

CBDC AND DIGITAL PAYMENT INNOVATIONS

PROPOSED DATES | July 29 – August 2, 2024

TARGET GROUP | High-level government officials from central banks or ministries of economy and finance who are policy makers in CBDC and payments and market infrastructure. Participants are expected to have a degree in economics/finance, law, computer science, or related fields, or work experience in payments and market infrastructure, and digital innovation.

DESCRIPTION | The five-day workshop will be delivered by the IMF's Payment, Currencies, and Infrastructure Division at the Monetary Capital Markets Department in cooperation with Information Technology Department and the Caucasus, Central Asia, and Mongolia Regional Capacity Development Center. It will focus on CBDC and other digital innovations relevant to central banks. Topics will cover major issues on financial, legal, and technology issues for both retail and wholesale CBDC. The workshop will also cover related topics on AI in finance and supervision, cryptocurrency, fast payment systems, mobile money, and multilateral payment platforms.

Participants are encouraged to actively contribute information on country practices and case studies. Peer learning will be an additive element of the workshop.

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

- Describe in detail the basics of retail and wholesale CBDC, and the primary macro-financial, legal, and technological considerations.
- Understand emerging trends and opportunities from AI in finance and supervision, cryptocurrency, mobile money, and fast payment systems.
- Understand emerging opportunities from multilateral payment platforms, such as those currently researched by the IMF and BIS.

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