

Sudan

Technical Assistance in Fiscal Year 2022

Public Financial Management (July 6-16)

This activity was organized and delivered in collaboration with partners from the European Commission and the World Bank's Global Governance Practice, and with the active support of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning to initiate the elaboration of a public financial management roadmap. Based on the findings of the recent PEFA report, the roadmap will identify critical institutional reforms and results in a multi-year approach. Participants from the ministry discussed the main challenges and efforts required so that budget planning and execution, and fiscal transparency are enhanced, and resource management improved.

Revenue Administration (August 22-September 8)

METAC supported the Sudan Taxation Chamber (STC) in building capacity to improve compliance in the Large Taxpayer Office (LTO). METAC experts discussed with LTO staff members how to improve filing and payment performance by implementing maintenance registers for Large Taxpayers (LTs) as well as the compliance risk management approach and risk indicators for LTs. Currently, the STC tax administration for LTs is not centralized in a single LTO. The criteria for determining what constitutes LTs differ between offices, and criteria have not been updated for many years. Timely filing performance by large companies falls well short of international good practice standards, compliance risk management has not been applied to risks around large taxpayer registration or timely filing and payment. METAC experts recommended that STC should establish a single LTO to deal with all businesses that meet the relevant criteria, irrespective of their legal status, geographic location, or ownership (private or public sector). The criteria for LTs should be reconsidered, and priority should be given to improving timely Business Profits Tax and VAT return filing by large businesses.

Statistics (September 26-30; August 22-September 12)

METAC assisted the Central Bureau Statistics to design a sampling strategy for the Comprehensive Industry Survey and for the Quarterly Industry Survey which will be used to produce an index of industrial production. The mission helped design a template to select samples; provided training to staff on index of industrial production compilation; and provided input to revise the data collection questionnaire.

In its ongoing collaboration with the Central Bureau of Statistics of Sudan, METAC conducted a follow-up mission to assist with updating the weights and the product basket of the CPI based on the 2014/15 household budget survey. The mission revised the data entry and index compilation sheets and assisted with documenting the revisions for dissemination of the new CPI.