## **Progress in the Implementation of G20/FSB Recommendations – June 2012**

**Jurisdiction:** SAUDI ARABIA

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1. Refini		ulatory perimeter		Τ		
1 (new)	Cannes	Strengthening the oversight of shadow banking	We agree to strengthen the regulation and oversight of the shadow banking system. <sup>1</sup>	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of	Planned actions (if any): Following the promulgation of the legislation, it is expected that regulations and by-laws will be published quickly and the licensing process will commence thereafter. A framework for supervision and regulation has already been designed.  Expected commencement date:
					Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: Leasing, Finance and real estate finance companies are currently registered by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Draft legislation related to these companies is currently in progress through the legislative process. This would significantly strengthen the supervision and regulation of these companies which constitute the major part of shadow banking.  Web-links to relevant documents:	Web-links to relevant documents:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For this survey, the focus is exclusively on the recommendations for monitoring the shadow banking system, discussed in section 2 of the October 2011 FSB report: "Shadow Banking: Strengthening Oversight and Regulation", which is available here: <a href="http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/publications/r\_111027a.pdf">http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/publications/r\_111027a.pdf</a>.

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2 (11)	(Lon)	Review of the boundaries of the regulatory framework	We will each review and adapt the boundaries of the regulatory framework to keep pace with developments in the financial system and promote good practices and consistent approaches at an international level.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: Saudi Arabia continues to review and extend the boundaries of the regulatory framework. In the past seven years, legislation and regulation related to the Capital Market and the Insurance sector has helped to strengthen and extend the regulatory framework. Currently, legislation under process will further extend the boundaries to include leasing, Finance and Real Estate Finance companies. Saudi Regulatory Agencies continue to promote good practices and consistent approaches emanating from FSB, BCBS, IOSCO, IAIS, and IASB.  Web-links to relevant documents:	Planned actions (if any): This is an on-going process and is subject to self-assessments, thematic and peer reviews and the FSAP Process.  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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	ities in the markets do not
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			will be subject to oversight to ensure that they have adequate risk management.			
4 (14)	(Lon)	Effective oversight of cross-border funds	We ask the FSB to develop mechanisms for cooperation and information sharing between relevant authorities in order to ensure effective oversight is maintained when a fund is located in a different jurisdiction from the manager. We will, cooperating through the FSB, develop measures that implement these principles by the end of 2009.	End-2009	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify: CMA is following closely the developments in FSB, BCBS and IOSCO and will take appropriate actions as needed.  Completed as of Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  Web-links to relevant documents:	Planned actions (if any):  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:
5 (15)	(Lon)	Effective management of counter-party risk associated	Supervisors should require that institutions which have hedge funds as	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by  Draft regulations/guidelines published	Planned actions (if any): On going monitoring process.  Expected commencement date:

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		with hedge funds	their counterparties have effective risk management, including mechanisms to monitor the funds' leverage and set		as of  Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:	Web-links to relevant documents:
			limits for single counterparty exposures.		Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: Investment by Saudi Banks in Hedge Funds is very limited.SAMA recognizes the risks emanating from Hedge Funds and has accordingly introduced international standards that were issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.  SAMA closely monitors banks' proprietary investment activities in Hedge Funds and structured products.SAMA has regulatory requirements concerning effective governance and risk management systems including single obligor limits.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
6 (16)	(FSF 2008)	Guidance on the management of exposures to leveraged	II.17 Supervisors will strengthen their existing guidance on the management of	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by  Draft regulations/guidelines published	Planned actions (if any): On going monitoring process.  Expected commencement date:
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			leveraged counterparties		☐ Final rules expected to be in force by ☐ Others, please specify: ☐ Completed as of Overview (short description) of action(s)	Web-links to relevant documents:
					taken: SAMA is closely monitoring Banks exposures to leveraged counterparties and will strengthen its regulation, if needed, as per international developments.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
	ritisation	1				
7 (17)	(FSB 2009)	Implementation of BCBS/IOSCO measures for securitisation	During 2010, supervisors and regulators will:  • implement the measures decided by the Basel Committee to strengthen the capital requirement of securitisation and establish	During 2010	No response required for this survey.  Please refer to the BCBS progress report on the http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs/b2 5prog rep	

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temprate		clear rules for banks' management and disclosure;			
		• implement IOSCO's proposals to		Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by	Planned actions (if any):
		strengthen practices in securitisation		☐ Draft regulations/guidelines published as of ☐ Final rules expected to be in force by	Expected commencement date:
		markets.		I man rates expected to be in roles by	Web-links to relevant documents:
				Others, please specify:	
				The CMA is continuously taking regulatory and other steps to disseminate information	
				to investors to enhance their market	
				knowledge and to apply full transparency.	
				For example:	
				-The updated CMA Listing Rules are in line	
				with best international practices and	
				standards. It imposes high disclosure	
				requirements, it also requires due diligence	
				reports to be submitted to the Authority.	
				- The updated IFRs (not in force yet) requires stating a profile of the investors	
				most suited to invest in the investment	
				funds in the Information Memorandum.	
				Also, under the Capital Market Law (Article	
				43) a party who issues securities must	
				inform the CMA in writing upon becoming	
				aware of any material developments which	

