Fiscal and Public Debt Issues in Asia and the Pacific

Peer-Learning Webinar Series

Over the past two decades, shocks have led to a significant deterioration of fiscal positions and a sharp increase in public debt globally. Such issues are also a key concern in Asia and the Pacific. Starting with an event on the future of fiscal policy, the series will take stock of fiscal developments and the current fiscal policy setting in Asia and the Pacific and cover issues of debt-sustainability, revenue mobilization, expenditure rationalization and public financial management, macro-framework tools for fiscal policy, debt management and restructurings, fiscal frameworks, and communication and investor relations. The series will bring together staff from the Asia and Pacific and the Fiscal Affairs Departments, the Institute of Capacity Development, other IMF Departments, and government officials from the region and is organized jointly by the IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute (STI) and the IMF Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP).

The series will be open to the public and media.

Agenda

The Future of Fiscal Policy

June 9: 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Singapore time/11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Tokyo time

June 8: 10:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Washington, D.C. time

The inaugural event will focus on three important questions: (i) Given a renewed emphasis on monetary-fiscal interaction, how can the lessons from the last 25 years be reflected in an economic policy regime that delivers stability; (ii) how can an economic policy regime be designed to manage risks associated with extreme events and crises; and (iii) how can public finances best contribute to stable and sustainable economic growth

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Future Events:
September 2023: Fiscal/Debt Dynamics and the Current Fiscal Policy Setting in Asia and the Pacific
November 2023: Debt Sustainability and Fiscal Risks
January 2024: Revenue Mobilization
March 2024: Expenditure Rationalization and Public Financial Management
April 2024: A Simple Tool for Projecting and Analyzing Public Debt
May 2024: Debt Management and Restructuring
July 2024: Fiscal Frameworks and Fiscal Rules in Macro-frameworks
Sep 2024: Communication and Investor Relations