Macroeconomic Analysis and Frameworks: Workplan and Objectives

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Macroeconomic Advisor: History

- Recommended by recent evaluation
 - Observed need
 - In line with structure of other RTACs
- Endorsed for immediate action by 2009
 Steering Committee
 - In part in response to global economic crisis
 - EC funding (subsequently delayed)
 - Incorporated in PFTAC budget instead.

Work this cycle

- Hiring process was difficult
 - Selected candidate due to take up post in November.
- Nevertheless, have provided some TA in macroeconomic areas.
 - Using short-term experts
 - Monetary and exchange operations
- Central bank training (with Bank of England)
- Now ready to step up activities.

Results for next cycle

- Aim to improve the quality of forecasting, macro frameworks and analysis.
- In both central banks and ministries of finance.
 - And to enhance the coordination between them.
- Also improve policy frameworks
 - Monetary and exchange operations
 - Debt sustainability and management.
- Produce / contribute to regional analysis (FEMM and SPCBG)
 - Working closely with IMF regional res rep and others (ADB, World Bank)

Activities

- One resident advisor
 - With limited additional specialist short-term experts.
- Training
 - Financial programming
 - Central banking
- No regional association currently envisaged
- Close coordination with ADB PEM TA likely to be needed.