

AGENDA—DAY 1

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Introduction to the Forum Mr. David Lipton, First Deputy Managing Director, IMF
9:30 a.m.	Keynote Address (via video) Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, IMF
9:45 a.m.	Session I: Definition and Scope of the Informal Economy Chair: Mr. Louis Marc Ducharme, Chief Statistician and Data Officer, and Director, Statistics Department, IMF Mr. Friedrich Schneider (Austria, Johannes Kepler University) with Mr. Leandro Medina, <i>Shedding Light on the Shadow Economy: A Global Database</i> Mr. Ibrahima Tall (National Agency for Statistics and Demography of Senegal) with Mr. Ahmadou Aly Mbaye, <i>Conceptualizing the Informal Sector: Analysis and Application to Francophone Africa</i>
10:40 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK
11:10 a.m.	Mr. Michael Frosch (International Labour Organization), <i>Revision of the Standards for Statistics on Informality</i> Ms. Jennifer Ribarsky, Mr. Thomas Alexander, and Mr. Gabriel Quirós-Romero (IMF), <i>State of Play: Importance, Conceptual Fragmentation, and Weak Data Sources</i> Audience Questions
12:30 p.m.	LUNCH
1:45 p.m.	Session II: Standard Estimation Practices—Determining the Level and Growth of the Informal Economy Chair: Ms. Sharmini Coorey, Director, Institute for Capacity Development, IMF

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	Mr. François Roubaud (French Research Institute for Sustainable Development, France), with Ms. Nguyễn Thị Vân, <i>Measuring the Non-Observed Economy in Vietnam: A Focus on Informal Economy</i>
	Mr. Federico Sallusti (Italian National Institute of Statistics), <i>Detecting Under-Reporting of Value Added and VAT Fraud in National Accounts</i>
	Mr. Venkata Ramana Murthy Salapaka (India, National Statistical Office), <i>Measuring Informal Economy in India</i>
	Audience Questions
3:30 p.m.	COFFEE BREAK
4:00 p.m.	Session II (continued): Standard Estimation Practices—Determining the Level and Growth of the Informal Economy Chair: Mr. Abebe Selassie, Director, African Department, IMF Ms. Shu Yu (World Bank), with Mr. Ceyhun Elgin, Mr. Ayhan Kose, Ms. Franziska Ohnsorge, <i>Shades of Grey: Measuring the Informal Economy Business Cycles</i> Ms. Lisa Grace S. Bersales (University of the Philippines School of Statistics), with Ms. Vivian R. Ilarina, <i>Measuring the Contribution of the Informal Sector to the Philippine Economy: Current Practices and Challenges</i> Mr. Francisco Guillen (Mexico, INEGI), <i>Measurement of the Informal Economy. From Basic to Derived Statistics</i> Discussant: Mr. Sanjiv Mahajan, Head of International Strategy and Coordination, Office for National Statistics, UK Audience Questions
6:15 p.m.	COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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8:45 a.m.

Session III: New Techniques, New Technologies, and New Potential Data Sources

Chair: Mr. Jihad Azour, Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF

Mr. Frederico Lima and Mr. Gene Leon (IMF), *Estimating Economic Activity in Zimbabwe Using Big Data*

Mr. Erick Rangel-Gonzalez (Mexico, Central Bank of Mexico), with Mr. Irving Llamosas-Rosas, *An Alternative Method to Measure Non-Registered Economic Activity in Mexico Using Satellite Nightlights*

Mr. Ricardo Valencia Ramírez (Colombia, National Administrative Department of Statistics), with Mr. Juan Oviedo Arango, *Informality in Data: A Case Study in the Use of Multidimensional Measure to Capture the Formalization Process*

Ms. Nan Liu (China, National Bureau of Statistics), *China's Experiences in Estimating the Informal Economy*

Audience Questions

11:00 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 a.m.

Session IV: Measuring Illicit Flows

Chair: Mr. Ceda Ogada, Deputy General Counsel, Legal Department, IMF

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Ms. Irmgard Zeiler (UN Office on Drugs and Crime) with Mr. Federico Sallusti, Mr. Alexander Kamprad, and Mr. Enrico Bisogno, *Measuring Illegal Economic Activities and Illicit Financial Flows: Challenges and Possible Solutions*

Mr. Sugata Marjit (Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata, India) with Mr. Amit Biswas, Mr. Sandip Sarkar, *Misinvoicing Trade & Informal Capital Movements: The USA - India Case*

Ms. Rachel Soloveichik (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis), *Including Illegal Activity in the U.S. National Accounts*

Ms. Sarah Atkinson (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis), *Toward Developing Estimates of U.S. Imports of Illegal Drugs*

Audience Questions

1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

2:45 p.m.

Session V: Panel Discussion on Key Takeaways

Chair: Mr. Gerry Rice, Director, Communications Department, IMF

Panelists: Ms. Lisa Grace S. Bersales (University of the Philippines), Mr. Gabriel Quirós-Romero (IMF), and Ms. Irmgard Zeiler (UN Office on Drugs and Crime)

Audience Questions

4:00 p.m.

Close of Forum—Mr. Louis Marc Ducharme

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