

Guidelines for chairs, presenters and participants

Thirteenth IFC Conference on “Filling information gaps in central banking: effectively leveraging data and innovative tools”

BIS Basel, 20 and 21 August 2026

Location and schedule

The conference will be held at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), Centralbahnplatz 2, Basel, Switzerland. It will begin with a welcoming reception in the evening on Wednesday 19 August. The conference sessions will start at 9:00 on Thursday 20 August and close no later than 17:00 on Friday 21 August 2026. Individual sessions will last approximately 1.5 hours. Lunch will be served on each day of the conference. Dinner reception will be hosted by the BIS on Thursday evening. Special dietary requirements should be indicated on the online registration form.

The conference and related communications will be conducted in English.

Conference registration and access to venue

Registrations for the conference will be made through the BIS online web registration system. The email used to invite Committee members to the conference provides a link to the online registration facility (registration deadline: 30 June 2026). This will work only for Committee members with an eBIS account, so other interested participants should contact the IFC Secretariat directly.

The BIS will assist participants with the booking of hotel accommodation upon request. Local registration can be carried out in the afternoon on 19 August or from 08:15 to 09:00 on 20 August 2026. All participants are required to provide photo identification at the main BIS entrance.

Conference material

Please note that the Secretariat will NOT distribute hardcopy of papers or presentations. All conference materials will be posted on the eBIS secure website (<https://www.ebis.org>). Participants who do not have access to eBIS are invited to contact the IFC Secretariat.

Before the conference

- Authors must send an abstract of their paper (100 words) using the form to respond to the call for contributions **by 30 April 2026** cob. The full version of their papers (max 5,000 words, using the BIS template circulated by the IFC Secretariat) plus a short CV should be sent to the IFC.Secretariat@bis.org **by 31 July 2026**. However, papers submitted for the Young Statistician

Award must be submitted **by 30 June 2026** so as to be considered by the Selection Committee. Note that papers could subsequently be revised closer to the date of the conference.

- In order to allow sufficient time for discussion, presentations of papers should last no more than 12 minutes. A strict maximum of 8 slides will be allowed for presentations, which must reach the Secretariat **by 7 August 2026**.

After the conference

- Contributors will be asked after the conference whether the initial draft of their papers can be released on the IFC public website. Authors will have an opportunity to submit a revised version until 30 September 2026.
- Contributions will subsequently be included in a specific IFC Bulletin. To this end, authors will have to submit their papers formatted with the BIS template.

Summary of deadlines for authors:

- **30 April 2026:** submission of Call for Contributions form and abstracts (100 words) of papers
- **30 June 2026:** submission of paper for Young Statistician Award
- **31 July 2026:** submission of paper (5,000 words) and short CV
- **7 August 2026:** submission of presentations (max. 8 slides)
- **30 September 2026:** submission of final paper version for IFC Bulletin

Conference secretariat

Please contact the IFC.Secretariat@bis.org should you require any further information.