Partnerships for Capacity Development
Strong economic institutions are critical for development and help countries make progress toward the SDGs.

The IMF provides capacity development support to its members, helping enhance their economic policies and institutions. Partnerships are crucial for our efforts.

Christine Lagarde
IMF Managing Director
For more than 50 years, the IMF has been a global leader in providing technical assistance and training to help countries strengthen their economic institutions and empower the people who run them.

We work with partners to provide **results-driven, high-value** capacity development. These efforts are fully integrated with our other responsibilities to track global and country-level economic developments and lend to countries facing economic crises.

Our entire membership benefits from capacity development. Most of our support goes to low-income and developing countries, including those in fragile situations. A fast-growing online learning program extends our reach even further.

Countries work with us so they can:

- **Raise revenues and manage public spending** for better services like schools, roads, and hospitals
- **Strengthen legal and governance frameworks** to fight corruption, money laundering, and terrorism financing
- **Apply best practice debt management tools** to ensure debt sustainability
- **Enhance data collection and reporting** for better policymaking, transparency, and accountability
- **Develop resilient banking and financial systems** to foster inclusion and fuel growth and investment
- **Build diagnostic, forecasting, and modeling tools** for policy formulation

We also help countries tackle emerging challenges like income and gender inequality and climate change.
Our work is coordinated by 16 regional centers with support from thematic funds and bilateral projects. IMF staff work with country officials upon request to provide hands-on expert advice, training, and peer learning.

A global network of regional centers provides on-the-ground support.

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- Côte d’Ivoire AFRITAC West
- Gabon AFRITAC Central
- Ghana AFRITAC West 2
- Mauritius AFRITAC South
- Tanzania Africa Training Institute (ATI)
- Tanzania AFRITAC East

ASIA
- China CICDC
- Fiji PFTAC
- India SARTTAC
- Singapore Singapore Training Institute (STI)
- Thailand CDOT

MIDDLE EAST
- Kuwait Middle East Center for Economics & Finance (CEF)
- Lebanon METAC

EUROPE
- Austria Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)

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- Barbados CARTAC
- Guatemala CAPTAC-DR

“What we appreciate about IMF regional centers: their proximity, their timely advice, their hands-on support for reform implementation.”

— National Bank of Rwanda
NEPAL was removed from the Financial Action Task Force’s “grey list” after strengthening its financial sector and implementing important legal reforms to combat money laundering. This helped Nepal attract investments, mobilize resources, and boost economic growth and stability.

UGANDA reformed its tax system and raised the revenue-to-GDP ratio from 11.2% to 14.4% during 2012-18. With the IMF’s help, it streamlined its value-added tax, harmonized administrative procedures, and is developing a medium-term plan for further revenue mobilization.

SOMALIA is strengthening key policymaking institutions and enhancing economic resilience with IMF support. This support is helping the authorities enhance public financial management, modernize tax administration, and broaden the revenue base. It also helps strengthen the organization and governance of the central bank, boost financial sector oversight, and establish a currency reform framework.
STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE is a global concern. The IMF helps Pacific Island countries conduct debt sustainability assessments and create robust public financial management plans to better prepare for natural disasters. In Belize, Seychelles, and St. Lucia, the IMF has conducted climate policy assessments that take stock of the current situations and identify investment and policy needs to address climate change effects.

DEBT MANAGEMENT CAPACITY in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU), Barbados, Belize, and Jamaica has been strengthened with support from the IMF. All countries now produce medium-term debt management strategies and can better assess the costs and risks in their debt portfolios and borrowing strategies.

The IMF’s annual FINANCIAL ACCESS SURVEY collects data for 189 countries on access and use of financial services, including gender-disaggregated data. It helps policymakers measure and monitor financial inclusion and benchmark progress against peers, which helps countries track progress toward the SDGs.
Thematic funds offer global assistance in critical areas.

**IMPROVING REVENUE MOBILIZATION, FISCAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**
- Revenue Mobilization
- Managing Natural Resource Wealth
- Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool

**PROMOTING FINANCIAL SECTOR STABILITY AND ACCESS, AND ADDRESSING DEBT ISSUES**
- Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism
- Financial Sector Stability
- Debt Management Facility
- Financial Sector Reform and Strengthening Initiative

**STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKING THROUGH BETTER STATISTICS**
- Data for Decisions

**SUPPORTING FRAGILE STATES**
- Funds for South Sudan and Somalia

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“...The EU has found in the IMF a natural strategic partner with a long track record of supporting economic reforms in developing countries...”
— EU Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development
Financial contributions from our partners bolster our ability to deliver high-quality technical assistance and training that is responsive and aligned with IMF and global priorities. They also help us to be more accountable and results-oriented.

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