

SPECIAL DATA DISSEMINATION STANDARDS (SDDS)

PROPOSED DATES: June 8 – 12, 2026

TARGET GROUP | Mid-level government officials from central banks, ministries of economy and finance, national statistical offices and other agencies involved in the compilation and dissemination of macroeconomic and financial data. Participants should have a managerial position but also close contact and knowledge of the production of data.

DESCRIPTION | The five-day workshop, delivered by the IMF's Statistics Department in cooperation with the Caucasus, Central Asia, and Mongolia Regional Capacity Development Center (CCAMTAC), will prepare staff from countries currently participating in the enhanced-General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS) to work towards advancing their countries to subscribe to the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). Participants will contribute with presentations on country practices, assessment of gaps and preparation of workplans. Peer learning will be an essential element of the workshop. One representative of a country currently in SDDS will participate to deliver a presentation, share experience and lessons, and answer practical questions.

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

- Become familiar with the IMF's Data Standards Initiatives: participation; benefits; requirements; and implementation.
- Learn about the SDDS: coverage; benefits; statistical best practices and requirements; information technology requirements; and monitoring by the IMF.
- Assess the gaps to fill by e-GDDS countries to advance to SDDS. Identify data gaps or data improvements needed, institutional and resource gaps, and areas of cooperation between institutions.
- Formulate plans to fill gaps to comply with SDDS requirements. Design plans covering technical and institutional needs; prepare detailed timeline to organize the work; and set a multi-agency framework to coordinate efforts.
- Prepare a memorandum of understanding to coordinate the institutions involved, assign responsibilities and prepare a letter to officially communicate the IMF that the country has the goal to subscribe to SDDS in the future

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