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					may affect the prices of the securities issued by such party, and if such party has a security traded on Tadawul, then Tadawul must be informed of such developments in writing. The Board of the CMA or Tadawul may, after reviewing the facts, require the issuing party to disclose any information or data related to that party. The Board of the CMA or the Tadawul shall also have the right to publish such information and data.  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  Web-links to relevant documents: <a href="http://cma.org.sa/En/Documents/Listing%2">http://cma.org.sa/En/Documents/Listing%2</a> Orules.pdf <a href="http://cma.org.sa/En/AboutCMA/CMALaw/Documents/CAPITAL%20MARKET%20LAW-26-8-009.pdf">http://cma.org.sa/En/AboutCMA/CMALaw/Documents/CAPITAL%20MARKET%20LAW-26-8-009.pdf</a>	
8 (18)	(Lon)	Improvement in the risk management of securitisation, including retainment of a part of the risk	The BCBS and authorities should take forward work on improving incentives for risk management of securitisation,	By 2010	Implementation ongoing:  ☑ Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Dec 2012  ☐ Draft regulations/guidelines published as of ☐ Final rules expected to be in force by	Planned actions (if any): To finalize and publish the Prudential Rules  Expected commencement date: ongoing

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	(Pitts)	of the underlying assets by securitisation sponsors or originators	including considering due diligence and quantitative retention requirements by 2010.  Securitization sponsors or originators should retain a part of the risk of the underlying assets, thus encouraging them to act prudently.		Others, please specify:  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  SAMA has issued BCBS Basel II.5 and Basel III Rules for Banks to implement, including the requirements on risk management of securitizations. Saudi Banks have minor securitization exposures which are consistently monitored for risks by the Banks and the Agency.  Saudi Banks do not themselves originate or sponsor any securitizations and therefore do not take origination risks. Such activities are conducted through separate Investment Management subsidiaries.  Web-links to relevant documents:	Web-links to relevant documents:
9 (19)	(FSF 2008)	Strengthening of regulatory and capital framework for monolines	II.8 Insurance supervisors should strengthen the regulatory and capital framework for monoline	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by	Planned actions (if any):  Expected commencement date:

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			insurers in relation to structured credit.		<ul> <li>☑ Others, please specify:         SAMA's regulatory and supervisory framework is continuously being strengthened in accordance with new developments in the Insurance sector and to international best practices. However, this line of business is not offered by the Saudi insurance companies at this point of time. Once there is a need for the Saudi insurance market to provide this line of business, SAMA will then ensure that the necessary regulatory framework for this particular business is in place.     </li> <li>☑ Completed as of</li> <li>Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:</li> <li>Web-links to relevant documents:</li> </ul>	Web-links to relevant documents:
10 (20)	(FSF 2008)	Strengthening of supervisory requirements or best practices for investment in structured products	II.18 Regulators of institutional investors should strengthen the requirements or best practices for firms' processes for	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by	Planned actions (if any): On going monitoring process.  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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			investment in structured products.		Others, please specify:	
					Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  SAMA requires banks to strengthen their internal risk management system to be commensurate with the underlying risks of structured investment products. In particular, banks are expected to carryout extensive due diligence work in relation to their investments.  SAMA monitors Banks investment in Structured products via quarterly returns.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
11 (21)	(FSF 2008)	Enhanced disclosure of securitised products	III.10-III.13 Securities market regulators should work with market participants to expand information on securitised products and their underlying assets.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify: The CMA is continuously taking regulatory and other steps to disseminate information	Planned actions (if any):  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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			to investors to enhance their market knowledge and to apply full transparency. For example:  -The updated CMA Listing Rules are in line with best international practices and standards. It imposes high disclosure requirements, it also requires due diligence reports to be submitted to the Authority.  - The updated IFRs (not in force yet) requires stating a profile of the investors most suited to invest in the investment funds in the Information Memorandum. Also, under the Capital Market Law (Article 43) a party who issues securities must inform the CMA in writing upon becoming aware of any material developments which may affect the prices of the securities issued by such party, and if such party has a security traded on Tadawul, then Tadawul must be informed of such developments in writing. The Board of the CMA or Tadawul may, after reviewing the facts, require the issuing party to disclose any information or data related to that party. The Board of the CMA or the Tadawul shall also have the right to publish such information and data.  □Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:	

