

**Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the  
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**Agenda**

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**Monday, October 28**

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks  
Ms. Salima Al Harthi, Acting Director General of Economic Statistics, NCSI  
Mr. Louis Marc Ducharme, Director, IMF Statistics Department  
Introduction; Administrative matters: *IMF*
- 10:00 a.m. The Role of the Gulf Cooperation Council Statistics Centre (GCC-Stat) in Improving Statistics in the Region (BOPCOM-13/04): *Paper by GCC-Stat*
- 10:30 a.m. *Coffee break and Photo taking*
- Implementation of the BPM6**
- 11:00 a.m. Conversion of BOP and IIP Statistics to a BPM6 Basis (BOPCOM-13/05): *Paper by IMF*
- 11:30 a.m. Progress on BPM6 Compilation Guide (BOPCOM-13/06): *Report by IMF*
- 12:00 p.m. Best Practices for Communicating the BPM6 Migration (BOPCOM-13/07): *Paper by IMF*
- 12:45 p.m. *Lunch*
- Implementation of the BPM6 (cont'd.)**
- 2:00 p.m. Moving towards BPM6: IMF/DFID Enhanced Data Dissemination Initiative: Balance of Payments Statistics Module (BOPCOM-13/08): *Paper by Bank of Uganda*
- 2:30 p.m. U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis' Experience in Evaluating Alternative Data and Methods to Improve Travel Statistics: (BOPCOM-13/09): *Paper by U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis*
- 3:00 p.m. Challenges to Implement BPM6 in Southern African Customs Union Countries (BOPCOM-13/10): *Paper by South African Reserve Bank*
- 3:30 p.m. *Coffee break*
- 4:00 p.m. Progress in Implementing BPM6 in Japan (BOPCOM-13/11): *Presentation by Bank of Japan*
- 4:30 p.m. Progress in the Coordinated Implementation of BPM6 in the European Union (BOPCOM-13/12): *Report by ECB/Eurostat*

5:00 p.m. FAQs on Conversion: Sign Convention (BOPCOM-13/13): *Paper by IMF*

5:30 p.m. *Close for the day*

## **Tuesday, October 29**

### **Global Interconnectedness**

9:00 a.m. Interconnectedness-related Initiatives (BOPCOM-13/14): *Report by IMF*

9:45 a.m. The Effects of Including SPEs on BOP and FDI Statistics (BOPCOM-13/15): *Paper by The Nederlandsche Bank*

10:15 a.m. Summary of Selected Statistics Department Developments (BOPCOM-13/16): *Report by IMF*

10:45 a.m. *Coffee break*

11:15 a.m. Challenges with Measuring Production Abroad (Global Production) (BOPCOM-13/17): *Paper by Statistics Canada*

11:45 a.m. Report on the Finalization of the SDMX Data Structure Definition (DSD) for BPM6-Based Data (BOPCOM-13/18): *Report by the SDMX Steering Group for the Balance of Payments DSD*

### **Reserve Assets**

12:15 p.m. Update on Reserves-related Initiatives (BOPCOM-13/19): *Report by IMF*

12:45 p.m. *Lunch*

### **Reserve Assets (cont'd)**

2:00 p.m. Results of the Survey of Foreign Exchange Market Intervention (BOPCOM-13/20): *Paper by IMF*

3:00 p.m. Valuation of Other Equity in the IMF (BOPCOM-13/21): *Paper by IMF*

3:30 p.m. *Coffee break*

### **New Developments at International Organizations**

#### **OECD:**

4:00 p.m. Recent Activities of the OECD Working Group on International Investment Statistics (BOPCOM-13/22): *Report by OECD*

- 4:20 p.m. Work of the Interagency Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services (TFSITS) (BOPCOM-13/23): *Report by OECD*
- 4:40 p.m. **BIS:**  
New Developments in the BIS International Financial and Banking Statistics (BOPCOM-13/24): *Report by BIS*
- UNCTAD:**
- 5:10 p.m. World Investment Report 2013 (BOPCOM-13/25): *Report by UNCTAD*
- 5:30 p.m. *Close for the day*

**Wednesday, October 30**

**New Developments at International Organizations (cont'd)**

- BIS/ECB:**
- 9:00 a.m. Debt Securities Statistics/Handbook (BOPCOM-13/26): *Presentation by BIS/ECB*
- UN and ISWGNA/AEG:**
- 9:30 a.m. Outcome of AEG/ISWGNA Meeting on Freight/Insurance in International Trade (BOPCOM-13/27): *Presentation by IMF*
- TFFS:**
- 10:00 a.m. Progress Report on Work of the Interagency Task Force on Finance Statistics (TFFS) (BOPCOM-13/28): *Report by IMF*
- 10:30 a.m. Medium–Term Work Program of the Committee (BOPCOM-13/29): *Report by IMF*
- 11:00 a.m. *Coffee break (Distribution of Summary of Discussion before the coffee break)*
- 11:45 a.m. Summary of Discussion (BOPCOM-13/30)
- Any other business
- 12:45 p.m. *Close of meeting*