

**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*

5:10 p.m. **UNCTAD:**
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*