FINANCIAL ACCESS DATA COLLECTION AND USAGE

PROPOSED DATES: September 9 – 11, 2026

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 policies related to financial access and use. 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 5-day workshop, delivered by the IMF's Statistics Department in cooperation with the Caucasus, Central Asia, and Mongolia Regional Capacity Development Center, will focus on key issues related to data collection and usage of the Financial Access Survey (FAS), the IMF's annual supply-side database on financial access and use.

It will cover the FAS data collection methodology in detail and highlight its importance for policymaking and monitoring financial access and usage. The workshop will also present the results of the FAS pilot exercises, current developments on the financial health data framework, and discuss potential revisions to the FAS questionnaire based on these findings.

The workshop will provide participants with opportunities to engage in discussions, deliver presentations, and share their experiences with supply-side financial access data collection and usage. Participants are expected to actively contribute to presentations on country practices and exercises. Peer learning will be an essential element of the workshop.

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

- Understand the nature and content of the FAS data.

- Grasp the detailed FAS methodology, including disaggregated data and digital financial services information.

- Enhance FAS data collection and reporting through peer learning.

- Become familiar with the use of FAS data, such as tracking financial access trends, benchmarking, and policymaking, including in the measurement of financial health

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