

Workshop on the Use of Financial Accounts

18-20 March 2019 | Istanbul, Turkey

Administrative Circular



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Introduction

This administrative circular provides logistical and other general information on arrangements for the Workshop on the Use of Financial Accounts to be held in Istanbul, Turkey on 18-20 March 2019. Any amendments or additional information will be issued to all participants via e-mail.

Preliminary Agenda

18 th March 2019, Monday	
08:45-09:00	Registration <i>Anadolu Ballroom, InterContinental Hotel Istanbul</i>
09:00-09:15	Opening Remarks TBA, CBRT TBA, IFC
09:15-09:45	Introduction TBA (CBRT Statistics & BIS)
09:45-11:00	Session I: Introduction to the Use of Financial Accounts Peter Van de Van , OECD, <i>“Financial accounts and balance sheets as a co-ordinating framework for monitoring financial developments”</i> Celestino Giron , ECB, <i>“Globalization and balance of payments”</i>
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break and Group Photo
11:15-12:45	Session II: International Initiatives and the Reporting Requirements Gabriel Quiros , IMF, <i>“Overview of the G20 Data Gaps Initiative (DGI)”</i> Peter Van de Van , <i>“DGI recommendations relevant to the use of financial accounts”</i>
12:45-14:15	Lunch <i>Veranda Restaurant, InterContinental Hotel Istanbul</i>
14:15-15:15	Session III: General framework: Country Experiences in Using Financial Accounts Celestino Giron , ECB, <i>“Use of financial accounts at ECB”</i> Cansu Gokce Seybek , CBRT, <i>“Use of financial accounts at CBRT”</i>
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:45	Session IV: Understanding Financial Intermediation Mohamed El Khaoua , Central Bank of Morocco, <i>“Use of financial accounts to analyse and assess the other financial intermediaries’ activity”</i> Pedro Alves , Banco de Portugal, <i>“Monitoring the universe of non-monetary financial intermediation: The experience of Banco de Portugal”</i>
19:00-21:00	Gala Dinner hosted by BIS <i>Location TBC</i>

19th March 2019, Tuesday

09:00-10:15	Session V: Assessing Sectoral Developments
	Riccardo De Bonis , Banca d'Italia, <i>"Household wealth in the main advanced countries"</i> Luigi Infante , Banca d'Italia, <i>"Firms' financial surpluses in advanced economies"</i>
10:15-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-12:00	Session VI: Supporting the Conduct of Central Bank Policies
	Alieva Piruza , Bank of Russia, <i>"Use of financial accounts and sectoral balance sheets for enhancing macroeconomic analysis in the Russian Federation"</i> Susan McIntosh , Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, <i>"Policy uses of the financial accounts: The U.S. Fed's perspective"</i> Márcio Mateus , Banco de Portugal, <i>"Use of financial accounts for financial stability purposes"</i>
12:00-13:30	Lunch
	<i>Veranda Restaurant, InterContinental Istanbul</i>
13:30-14:45	Session VII: Looking Forward
	Bruno Tissot , BIS, <i>"Assessing global liquidity"</i> Aycan Ozek , CBRT, <i>"From financial accounts towards integrated accounts: The case of Turkey"</i>
14:45-15:00	Coffee Break
15:00-16:15	Session VIII: High Level Panel
16:15-16:30	Closing Remarks

20th March 2019, Wednesday

09:00-12:00	Social Programme
	<i>Historical peninsula of Istanbul</i>
12:00-14:00	Lunch hosted by CBRT
	<i>Location TBC</i>

Meetings

The meeting will take place at the Anadolu Ballroom of the InterContinental Hotel, Istanbul.

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Working Language

The meetings will be conducted in **English**. No interpretation services will be provided.

Registration Desk

The registration desk, where you can have your badges, will be located at the Anadolu Ballroom Foyer. For security reasons, please have your badges with you all the time at the meeting and meal venues.

Information Desk

The information desk, where you can get assistance on airport transfers, tourism information, local transportation, foreign consulate addresses and health services will be located at the Main Lobby.

Business Facilities

Free Wi-Fi will be provided at all meeting venues. Please find the related information at the Registration Desk.

Dress Code

The dress code for the meetings is **business attire**.

Accommodation

Costs associated with accommodation are borne by participants or their institutions.

InterContinental Hotel Istanbul is the designated hotel and the venue for the meeting. For accommodation reservations at the hotel, an exclusive rate of **95 EUR + 8% VAT per night** (Single Room incl. breakfast), has been negotiated for the participants.



If you would like to make a reservation at the hotel, you may fill the reservation form attached and e-mail it to the hotel directly.

Airport Transfers

The nearest airport to the meeting venue is Istanbul Ataturk Airport, which is located 20 km away from the InterContinental Hotel Istanbul.

Transfers from and to the Airport will be provided by the CBRT, only for the arrivals and departures on 17-21 March 2019.

