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Invitation to WEBINAR

Webinar Series on Using Government Finance Statistics to Assess Fiscal Risks

October 10, 17 and 23, 2023

November 21 and 29, 2023

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM (India)

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Thailand)

The IMF South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) and Capacity Development Office in Thailand (CDOT), under the guidance of the IMF Statistics Department, will jointly present a series of five webinars during October and November 2023 for Government Finance Statistics (GFS) compilers, analysts, and users in the constituent member and beneficiary countries. The topics and schedule of the five webinars are provided below.

ABSTRACT

The webinars will explain how to use government finance statistics (GFS) data to record identified fiscal risks according to the *Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 (GFSM 2014)* covering operational transactions and the balance sheet. These data can help analyze the strength of the fiscal position over the medium to long term.

Fiscal risks are factors that can cause fiscal outcomes to differ from expectations and often stem from a set of fiscal activities beyond the budget. These activities can cover various policy areas such as road, rail, and other transport infrastructure and services, energy corporations, development banks, sovereign wealth funds, or concessional lending. They can be executed through state-owned enterprises, public-private partnerships (PPPs), official concessions, or other means. Fiscal risks can also cover financing arranged through off-budget borrowings or government-provided loan guarantees.

WEBINAR OBJECTIVES

The series of webinars aims at providing participants from the SARTTAC member and CDOT beneficiary countries with an understanding of fiscal risks, how these are recorded in GFS, and how related data can be used by analysts.

The opening webinar will start with a discussion panel on the importance of good quality GFS for assessing fiscal risks followed by a tutorial on the basics of fiscal analysis. The rest of the series will cover the recording of contingent liabilities, state-owned enterprises, public sector balance sheets, and public-private partnerships (PPPs) and concessions in the *GFSM 2014* framework. This will be presented as a complement to Fiscal Risk Toolkit developed by the IMF Fiscal Affairs Department.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The webinars are open to government finance statistics compilers, fiscal policy analysts, and other interested officials in the SARTTAC member and CDOT beneficiary countries.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Interested officials should register online for the webinars using this link provided in the table below.

Your kind cooperation in completing timely registration is greatly appreciated. Registrants will receive individual e-mail confirmation and a Webex Meeting link for the webinar.

Webinar Topic	Webinar Date	For Participation
High Quality Fiscal Data required for Monitoring Fiscal Risks	Tuesday, October 10	Register Here
Contingent Liabilities	Tuesday, October 17	
State-Owned Enterprises	Monday, October 23	
Public Sector Balance Sheets	Tuesday, November 21	
Public-Private Partnerships and Concessions	Wednesday, November 29	

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