

Workshop Description

Financial Access Survey (FAS) Data Collection and Usage

TARGET GROUP | Government officials in central banks and other agencies involved in the compilation of supply side financial access data and the formulation/implementation of financial inclusion policies. Participants are expected to have a degree in economics, finance, statistics, or equivalent work experience. Participants' current job or responsibilities at work should be linked to the topic of the workshop.

DESCRIPTION | The workshop, delivered by the IMF's Statistics Department in cooperation with the Caucasus, Central Asia, and Mongolia Regional Capacity Development Center, covers issues related to data collection and usage of the Financial Access Survey (FAS), IMF's supply-side annual database on financial access. The workshop will provide an overview of the FAS data and discuss the details of the FAS data collection process, methodology, and usage. Peer learning will be an essential element of the workshop, and participants will have an opportunity to present their experiences with FAS data reporting including challenges and innovative ways of collecting financial access data as well as data usage for policy purposes. The workshop will also cover the FAS pilot data collection proposal to expand the coverage of fintech and gender-disaggregated data along with discussions on digital financial services and gender-disaggregated data. The workshop will also showcase the use of the FAS data for policymaking and monitoring in the areas of financial access and inclusion.

OBJECTIVES | Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand the nature and content of the FAS data.
- Grasp the detailed methodology of the FAS, including gender-disaggregated data and digital financial services information.
- Improve FAS data collection and reporting through peer learning.
- Become familiar with the use of FAS data including for tracking the trends, benchmarking, and policymaking.

LANGUAGE | The workshop will be delivered in English language, [with simultaneous interpretation to Russian].