Cross-border Position Statistics
December 14 – December 18, 2015

Workshop Report

December 22, 2015
The course provided training on the methodology for compiling and disseminating cross-border position statistics, including:

- International Investment Position (IIP), such as the memoranda and supplementary data items;
- External Debt Position, including currency composition, remaining maturity, and debt service schedule;
- Coordinated Portfolio Investment Survey (CPIS), including sectoral data; and
- Coordinated Direct Investment Survey (CDIS), including work on bilateral asymmetries.

By the end of the course, participants:

- improved their knowledge about the methodology for compiling/disseminating cross border position statistics, including the main changes introduced with BPM6
- learned from experiences of other compilers in the region
- improved their knowledge of specific compilation issues and inter-linkages across datasets
- discussed analytical uses of these statistics
- identified the need for expanding their compilation programs to include memorandum and supplementary items of the IIP, and encouraged tables for external debt

Lecturers:

- Eduardo Valdivia-Velarde, Deputy Chief of the BOP, Statistics Department, IMF
- Colleen Cardillo, Expert on External Sector Statistics

Participants:

There were 14 participants from Albania, Armenia, Croatia, Macedonia, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia and Ukraine.
Evaluation:

**Overall satisfaction with the course**

No. of all responses: 14, Average mark: **4.78**

**Overall usefulness of the workshop.**

No. of all responses: 13, Average mark: **4.69**

**Selected Participants' Comments:**

- Next year I should compile IIP so knowledge and information about this topic was very useful for me.
- I was inspired and I've learned many things and got a lot of useful information.
- Both of lecturers were interesting and more important they have huge knowledge and experience so I learned a lot.
- Very well organized training