

The Financial Crisis and Information Gaps: Rec. #12 (IMF)

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Recommendation 12

The IMF to continue to work with countries to increase the number of International Investment Position (IIP) reporting countries, as well as the quarterly reporting of IIP data. The Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, sixth edition (BPM6) enhancements to the IIP should be adopted by G-20 economies as soon as feasible.

Current Status

- In early 2011, 124 economies provided year-end IIP data, of which 62 provide quarterly IIP data to STA. Among G-20 economies, 19 provide IIP data.
- In March 2010, the IMF's Executive Board approved an expansion of requirements for SDDS subscribing countries, to include the compilation and dissemination of quarterly IIP data (quarterly frequency and quarterly timeliness) as a prescribed SDDS category, effective in 2014.
- The IMF provides technical assistance missions and training to assist countries in compiling IIP statistics. To complement work on the IIP Pipeline Project, STA coordinates with other technical assistance providers (e.g., UK's DFID III project).

Actions Taken

- STA has continued its work on the IIP Pipeline Project to increase the number of countries providing annual and quarterly IIP data to the IMF for re-dissemination.
- ▶ STA prepared a report on IIP/CPIS data enhancements for discussion during the BOPCOM meeting at end-October 2010. BOPCOM discussed the report and agreed to the proposals. In addition, BOPCOM offered suggestions on how STA might carry the way forward. For example, one was for STA to prepare a schedule with milestones for implementing this recommendation for the G-20 economies and a separate schedule for the non G-20 economies that participate in the FSB.
- STA has prepared a pamphlet to assist statistical agencies and central banks in compiling and disseminating quarterly IIP data, which has been recently posted on the IMF website.

Quarterly IIP - Possible Data Sources for Main Standard Components According to BPM6

	Possible data sources	
	Assets	Liabilities
Direct investment		
Equity and investment funds shares		
Direct investor in direct investment enterprises (DIE) 1/	QS	QS
DIE in direct investor (reverse investment) 1/	Qs	QS
Between fellow enterprises 1/	QS	QS
Debt instruments Direct investor claims on DIE 1/	00/05/	QS/EDS/REL
DIE claims on direct investor (reverse investment) 1/	QS/REL	QS/EDS/REL
Die Claims on direct investor (reverse investment) 1/	QS/REL	
Between fellow enterprises 1/ Portfolio investment	QS/REL	QS/EDS/REL
Equity and investment fund shares		
Central Bank	MFS	n.a.
Deposit-taking corporations, except the central bank	MFS/SBS	MFS/SBS
General government	GFS/SBS	n.a
Other sectors	GF3/3B3	"a
Other financial corporations	SBS/QS	SBS/QS
Nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs	SBS/QS	SBS/QS
Debt securities	020/00	020/00
Central Bank	MFS	MFS/EDS
Deposit-taking corporations, except the central bank	MFS/SBS	MFS/SBS/EDS
General government	GFS/SBS	GFS/SBS/EDS
Other sectors	GI G/GBG	GI G/GEG/EEG
Other financial corporations	SBS/QS/MFS	SBS/QS/EDS/MFS
Nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs	SBS/QS	SBS/QS/EDS
inancial derivatives (other than reserves) and employee stock options 1.	, 020, 40	000,40,200
Other investment		
Other equity	QS/MFS	QS/MFS
Currency and deposits	Q0/1111 0	40/
Central Bank	MFS	MFS/EDS
Deposit-taking corporations, except the central bank	MFS	MFS/EDS
General government	GFS	GFS/EDS
Other sectors		0.0,220
Other financial corporations	QS/BIS/MFS	QS/EDS/MFS
Nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs	QS/BIS	n.a.
Loans		
Central Bank	MFS	MFS/EDS
Deposit-taking corporations, except the central bank	MFS	MFS/EDS
General government	GFS	GFS/EDS
Other sectors		
Other financial corporations	QS/REL/MFS	QS/EDS/REL/BIS/MFS
Nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs	QS/REL	QS/EDS/REL/BIS
Insurance, pension, and standardized guarantee schemes		
Central Bank 1/	MFS	MFS/EDS
Deposit-taking corporations, except the central bank 1/	MFS	MFS/EDS
General government 1/	GFS	GFS/EDS
Other sectors 1/		
Other financial corporations 1/	QS/MFS	QS/EDS/MFS
Nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs 1/	QS	QS/EDS
Trade credit and advances		
Central Bank	MFS	MFS/EDS
General government	MFS	MFS/EDS
Deposit-taking corporations, except the central bank	GFS	GFS/EDS
Other sectors		
Other financial corporations	QS/REL/MFS	QS/EDS/REL/MFS
Nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs	QS/REL	QS/EDS/REL
Other accounts receivable/payable-other		
Central Bank	MFS	MFS/EDS
Deposit-taking corporations, except the central bank	MFS	MFS/EDS
General government	GFS	GFS/EDS
Other sectors	I	00/500/455
Other financial corporations	QS/MFS	QS/EDS/MFS
Nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs	QS	QS/EDS
Special drawing rights (allocations)	n.a.	MFS/EDS
Reserve assets	1150	
Monetary Gold	MFS	n.a.
Special Drawing Rights (holdings)	MFS	n.a.
Reserve Position in the Fund Foreign Exchange	MFS	n.a.
	MFS	n.a.
Other Reserve Assets	MFS	n.a.
Total assets/liabilities		
n.a. = Not applicable.		
NPISHs = Nonprofit institutions serving households		
Source: abridged BPM6, Appendix 9, IIP, pages 309-312		
Minimum amount of detail requested		
1/ This detail is strongly encouraged but may be reported only when mate	erial	
MFS Monetary and Financial Statistics BIS	Bank for International Se	ttlements
GFS Government Finance Statistics SBS	Security-by-security data	
EDS External Debt Statistics QS	Quarterly Surveys	
PEL Pagietar of External Loans		

EDS External Debt Statistics REL Register of External Loans

Action Plans and Timetables

Immediate

- STA is preparing guidance to assist the SDDS countries in implementing the March 2010 Executive Board decision on compiling and disseminating quarterly IIP estimates by 2014.
- As agreed by the members of the IIP/CPIS Task Force and BOPCOM, STA is publicizing *BPM6* enhancements to the IIP, with the aim of encouraging G-20 and other economies to adopt them.
- During external sector technical assistance missions, STA will encourage countries that are not reporting annual or quarterly IIP data to the IMF to begin doing so.

Medium to Long-term

- Prepare the BPM6 Compilation Guide, and include guidance on methods for compiling quarterly and annual estimates of IIP statistics.
- Continue work on the IIP pipeline project

Questions to G20 Economies

- Does G-20 economies support the IMF initiatives to improve and expand reporting of IIP data?
- Does G-20 economies support the adoption of the BPM6 enhancements to the IIP?