

Global Conference on the G-20 Data Gaps Initiative (DGI)

Washington, D.C., USA, June 16–17, 2015

The Statistics Department of the IMF jointly with the Financial Stability Board (FSB) Secretariat organized a conference of G-20 senior officials on the G-20 Data Gaps Initiative in Washington, D.C., USA, during June 16–17, 2015.

The conference was part of the consultation process leading to the preparation of the sixth progress report to be delivered to the G-20 Ministers of Finance and Central Bank Governors in September 2015.

The primary objective of the Conference was to go over the progress made in the DGI since its launch in 2009 and agree on the specifics of the recommendations for a second phase of the DGI. Participants included senior representatives from G-20 member economies, as well as Hong Kong, The Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Singapore and International Financial Institutions. Mr. Min Zhu, IMF Deputy Managing Director, delivered a keynote speech and Mr. Louis Marc Ducharme, Director, IMF Statistics Department, and Mr. Pietro Franchini, Member of FSB Secretariat delivered the welcoming remarks.

The conference featured presentations and contributions from the G-20 member economies and international institutions working on the G-20 recommendations to address data gaps highlighted by the global crisis, including the FSB Secretariat, and the members of the Inter-Agency Group on Economic and Financial Statistics (IAG)–Bank for International Settlements, European Central Bank, Eurostat, IMF (chair), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The conclusions of the conference informed the preparation of the sixth progress report.