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					Web-links to relevant documents: http://cma.org.sa/En/Documents/Listing%2 Orules.pdf  http://cma.org.sa/En/AboutCMA/CMALaw/ Documents/CAPITAL%20MARKET%20L AW-26-8-009.pdf	
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12 (5)	(Pitts)	Consistent, consolidated supervision and regulation of SIFIs	All firms whose failure could pose a risk to financial stability must be subject to consistent, consolidated supervision and regulation with high standards.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: SAMA regulates Banks and Insurance companies on a consolidated basis. These firms are subject to consistent supervision across the entire firm including their subsidiaries. Investment companies are regulated by CMA. SAMA has entered into a Memorandum of Cooperation with Capital	Planned actions (if any): On going monitoring process.  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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2011 template)					Market Authority in February 2012 to	
					achieve a high degree of coordination between them and strengthen oversight of entities subject to this control.	
					Web-links to relevant documents:	
13 (8)	(Lon)	Establishment of Supervisory colleges	To establish the remaining supervisory colleges	June 2009 (for establishing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by	Planned actions (if any): On going monitoring process.
			for significant cross- border firms by June 2009.	supervisory colleges)	☐ Draft regulations/guidelines published as of ☐ Final rules expected to be in force by	Expected commencement date:
			June 2007.			Web-links to relevant documents:
					U Others, please specify:	
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					Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: There are no domestically incorporated G-	
					SIFIs in Saudi Arabia, however branches of G-SIFIs are licensed and operating with	
					SAMA as the host supervisory authority.	
					SAMA is participating in some existing and will participate in any new supervisory colleges established by the home authorities	
					of foreign banks (G-SIFIs) operating in the	

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					Kingdom where SAMA is the host supervisory Authority.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
14 (8)	(Seoul)	Conducting risk assessments through international supervisory colleges	We agreed to conduct rigorous risk assessment on these firms through international supervisory colleges	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: SAMA is participating in some existing and will participate in any new supervisory colleges established by the home authorities of foreign banks (G-SIFIs) operating in the Kingdom where SAMA is the host supervisory Authority.  SAMA is ready and willing to participate in the Risk Assessment exercises by the respective Supervisory Colleges of branches of G-SIFIs as a host authority.	Planned actions (if any): On going monitoring process.  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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15 (9)	(FSF 2008)	Supervisory exchange of information and coordination	V.7 To quicken supervisory responsiveness to developments that have a common effect across a number of institutions, supervisory exchange of information and coordination in the development of best practice benchmarks should be improved at both national and international levels.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of February 2012  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: SAMA has entered into a Memorandum of Cooperation with Capital Market Authority in February 2012 to achieve a high degree of coordination between them and strengthen oversight of entities subject to their control. Furthermore, SAMA currently has home / host supervisory relationship with many foreign central banks / supervisory authorities. It has been extending supervisory cooperation and exchanging supervisory information with them as and when required. There are a	Planned actions (if any):  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:
					number of instances where SAMA has	

