To design and implement a demand-driven capacity building programme, it is essential to assess a country’s current capacities and to work with officials to identify the capacity needs and how best these can be achieved. A needs assessment includes a review of the institutional and legal structures, human resources, management, supervision and working environment as well as the operational aspects of debt strategy and public finance and foreign private capital.

To enhance ownership of the capacity building process, DFI has adopted self-assessment approaches for assessing country capacity needs in debt strategy and public finance and foreign private capital.

Latest work DFI carried out in this area:

**9-18 April 2012 – DeMPA Mission in Niger**

A joint mission of the World Bank and DRI visited Niamey to evaluate the country’s debt management, based on the DeMPA methodology elaborated by the BWIs. As part of the review, the mission held meetings with all the institutions involved in debt management. A draft report has been prepared which has been sent for peer review before being submitted to the country’s authorities within the forthcoming weeks.

**9-17 April 2012 - DFI in Burundi for a DeMPA Mission**
Assessing Country Capacity

DFI took part in a World Bank DeMPA mission in Bujumbura, Burundi on 9-17 April. The mission assessed the country's debt management and held meetings with various key institutions involved in the borrowing cycle. The team also provided training on operational risks, the calculation of the grant element and the interpretation of results of a DSA implemented in Burundi. Preliminary conclusions were shared with target institutions as well as with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.

28 January - 7 February 2012 - Sudan DeMPA Mission

A joint Development Finance International, UNCTAD and The World Bank mission visited Khartoum, Sudan to conduct a Debt Management Performance Assessment (DeMPA) during February. The mission met with officials from the various agencies responsible for debt management and reviewed the way the various functions are performed to see whether they are in line with international standards. As required by the methodology, each dimension of the indicators was scored and a draft report was prepared during the mission and is being peer reviewed.

1-10 June 2011 - Afghanistan DeMPA Mission

A joint Development Finance International and World Bank mission visited Kabul to conduct a Debt Management Performance Assessment (DeMPA) during June. The mission met with officials from the various agencies responsible for debt management and reviewed the way the various functions are performed to see whether they are in line with international standards. As required by the methodology, each dimension of the indicators was scored between A and D. A draft report was prepared during the mission and is being peer reviewed.

16-26 May 2011 - DEMPA Mission to São Tomé and Príncipe

DFI participated in a joint mission with the World Bank to Sao Tome and Principe. The mission met with officials from the Central Bank, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Finance as well as commercial banks operating in the country. The main objective of the mission was to evaluate the existing debt management capacity in the country within the framework of the Debt Management Performance Assessment (DeMPA). At the end of the stay, the mission presented the national authorities with a preliminary assessment.

14-24 April 2011 - DFI mission to Tajikistan

DFI participated in a joint mission to Tajikistan. Other partners that took part in the mission included the World Bank and UNCTAD. The mission met with officials from the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance as well as commercial banks operating in the country. The main objective of the mission was to evaluate the existing debt management capacity in the country within the framework of the Debt Management Performance Assessment (DeMPA). At the end of the stay, the mission presented the national authorities with a preliminary assessment.

28 February - 4 March 2011 - Latin America Regional DeMPA Workshop

DFI participated as a resource person in the World Bank Debt Management Facility regional workshop on the Debt Management Performance Assessment tool, held jointly with the Centro de Estudios Monetarios Latino-Americanos in Mexico City. 31 participants from 14 countries participated in the workshop and DFI assisted Haiti to complete their own self-assessment and comment on the DeMPA tools. DFI has been asked to write an article about the workshop for the next DMF newsletter.