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Thursday, November 14, 2019

8:15 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m.  Introduction to the Forum

Mr. David Lipton, First Deputy Managing Director, IMF

9:45 a.m.  Keynote Address

Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, IMF

10:20 a.m.  Session I: Definition and Scope of the Informal Economy

Chair: Mr. Louis Marc Ducharme, Chief Statistician and Data Officer, and Director, Statistics Department, IMF

Mr. Leandro Medina and Mr. Friedrich Schneider, Shadow Economies Around the World: What Did We Learn Over the Last 20 Years? (IMF and Austria, Johannes Kepler University)

Mr. Ahmadou Aly Mbaye and Mr. Ibrahima Tall, Conceptualizing the Informal Sector: Analysis and Application to Francophone Africa (Senegal, Cheikh Anta Diop University/Brookings and National Agency for Statistics and Demography)

Mr. Michael Frosch, Revision of the Standards for Statistics on Informality (International Labour Organization)

Mr. Thomas Alexander, Mr. Gabriel Quirós-Romero, and Ms. Jennifer Ribarsky, State of Play: Importance, Conceptual Fragmentation, and Weak Data Sources (IMF Statistics Department)

Audience Questions

12:45 p.m.  Lunch
2:00 p.m.  Session II: Standard Estimation Practices—Determining the Level and Growth of the Informal Economy

Chair: *TBC*


**Mr. Federico Sallusti**, *Measuring Under-Reporting of Value Added and VAT Fraud in National Accounts* (Italian National Institute of Statistics)

**Mr. Ramana Murthy**, *Measuring Informal Economy in India* (India, Central Statistical Office)

*Audience Questions*

3:45 p.m.  Session II (continued): Standard Estimation Practices—Determining the Level and Growth of the Informal Economy

Chair: *TBC*

**Mr. Ceyhun Elgin, Mr. Ayhan Kose, Ms. Franziska Ohnsorge, Ms. Shu Yu**, *Shades of Grey: Measuring the Informal Economy Business Cycles* (Boston University (United States), Bogazici University (Turkey), World Bank)


**Mr. Francisco Guillen**, *Measurement of the Informal Economy. From Basic Statistics to Derived Statistics* (Mexico, INEGI)

*Audience Questions*

5:45 p.m.  Cocktail Reception
9:00 a.m.  Session III: New Techniques, New Technologies, and New Potential Data Sources

Chair: TBC

Mr. Gene Leon and Mr. Frederico Lima, Estimating Economic Activity in Zimbabwe Using Big Data (IMF African Department)

Mr. Irving Llamosas-Rosas and Mr. Erick Rangel-Gonzalez, An Alternative Method to Measure Non-Registered Economic Activity in Mexico Using Satellite Nightlights (Mexico, Central Bank of Mexico)

Mr. Juan Oviedo Arango and Mr. Ricardo Valencia Ramírez, Informality in Data: A Case Study in the Use of Multidimensional Measure to Capture the Formalization Process (Colombia, National Administrative Department of Statistics)

Ms. Nan Liu, China’s Experiences in Estimating the Informal Economy (China, National Bureau of Statistics)

11:30 a.m.  Session IV: Measuring Illicit Flows

Chair: TBC

Mr. Enrico Bisogno, Mr. Alexander Kamprad, Mr. Federico Sallusti, Ms. Irmgard Zeiler, Measuring Illegal Economic Activities and Illicit Financial Flows: Challenges and Possible Solutions (Austria, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Italian National Institute of Statistics)

Mr. Sugata Marjit, Interrelationship Between Export and Import Mis-Invoicing: USA - India Case (India, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences)

Ms. Rachel Soloveichik, Including Illegal Activity in the U.S. National Accounts (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis)

Ms. Sarah A. Stutzman, Toward Developing Estimates of U.S. Cross-border Trade in Illegal Drugs (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis)
1:15 p.m.  Lunch

2:15 p.m.  Session V: Forum Takeaways and Discussion Panel

Chair: Mr. Tao Zhang, Deputy Managing Director, IMF

Mr. Thomas Alexander, Mr. Gabriel Quirós-Romero, and Ms. Jennifer Ribarsky,
Summary and Main Takeaways (IMF Statistics Department)

Panel Discussion on Key Takeaways

Audience Questions

4:00 p.m.  Closure of Forum

Mr. Tao Zhang—Deputy Managing Director, IMF