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					shared supervisory information or extended supervisory cooperation to other supervisors. SAMA has also carried out Supervisory Review Visits to many countries and similarly many other supervisors have visited Saudi Arabia for supervisory purposes. Furthermore, SAMA is also a member of relevant supervisory colleges. As such, there are no impediments that hinder the appropriate exchange of supervisory information under the relevant laws.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
16 (10)	(Seoul)	More effective oversight and supervision	We agreed that supervisors should have strong and unambiguous mandates, sufficient independence to act, appropriate resources, and a full suite of tools and powers to proactively identify and address risks, including regular stress testing and early intervention.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: SAMA has the mandate and power to act	Planned actions (if any): On-going - SAMA will continue to monitor international developments and take additional measures in line with emerging international standards for enhancing its role.  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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					independently, has sufficient resources and powers and tools to identify and address risks and carryout stress testing. SAMA has powers to take early intervention measures.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
17 (12)	(FSF 2008)	Supervisory resources and expertise to oversee the risks of financial innovation	V.1 Supervisors should see that they have the requisite resources and expertise to oversee the risks associated with financial innovation and to ensure that firms they supervise have the capacity to understand and manage the risks.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: SAMA continuously assesses the expertise and technical knowledge of its pool of professionals both within itself and banks with regard to sophisticated financial products. SAMA's Institute of Banking conducts training for the supervisory staff on market innovations, new products and services and on new international standards. Further, it conducts training for banks and	Planned actions (if any): A number of initiatives are currently underway for capacity building of our human resources and to introduce other tools and techniques for continuing improvements in supervisory process.  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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					insurance companies and conducts certification programmes.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
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18 (23)	(Lon)	Amendment of regulatory systems to take account of macro-prudential risks	Amend our regulatory systems to ensure authorities are able to identify and take account of macro-prudential risks across the financial system including in the case of regulated banks, shadow banks and private pools of capital to limit the build up of systemic risk.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: Over the past several years, SAMA has implemented several measures and indicators for Macro prudential risks. SAMA is continuing to review these for further refinements as relevant.  Also, Saudi Arabia is in the process of enacting new laws to cover mortgage, leasing, finance companies which will strengthen supervision over such	Planned actions (if any): SAMA powers will be further enhanced under new legislation being enacted that will cover Leasing, Finance and Mortgage companies.  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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					companies. The Capital Market Authority is tasked with the regulation of Investment Funds, Private bonds of Capital, etc.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
19 (24)	(Lon)	Powers for gathering relevant information by national regulators	Ensure that national regulators possess the powers for gathering relevant information on all material financial institutions, markets and instruments in order to assess the potential for failure or severe stress to contribute to systemic risk. This will be done in close coordination at international level in order to achieve as much consistency as possible across jurisdictions.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of Since promulgation of the Banking Control Law in 1966.  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: SAMA has powers under the Banking Control Law for gathering relevant information. Article 15 of the Banking Control Law requires banks to provide SAMA with a monthly consolidated return. Furthermore, Article 17 of the said Law empower SAMA to require any bank to supply any information it deems necessary within such time and in such manner as may	Planned actions (if any):  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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					be specified by it. In exercise of these powers, SAMA has introduced an Electronic Returns Management System(ERMS). The ERMS requires reports from banks on their domestic, foreign (both branches and subsidiaries) and consolidated operations. These reports are collected weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually depending on the nature of data to be submitted. Thus, SAMA has necessary powers to collect whatever information/data it requires.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
20 (25)	(FSF 2009)	Use of macro-prudential tools	3.1 Authorities should use quantitative indicators and/or constraints on leverage and margins as macroprudential tools for supervisory purposes.  Authorities should use quantitative indicators of leverage as guides for policy, both at the institution-	End-2009 and ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: The Banking Control Law already provides	Planned actions (if any): SAMA has implemented these in the Banking system in Saudi Arabia in 2011 and will continue to monitor this ratio until 2015 when the BCBS will finalize it.  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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	(Cannes)		specific and at the macro-prudential (system-wide) level Authorities should review enforcing minimum initial margins and haircuts for OTC derivatives and securities financing transactions.  We are developing macro-prudential policy frameworks and tools to limit the build-up of risks in the financial sector, building on the ongoing work of the FSB-BIS-IMF on this subject.		for simple to understand quantitative leverage ratio for capital. SAMA also uses other simple ratios such as loans to deposit ratio in this regard. These ratios continue to be applied along with other risk sensitive ratios from the Basel Committee.  In 2011, SAMA has introduced a new leverage ratio as proposed under the Basel III requirements.  Web-links to relevant documents:		
21 (26)	(WAP)	Monitoring of asset price changes	Authorities should monitor substantial changes in asset prices and their implications for the macro economy and the financial system.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:	Planned actions (if any): SAMA continues to monitor the movements in asset prices and their impact on the financial system and the macro-economy.  Expected commencement date:	

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template)					SAMA monitors systemic risk in the domestic, regional, and international markets. It also monitors movements in asset prices for their implication for financial stability in Saudi Arabia and takes necessary actions as needed.  Completed as of Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  Web-links to relevant documents:	Web-links to relevant documents:
22 (27)	(FSF 2008)	Improved cooperation between	V.8 Supervisors and central banks should improve	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by	Planned actions (if any):
		supervisors and central banks	cooperation and the exchange of information		☐ Draft regulations/guidelines published as of ☐ Final rules expected to be in force by	Expected commencement date:
			including in the assessment of		Timal fules expected to be in force by	Web-links to relevant documents:
			financial stability risks. The exchange		Others, please specify:	
			of information should be rapid during periods of		Completed as of February 2012	
			market strain.		Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:	
					SAMA has entered into a Memorandum of	

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		sight of credit rati		End 2000	Co-operation with Capital Market Authority in February 2012 to achieve a high degree of coordination between them and strengthen oversight of entities subject to their control. Furthermore, SAMA currently has home / host supervisory relationship with many foreign central banks / supervisory authorities. It has been extending supervisory cooperation and exchanging supervisory information with them as and when required. There are a number of instances where SAMA has shared supervisory information or extended supervisory cooperation to other supervisors. SAMA has also carried out Supervisory Review Visits to many countries and similarly many other supervisors have visited Saudi Arabia for supervisory purposes. Furthermore, SAMA is also a member of relevant supervisory colleges. As such, there are no impediments that hinder the appropriate exchange of supervisory information under the relevant laws.  Web-links to relevant documents:		
23	(Lon)	Registration of	All CRAs whose	End-2009	Implementation ongoing:	Planned actions (if any):	
(35)		CRAs etc.	ratings are used for		Draft regulations/guidelines being	To finalize and publish the Credit	
			regulatory purposes		developed, expected publication by Dec	Rating Agencies Regulations	

