (Algeria, Djibouti, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia) strengthen their capacity to collect, compile, and disseminate monetary and financial statistics in accordance with the IMF's <i>Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual (MFSM)</i> .
IMF—multiple regions	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$50,000	AML/CFT workshop for criminal justice officials from selected countries in Europe and the Middle East to familiarize them with the financial aspects of investigating and prosecuting money laundering, terrorism financing, and anticorruption cases, as well as with methods of tracing and confiscating the proceeds of these crimes.
IMF—multiple regions	JSA Annual Report	\$20,170	Funding for the costs associated with preparation and publication of the English and Japanese versions of the JSA Annual Report and its posting on the IMF public website.
MIDDLE EAST REGION			
Beneficiary	Subject Area	Committed	Description
Afghanistan, I.R. of	Balance of Payments	\$114,400	Peripatetic expert to help the Central Bank of Afghanistan to (1) compile balance of payments statements for 2006–2007 and lay the groundwork for the 2007–2008 exercise and (2) improve its capacity for data collection and compilation to enable timely balance of payments statements.
Afghanistan, I.R. of	Real Sector Statistics	\$143,000	Peripatetic expert to help the Central Statistical Office develop and improve its institutional structure and operational capacity to compile national accounts statistics, the consumer price index, and merchandise trade statistics.

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Algeria	Banking Supervision	\$260,400	Extension of expert on a long-term basis to continuing helping the Bank of Algeria strengthen its supervisory capacity. Assistance in this phase will focus on operationalizing the accounting and prudential databases, training on credit institution risk management, and strengthening on-site inspection through training and enhancing logistical support.
Egypt	Tax Administration	\$85,800	Short-term expert to help the Ministry of Finance with the merger of the existing income tax and sales tax departments into a new Egyptian Tax Authority.
Egypt	Monetary Policy and Operations	\$257,400	Short-term experts to help the Central Bank of Egypt take stock of its preparations to implement an inflation targeting framework, including needed institutional and legal changes and strengthened capacity for macroeconomic analysis, forecasting, and public communications
METAC—Middle East Technical Assistance Center	Public Financial Management	\$296,400	Regional advisor to help the nine METAC member countries develop their capacity to implement public financial management (PFM) reforms in the following areas: the legal framework for PFM, budget preparation and execution, treasury modernization, fiscal reporting, and macrofiscal management. The advisor will also assist in improving coordination among TA providers in this field.
METAC	Banking Supervision	\$148,200	Regional advisor to help the nine METAC member countries strengthen their banking regulatory and supervisory capacity. The advisor's primary focus will be on commercial bank supervision and regulation, including licensing, on-site supervision and off-site monitoring, and establishing the regulatory framework for conducting such activities. The advisor will also assist in improving coordination among TA providers in this field.
METAC	Central Bank Accounting	\$148,200	Regional advisor to help the nine METAC member countries strengthen their central bank accounting functions, including putting in place new policies and procedures and adopting appropriate international financial reporting standards. The advisor will also assist in enhancing coordination among TA providers in this field.
Morocco	Financial Sector Supervision	\$143,000	Short-term experts to help the task force set up by the Moroccan central bank (Bank Al-Maghreb) to advise the banking sector and other credit institutions on the international accounting standards/ international financial reporting standards (IAS/IFRS) and ensure their compliance with these standards.

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Syrian Arab Republic	Central Bank Accounting	\$130,200	Six month extension of advisor to help the Central Bank of Syria (1) complete restructuring of its accounting department, (2) prepare tender documents for the acquisition of software for the integration of treasury and accounting systems, and (3) improve systems to meet international financial reporting standards.
West Bank and Gaza	Central Bank Operations	\$343,200	Peripatetic experts to help the Palestine Monetary Authority strengthen its capacity to carry out central banking functions and prepare for its transformation into a full-fledged central bank.
WESTERN HEMISPHERE REGION			
Beneficiary	Subject Area	Committed	Description
Paraguay	Customs Administration	\$85,800	Short-term expert to help the National Customs Directorate implement the government's customs reform action plan, particularly with regard to strengthening management and training, streamlining control and duty assessments, automating facilities, implementing an anti-smuggling plan, and developing the next stage of needed reforms.
Paraguay	Customs Administration	\$114,400	Continued support for the National Customs Directorate to maintain customs reform momentum through further periodic visits by the short-term expert who, in addition to providing the technical assistance described above, will also assist with coordinating donor assistance and strengthening the directorate's change management structure.
Trinidad and Tobago	Financial Sector Supervision	\$260,400	Extension of long-term advisor to help the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago strengthen its capacity for financial supervision. The advisor will assist with, and provide training on, consolidated supervision and cross-border risk assessment, including upgrading the reporting framework.
Western Hemisphere—multiple countries	Tax Administration	\$303,300	Long-term regional advisor to assist selected member countries of the Caribbean Technical Assistance Center with implementation of their newly introduced value-added tax, particularly with compliance, enforcement, and auditing. The advisor will be based in one of the beneficiary countries, which include Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
Western Hemisphere—multiple countries	Financial Programming and Policies	\$50,000	Course on Financial Programming and Policies for officials from member countries of the Central American Monetary Council (CAMC). The course will cover the different accounts used in macroeconomic analysis, the evaluation of macroeconomic performance, and the preparation of economic forecasts.

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Western Hemisphere—multiple countries	Monetary and Financial Statistics	\$30,000	Seminar for chief economists of central banks in the Central American region (members of monetary policy committee of the Central American Monetary Council) on the harmonization of monetary and financial statistics in the region in accordance with the standards and methodology of the IMF's <i>Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual</i> .
Western Hemisphere—multiple countries	Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)	\$30,000	Regional AML/CFT workshop for criminal justice officials from Costa Rica, Colombia, Nicaragua, and Panama. Training will focus on the financial aspects of investigating and prosecuting money laundering, terrorism financing and anticorruption cases, as well as methods of tracing and confiscating the proceeds of these crimes.