



INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF)

High-level *BPM7/2025 SNA* Workshop

October 22–24, 2025 (Bangkok Time)

Venue: Chatrium Hotel Riverside, Bangkok



Day 1: Wednesday, October 22, 2025

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| 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | | Registration of participants |
| 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | | Administrative briefing IMF-CDOT Admin Staff |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | | Opening Session and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jim Tebrake, Deputy Director, IMF STA• Ms. Rachael Beaven, Director, Statistics Division, UNESCAP• Introduction of participants |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | | Coffee Break / Group photo |
| 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | | Session 1: Towards an Implementation Plan <i>Jim Tebrake</i> <p>The IMF will introduce the overall strategic approach put forward in the joint implementation strategy for the new macroeconomic statistical standards, which targets for countries to implement the updated SNA and BPM within an implementation window of 2029–30, and recommends that implementation be built in to countries' strategic plans for their national statistical systems. Next, the IMF will highlight tools that are envisioned to support compilers in implementing the new standards, including the implementation playbook, which will be used as a guide throughout the workshop. Lastly, this session will emphasize the importance of engaging a wide range of stakeholders to develop their implementation plans and invite participants to consider different approaches to stakeholder engagement.</p> |
| | L-1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Towards an Implementation Plan <i>Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz, Assistant Director, IMF STA</i> |
| | L-2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engaging Stakeholders in Developing an Implementation Plan <i>Jim Tebrake</i> |
| | | <i>Roundtable Discussion</i> |

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| 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. | CP-1 CP-2 | <p>Session 2: Country and Regional Experiences – BPM6 and 2008 SNA Implementation</p> <p><i>Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz,</i></p> <p>This session will include presentations on the experience of international/regional organizations with the implementation of <i>BPM6</i> and <i>2008 SNA</i> in the members countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>2008 SNA</i> implementation – <i>Alick Nyasulu, UNESCAP</i> • <i>BPM6</i> implementation – <i>Venkat Josyula, Senior Economist, IMF STA</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> |
| 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | | Lunch Break |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | P-1 | <p>Session 2 Continued: Country and Regional Experiences – BPM6 and 2008 SNA Implementation</p> <p><i>Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz</i></p> <p>Selected participants will be invited to share the experiences of their countries with the implementation of <i>BPM6</i> and the <i>2008 SNA</i>, highlighting what went well, areas where the process could have been improved and challenges encountered.</p> <p><i>BPM6</i>: China and Thailand</p> <p><i>2008 SNA</i>: Korea</p> <p>Panel discussion</p> |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | | Coffee Break |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. | L-3 | <p>Session 3: Challenges in Aligning with Macroeconomic Statistical Standards</p> <p><i>Jim Tebrake</i></p> <p>IMF will introduce the topic and invite participants to reflect on the challenges they have faced in aligning their statistics to macroeconomic statistical standards and the lessons learned, which can be applied to this update.</p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p> |

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4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Session 4: Overview of Major Changes in *BPM7* and *2025 SNA*

Jim Tebrake

This session will provide a broad overview of the updates of the macroeconomic statistical standards, with a focus on the benefits that adopting these changes can bring to policy makers and other data users, including enhancing data accessibility, improved relevance, and the ability to make better data-driven decisions. It will specifically highlight potential new statistical products to better address user demands related to economic interconnectedness, digitalization, financial innovation, and wellbeing.

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- Overview of the SNA Update – *Margarida Martins, Senior Economist, IMF STA*

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- Overview of the BPM Update – *Venkat Josyula*

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| 9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | L-6 L-7 L-8 | <p>Session 5: Implementation Planning: Scope and Objectives <i>Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz</i></p> <p>The IMF will provide an overview of the new tools designed to assess alignment with the BPM and SNA standards and discuss how they can be used to scope the workplan for implementing the <i>BPM7</i> and <i>2025 SNA</i>. They will also present summary results from the self-assessment tools completed by the participating economies ahead of the workshop, compared to a benchmark of other countries that have also completed the self-assessments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping the Workplan – <i>Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz</i> • Alignment Self-Assessment: Balance of Payments and International Investment Position – <i>Venkat Josyula</i> • Alignment Self-Assessment: National Accounts – <i>Margarida Martins</i> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p> |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | | Coffee Break |
| 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | L-9 L-10 L-11 | <p>Session 6: Implementation Planning: Statistical Infrastructure <i>Jim Tebrake</i></p> <p>This session will cover important considerations related to the enhancement of existing statistical infrastructure, including improving data collection systems, integrating technology, and enhancing data sharing to support the national statistical initiative. IMF experts will also provide guidance and best practices on effective data sharing across agencies within an economy. Following on the discussion of the alignment self-assessments in the previous session, the IMF will also present similar questionnaires aimed at assessing accuracy and reliability against international best practices and will again present summary results from the self-assessment tools completed by the participating economies ahead of the workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritizing Investment in Statistical Infrastructure – <i>Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz</i> • Self-Assessment of Accuracy and Reliability: Balance of Payments and International Investment Position – <i>Venkat Josyula</i> • Self-Assessment of Accuracy and Reliability: National Accounts – <i>Margarida Martins</i> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p> |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | | Lunch Break |