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	should be subject to a regulatory oversight regime that includes registration. The regulatory oversight regime should be established by end 2009 and should be consistent with the IOSCO Code of Conduct Fundamentals.		Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  CMA is developing the Credit Rating Agencies Regulations. The purpose of these Regulations is to regulate the conduct of rating activities in the Kingdom and to specify the procedures and conditions for obtaining an authorisation which includes registration. These Regulations shall be in line with IOSCO's Code of Conduct Fundamentals for Credit Rating Agencies. Also, as the CMA is responsible for regulating the authorised persons (authorised to carry out securities business), the CMA in its draft Prudential Rules limited the use of credit rating that are used for regulatory purposed to credit rating issued by a credit rating agency that is authorised by the CMA or regulated by an equivalent foreign authority.	Expected commencement date: Ongoing Web-links to relevant documents:

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24 (36)	(Lon)	CRA practices and procedures etc.	National authorities will enforce compliance and require changes to a rating agency's practices and procedures for managing conflicts of interest and assuring the	End-2009	Implementation ongoing:  ☐ Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Dec 2012 ☐ Draft regulations/guidelines published as of ☐ Final rules expected to be in force by ☐ Others, please specify:	Planned actions (if any): To finalize and publish the Credit Rating Agencies Regulations  Expected commencement date: Dec 2012  Web-links to relevant documents:
			transparency and quality of the rating process.		Completed as of	
			CRAs should differentiate ratings for structured products and provide full disclosure of their ratings track record and the information and assumptions that underpin the ratings process.  The oversight		Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: As mentioned, the proposed Credit Rating Agencies Regulations shall be in line with the with IOSCO's Code of Conduct Fundamentals for Credit Rating Agencies, including in the management of conflict of interest. Also, these regulations shall state that an authorised credit rating agency must use appropriate rating methodologies, assumptions and models for determining credit ratings of structured products, and that the authorised credit rating agency must	
			The oversight framework should be consistent across		that the authorised credit rating agency must refrain from issuing a credit rating where due to the complexity or structure of a	

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template)			jurisdictions with appropriate sharing of information between national authorities, including through IOSCO.		structured product or the lack of robust data about the assets underlying the structured product the authorised credit rating agency cannot determine a credible credit rating for the structured product.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
25 (37)	(FSB 2009)	Globally compatible solutions to conflicting compliance obligations for CRAs	Regulators should work together towards appropriate, globally compatible solutions (to conflicting compliance obligations for CRAs) as early as possible in 2010.	As early as possible in 2010	Implementation ongoing:  ☑ Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Dec 2012  ☐ Draft regulations/guidelines published as of ☐ Final rules expected to be in force by  ☐ Others, please specify:	Planned actions (if any): To finalize and publish the Credit Rating Agencies Regulations  Expected commencement date: Dec 2012  Web-links to relevant documents:
					Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: As mentioned, the proposed Credit Rating Agencies Regulations shall be in line with the IOSCO's Code of Conduct Fundamentals for Credit Rating Agencies. Also, the proposed Regulations will take into account the regional and international best practices and the recent and ongoing	

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•					developments in this area.	
					Web-links to relevant documents:	
26 (38)	(Seoul)	Reducing the reliance on ratings	We also endorsed the FSB's principles on reducing reliance on external credit ratings. Standard setters, market participants, supervisors and central banks should not rely mechanistically on external credit ratings.	Ongoing	No response required for this survey.  Please refer to national summary tables in <i>Preon CRA Ratings</i> (forthcoming).	ogress Report on Reducing Reliance
	(FSF 2008)		IV. 8 Authorities should check that the roles that they have assigned to ratings in regulations and supervisory rules are consistent with the objectives of having investors make independent judgment of risks and perform their			

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			own due diligence,			
			and that they do not			
			induce uncritical			
			reliance on credit			
			ratings as a substitute for that			
			independent evaluation.			
			evaluation.			
	(Cannes)		We reaffirm our			
	(Cumics)		commitment to			
			reduce authorities'			
			and financial			
			institutions' reliance			
			on external credit			
			ratings, and call on			
			standard setters,			
			market participants,			
			supervisors and			
			central banks to			
			implement the			
			agreed FSB			
			principles and end			
			practices that rely			
			mechanistically on			
			these ratings.			
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27	(WAP)	Consistent	Regulators,	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:	Planned actions (if any):
(28)	(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	application of	supervisors, and	311501115	Draft regulations/guidelines being	On-going.
		high-quality	accounting standard		developed, expected publication by	- 5 - 5 - mg.

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		accounting standards	setters, as appropriate, should work with each other and the private sector on an ongoing basis to ensure consistent application and enforcement of high-quality accounting standards.		□ Draft regulations/guidelines published as of □ Final rules expected to be in force by □ Others, please specify: Since 1992 IAS (International Accounting Standards) and IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) have been implemented in Saudi Arabia. SAMA is responsible for oversight of Banks, CMA for listed Companies and Saudi Organization of Certified Public Accountants (SOCPA) for other companies.  SAMA, CMA and SOCPA cooperate and coordinate initiatives in close collaboration with the industry. □ Completed as of Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  Web-links to relevant documents:	Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:
28 (30)	(FSF 2009)	The use of valuation reserves or adjustments by	3.4 Accounting standard setters and prudential supervisors should	End-2009	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by  Draft regulations/guidelines published	Planned actions (if any):  Expected commencement date:

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		accounting standard setters and supervisors	examine the use of valuation reserves or adjustments for fair valued financial instruments when data or modelling needed to support their valuation is weak.		as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify: Use of valuation reserves or adjstment of fair value has been dealt in accordance with requirements of IAS and IFRS. Saudi Arabia is committed to follow the international standards where applicable. There is cooperation between supervisors and standard setters to ensure prudent monitoring of all the activities carried out by the entitites which are subject to supervision of respective authorities.  Completed as of Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  Web-links to relevant documents:	Web-links to relevant documents:
29 (31)	(FSF 2009)	Dampening of dynamics	3.5 Accounting standard setters and	End-2009	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being	Planned actions (if any):
		associated with	prudential		developed, expected publication by	
		FVA.	supervisors should examine possible		Draft regulations/guidelines published as of	Expected commencement date:
			changes to relevant		Final rules expected to be in force by	
			standards to dampen		1	Web-links to relevant

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			adverse dynamics potentially		☐ Others, please specify:	documents:
			associated with fair		As explained in our response to point # 28	
			value accounting.		above, adjustment of fair value has been	
			Possible ways to		dealt in accordance with requirements of	
			reduce this potential		IAS and IFRS. Saudi Arabia is committed	
			impact include the		to following the international standards	
			following: (1) Enhancing the		where applicable. There is a cooperation between supervisors and standard setters to	
			accounting model so		ensure proper monitoring of all activities	
			that the use of fair		carried out by entitites which are subject to	
			value accounting is		supervision of their respective Regulatory	
			carefully examined		authorities. Saudi Arabia has been actively	
			for financial		participating in standard setting activites	
			instruments of credit		including Basel Committee, FSB etc. and	
			intermediaries; (ii) Transfers between		their associated committees and groups.	
			financial asset categories; (iii)		Completed as of	
			Simplifying hedge		Overview (short description) of action(s)	
			accounting		taken:	
			requirements.			
					Web-links to relevant documents:	
6. Stren	 gthening ac	l dherence to intern	 national financial stand	dards	<u> </u>	
30	(Lon)	Adherence to	We are committed	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:	Planned actions (if any):
(32)		international	to strengthened		Draft regulations/guidelines being	•
		prudential	adherence to		developed, expected publication by	
		regulatory and	international		☐ Draft regulations/guidelines published	Expected commencement date:
		supervisory	prudential		as of	

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		standards, as well as agreeing to undergo FSAP/FSB periodic peer reviews  (Note) Please try to prioritise any major initiatives conducted specifically in your jurisdiction	regulatory and supervisory standards.  FSB members commit to pursue the maintenance of financial stability, enhance the openness and transparency of the financial sector, implement international financial standards, and agree to undergo periodic peer reviews, using among other evidence IMF / World Bank FSAP reports.		☐ Final rules expected to be in force by  ☐ Others, please specify:  ☐ Completed as of FSAP update in 2011; FSB thematic and peer reviews as and when conducted.  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: SAMA has ensured adherence to all relevant international prudential regulatory and supervisory standards. Saudi Arabia's assessment under FSAP has also been updated in 2011. Saudi Arabia has also participated in FSB thematic and peer reviews.  Web-links to relevant documents:	Web-links to relevant documents:
<b>7. Enha</b> i		nanagement	Dagulators should	Ongoing	Implementation angaings	Dlannad actions (if any)
(4)	(WAP)	Enhancing guidance to strengthen	Regulators should develop enhanced guidance to	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by	Planned actions (if any): On-going.
		banks' risk management practices	strengthen banks' risk management practices, in line		☐ Draft regulations/guidelines published as of ☐ Final rules expected to be in force by	Expected commencement date:
		practices	with international best practices, and		I mai fules expected to be in force by	Web-links to relevant documents:

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	should encourage financial firms to reexamine their internal controls and implement strengthened policies for sound risk management.		Others, please specify:  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  SAMA continues to study and evaluate recent and on-going regulatory and supervisory developments emanating from BCBS, IOSCO, FSB and other sources, including the international financial industry. SAMA continues to strengthen its Regulations, Policies and Practices ensuring that the Saudi Banking and Insurance Systems continue to be at the leading edge of best risk management practices. In this regard in 2011 an IMF-WB FSAP review was completed incuding a review against the Basle Core Principles that provides a point in time assessment of banking industry risk management practices against international standards. Banks' enhancements in risk management are continuously evaluated by SAMA in the context of its risk based supervisory practices that include inspections, supervisory visits and the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP).  Web-links to relevant documents:	

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32 (4)	(FSF 2009)	Validation of adequacy of banks' capital buffers	1.4 Supervisors should use the BCBS enhanced stress testing practices as a critical part of the Pillar 2 supervisory review process to validate the adequacy of banks' capital buffers above the minimum regulatory capital requirement.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of November 2011  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: SAMA has issued detailed Rules on Stress Testing to banks on 23 November 2011, which has made stress testing a mandatory regulatory requirement for banks. The objective of these Rules is to require banks to adopt robust stress testing techniques and use stress tests as a tool of risk management. Banks are required to achieve full compliance with these Rules by 30 June 2012.SAMA has also required banks to conduct stress tests as part of Basel-II implementation. The results of the stress tests so conducted by individual banks are submitted to SAMA as part of their ICAAP document. SAMA also reviews the results of stress tests with banks during the bilateral meetings on ICAAP and provide further	Planned actions (if any):  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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					guidance to them as needed to further strengthen the stress testing process.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
33 (4)	(FSF 2008)	Monitoring the implementation of updated guidance on liquidity risk	II.10 National supervisors should closely check banks' implementation of the updated guidance on the management and supervision of liquidity as part of their regular supervision. If banks' implementation of the guidance is inadequate, supervisors will take more prescriptive action to improve practices.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: SAMA has issued the Basel III and other BCBS requirements to banks on management of Liquidity. SAMA Supervision extensively covers banks' management of liquidity via regular prudential information, inspections and other supervisory tools.  Web-links to relevant documents:	Planned actions (if any):  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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34 (4)	(FSB 2009)	Enhancing banks' operations in foreign currency funding markets	Regulators and supervisors in emerging markets will enhance their supervision of banks' operation in foreign currency funding markets.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify:  Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: SAMA maintains a close watch on the foreign currency exposures of Saudi Banks and the Banking system through a monthly prudential return and through its market operations. It also requires banks to identify, measure and monitor Fx risk as part of the Pillar 2 process and to allocate capital to it.  Web-links to relevant documents:	Planned actions (if any): On going monitoring process.  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:
35 (39)	(Pitts)	Robust, transparent stress test	We commit to conduct robust, transparent stress tests as needed.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of	Planned actions (if any):  Expected commencement date:

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					Final rules expected to be in force by	Web-links to relevant documents:
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					Completed as of January 2010	
					Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) has developed a framework for conducting stress tests on Saudi banking system in 2010. The framework allows for stress testing of all major risks including credit, market, operational and liquidity risks. It provides an assessment of the degree of financial stability by assessing the capacity of individual banks and the overall banking system to withstand adverse shocks.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
36 (40)	(Pitts)	Efforts to deal with impaired assets and raise additional capital	Our efforts to deal with impaired assets and to encourage the raising of additional capital must continue, where needed.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by	Planned actions (if any): SAMA will continue to study and adopt the best international regulatory practices in this area.  Expected commencement date:

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					Others, please specify:	Web-links to relevant documents:
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					Overview (short description) of action(s) taken: Saudi Banking system had no major asset impairment issues arising from the global financial crisis. As a result no special measures were needed. SAMA has provided Banks specific guidance and direction to maintain strong capital and liquidity levels and adequacy of their provisioning. Over the years, Banks have been required to use countercylcical practices for strengthening the levels of their capital and provisions.  Web-links to relevant documents:	
37 (41)	(WAP)	Enhanced risk disclosures by financial institutions	Financial institutions should provide enhanced risk disclosures in their reporting and disclose all losses on an ongoing basis, consistent with international best practice, as appropriate.	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify: Saudi Banks and Insurance companies are subject to the International Financial	Planned actions (if any): SAMA will continue to adopt and implement new measures and requirements issued by the IFRS, BCBS, IAIS or other global standard setters for transparency and disclosure.  Expected commencement date:

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cinpluto					Reporting Standards. Banks are also subject to the Basel II and II.5. Pillar 3 dislcosure requirements. Banks and Insurance companies disclosures in Saudi Arabia meet the best international practices.  Completed as of Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  Web-links to relevant documents:	Web-links to relevant documents:
8. Streng	gthening de	eposit insurance				
38 (42)	(FSF 2008)	Review of national deposit insurance arrangements	VI.9 National deposit insurance arrangements should be reviewed against the agreed international principles, and authorities should strengthen arrangements where needed.	Ongoing	No response required for this survey.  Please refer to peer review report on deposit i February 2012, available at: <a href="http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/public">http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/public</a>	-
			iciency of financial ma			
39 (new)	(Cannes)	Market integrity and efficiency	We must ensure that markets serve efficient allocation	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by	Planned actions (if any):