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| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | L-12 | <p>Session 7: Implementation Planning: Statistical Business Processes <i>Jim Tebrake</i></p> <p>This session emphasizes the importance of modernizing statistical business processes alongside technical alignment with BPM/SNA recommendations. It highlights the benefits of business process integration, such as eliminating inefficiencies, enhancing internal consistency, and improving data quality. The presentation provides a comprehensive checklist for evaluating existing processes, including process mapping, task alignment, governance, and change management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating Statistical Business Processes – <i>Margarida Martins</i> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p> |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | | <p>Coffee Break</p> |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | L-13 | <p>Session 8: Implementation Planning: Timeline <i>Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz</i></p> <p>This session focuses on the key considerations and steps for developing an implementation timeline for the BPM and SNA updates, within the context of the implementation timeline envisioned in the overarching implementation strategy for the international statistical community. It covers factors such as institutional readiness, alignment with national initiatives, and external policy environments. IMF experts will also outline practical steps and provide sample tools to aid statistical program managers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing an Implementation Timeline – <i>Venkat Josyula</i> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p> |
| 5:30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. | | <p>Social gathering-cocktails (Hosted by IMF)</p> |

| Day 3: Friday, October 24, 2025 | | |
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| 9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | L-14 L-15 | <p>Session 9: Implementation Planning: Resources <i>Jim Tebrake</i></p> <p>This session will focus on two broad aspects relating to resourcing the implementation of new macroeconomic standards. First, securing resources for the implementation of the updated BPM/SNA and second, important considerations around human resources. Drawing from the playbook, the session will provide a draft resource planning tool to consider specific requirements, estimated costs, funding sources, lead and partner institutions, timeframes, and dependencies. Participants will be introduced to alternative approaches to staffing the implementation project, including whether to use the current statistical production team or stand up a separate team for the implementation, and will be invited to consider the best approach in their context to ensure sustainability and to be able to respond to evolving needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources: Funding Sources – <i>Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz</i> • Resources: Structure – <i>Jim Tebrake</i> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p> |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | | <p>Coffee Break</p> |
| 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. | L-16 CP-1 CP-2 CP-3 | <p>Session 10: Implementation Planning: Communication and Dissemination Strategy <i>Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz</i></p> <p>This session will cover the importance of communicating throughout the project with policy makers and other data users, data providers, and other stakeholders to achieve support for the initiative and improve understanding of macroeconomic statistics. It will address in particular the need to communicate clearly about the scope and timeline for the update process, as well as the expected revisions, especially to key macroeconomic aggregates, and different approaches to disseminating the results. Selected countries will provide short presentations on their communication and dissemination practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a Communication and Dissemination Strategy – <i>Margarida Martins</i> • Singapore Statistics Department • Reserve Bank of India • Malaysia Statistics Department <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p> |
| 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | | <p>Lunch Break</p> |

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| 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | | <p>Session 11: Support for Implementation</p> <p><i>Jim Tebrake</i></p> <p>Representatives from each international organization will briefly describe how they plan to support countries in implementing the macroeconomic statistical standards and strengthening national statistical systems, including by providing training and technical assistance, compilation guidance, etc. Participants will then be invited to provide input on what capacity-building support they are likely to need from international organizations to implement the macroeconomic statistical standards and to engage in a discussion with international organizations' representatives about their capacity development programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Venkat Josyula, Margarida Martins, and Renato Perez (IMF), Alick Nyasulu (UNESCAP), xxxx World Bank (remote-TBC)</i> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p> |
| 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | | <p>Coffee Break</p> |
| 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | | <p>Session 12: Key Takeaways and Wrap Up</p> <p>Participants will be invited to share their key takeaways from the roundtable. IMF experts will then summarize the key outcomes of the workshop and define the way forward in terms of continuing to engage with countries about their implementation plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Takeaways – <i>Participants</i> • Wrap Up – <i>IMF (Jim Tebrake and Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz)</i> |
| 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | | <p>Closing session</p> |