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template)	of investments and savings in our economies and do not pose risks to financial stability. To this end, we commit to implement initial recommendations by IOSCO on market integrity and efficiency, including measures to address the risks posed by high frequency trading and dark liquidity, and call for further work by mid-2012.		□ Draft regulations/guidelines published as of □ Final rules expected to be in force by □ Others, please specify: -The CMA, pursuant to Article 5 of the Capital Market Law, is continuously taking regulatory and other steps to develop the Saudi market, by improving methods of systems and entities trading in securities, and develop the procedures that would reduce the risks related to securities transactions. Also, The Capital Market Law, under Article 5, empowers the CMA to issue regulations, rules and instructions to protect citizens and investors in securities from unfair and unsound practices or practices involving fraud, deceit, cheating or manipulationAll listed securities are traded on Tadawul, and it is carefully monitored by the CMA and Tadawul. The volume\value of deals traded out of the market (i.e. private deals) is very limitedIn Oct 2004, the CMA issued the Market Conduct Regulations which deals with market manipulation, insider trading, untrue statements and the conduct of the authorised personsCredit Default Swap (CDS) does not exist in the Kingdom.	Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:	

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40 (new)	(Cannes)	Enhanced market transparency in commodity markets	We need to ensure enhanced market transparency, both on cash and financial commodity markets, including OTC, and achieve appropriate regulation and supervision of participants in these markets. Market regulators and authorities should be granted effective intervention powers to address	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:  Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by Draft regulations/guidelines published as of Final rules expected to be in force by  Others, please specify: Currently, there is no commodities market in the Kingdom. As per the Capital Market Law, the CMA is the agency responsible for issuing regulations related to commodities market. If the commodities market is established, the CMA shall take into consideration the regional and international best practices in this area.	Planned actions (if any):  Expected commencement date:  Web-links to relevant documents:

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			disorderly markets and prevent market abuses. In particular, market regulators should have, and use formal position management powers, including the power to set exante position limits, particularly in the delivery month where appropriate, among other powers of intervention. We call on IOSCO to report on the implementation of its recommendations by the end of 2012		Completed as of  Overview (short description) of action(s) taken:  Web-links to relevant documents: <a href="http://cma.org.sa/En/AboutCMA/CMALaw/Documents/CAPITAL%20MARKET%20LAW-26-8-009.pdf">http://cma.org.sa/En/AboutCMA/CMALaw/Documents/CAPITAL%20MARKET%20LAW-26-8-009.pdf</a>	
41	(Cannes)	sumer protection Financial	We agree that	Ongoing	Implementation ongoing:	Planned actions (if any):
(new)	(Cames)	consumer protection	integration of financial consumer protection policies into regulatory and supervisory frameworks contributes to	Jugomg	☐ Draft regulations/guidelines being developed, expected publication by ☐ Draft regulations/guidelines published as of ☐ Final rules expected to be in force by	SAMA will continue to study and evaluate standards and principles that have recently emanted from the OECD and adopt and implement these in its policies and procedures by updating its requirements.

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	financial stability,			Expected commencement date:
	endorse the FSB			
	report on consumer		Completed as of	
	finance protection			Web-links to relevant documents:
	and the high level		Overview (short description) of action(s)	
	principles on		taken:	
	financial consumer		SAMA policies, procedures and	
	protection prepared		rquirements integrate and take fully into	
	by the OECD		account the need for consumer protection	
	together with the		into its regulatory framework. A number of	
	FSB. We will		regulations such as these related to	
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	pursue the full		consumer finance, complaint units in Banks,	
	application of these		tariff and fee structure, transparency and	
	principles in our		disclosure on consumer finance, etc are	
	jurisdictions.		specifically aimed at consumer protection.	
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## **Origin of recommendations:**

Cannes: The Cannes Summit Final Declaration (3-4 November 2011)

Seoul: The Seoul Summit Document (11-12 November 2010)

Pitts: Leaders' Statement at the Pittsburgh Summit (25 September 2009)

Lon: The London Summit Declaration on Strengthening the Financial System (2 April 2009)

Tor: The G-20 Toronto Summit Declaration (26-27 June 2010)

WAP: The Washington Summit Action Plan to Implement Principles for Reform (15 November 2008)

FSF 2008: The FSF Report on Enhancing Market and Institutional Resilience (7 April 2008)

FSF 2009: The FSF Report on Addressing Procyclicality in the Financial System (2 April 2009)

FSB 2009: The FSB Report on Improving Financial Regulation (25 September 2009)

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Example: FSB: Financial Stability Board