The event organiser will welcome you at the **Istanbul Ataturk Airport International Arrivals Terminal** unless otherwise specified. Please follow the plate labelled with **CBRT Logo, Event Name and/or Your Name** on it.

Please provide your mobile number in the registration form in advance in order to avoid any issues on greeting you at the airport.

We kindly ask you to follow up your transfer to the airport from the Registration Desk or the Information Desk while you are present at the meetings venue.

Social Events

The Historical Peninsula Tour and Lunch

CBRT will organize a tour to the historical peninsula of Istanbul, around Sultan Ahmed Square. The tour will be followed by a lunch hosted by the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (*Location TBA*).

Sultan Ahmed Square had also been the main square of the ancient Constantinople of the Roman Empire. The square was built as a hippodrome in AD 203, where chariot races used to be organised. Today, only a few fragments of the original structure have survived. However, it's been surrounded by many Byzantine and Ottoman monuments since then, two of which are the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque.

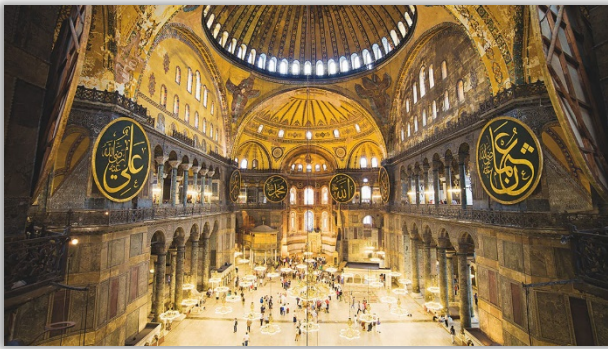
Blue Mosque

Also known as the Sultan Ahmed Mosque, it is one of the impressive monuments of Istanbul that has become its symbol. The mosque is also one of the most photogenic Ottoman mosques in Turkey.

Standing in the middle of Istanbul, the majestic Blue Mosque is hard to miss. Being one of the grandest mosques in Turkey, it can hold up to 10.000 worshippers.

The interior is decorated with **the finest pieces of blue tiles** from Iznik, which is why the Sultan Ahmed Mosque is most commonly known as the Blue Mosque. The actual number of the tiles used is exactly 21.043. There are a total of 16 muezzin's platforms on the mosque's minarets.

Please make sure you spend some time in silence inside the breath taking mosque to admire its prayerful atmosphere and superb blue tiles.



Hagia Sophia

Hagia Sophia, a remarkable achievement in the history of architecture. A monument whose importance transcends borders. As one of **UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage** sites, Hagia Sophia continues to attract millions with its majestic grandeur and beauty.

Built by the order of Byzantine Emperor Justinian I in the **6th century**, Hagia Sophia, includes pagan pillars taken from Ephesus and the Temple of Artemis and precious mosaics of Christianity and Islam. This great

temple was dedicated to the Holy Spirit (Sophia) in the trinity doctrine of Christianity. Hagia Sophia is also one of the largest cathedrals in the world having special significance for the Orthodox community.

Hagia Sophia is not only renowned for its magnificent religious architecture but also for its superb exquisite Byzantine mosaics and fine examples of unique Ottoman calligraphy.

- ▶ CBRT will provide the transfers for the social program by tour busses.
- ▶ The dress code for all social events is casual. For the Blue Mosque, we kindly ask all women to cover their head with a scarf.

General Information

Istanbul

Istanbul bridges east and west not only geographically but also culturally. Bosphorus Strait divides Istanbul in two parts and also into two continents: Europe and Asia.

For more than 1.500 years, Istanbul was the capital of two empires, first the Byzantine and later the Ottoman. It was beautified accordingly with magnificent monuments and became a metropolis where diverse cultures, nations and religions mingle.

Today, Istanbul is Turkey's most populous city, with a population of over 15 Million, as well as its financial and cultural hub.

Weather

March sees the end of winter and start of spring in Istanbul. It's still cold (the lowest temperature ever recorded at this time in the region is -6°C) and wet but the weather is gradually beginning to warm up, and there's a marked rise in temperature.

The average temperature is just 8°C, with highs of 11°C and overnight lows of 5°C. However, the temperature would even go up to 25°C, and by the end of the month it will feel much warmer.

Time Zone

Time zone of İstanbul and Turkey is GMT+3.

International Dialling Codes

The country code for Turkey is 90, and the local code for İstanbul is 212. To make an international phone call, dial 00 + country code + phone number.

Medical Emergency	112
Fire	110
Police	155

Currency

The official currency is Turkish Liras (TRY) with the symbol ₺ (available in the following banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 TL).

Cash can usually be exchanged without commission at exchange offices, banks and hotels. Exchange rates are published daily in Turkish newspapers and can also be found in CBRT web page (<http://www.tcmb.gov.tr>).

Tipping

Although there is no common practice in tipping, the generally accepted tipping rate is 10% in Turkey.

Smoking

Smoking indoors is prohibited in Turkey.

Electricity

Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets. Limited number of adaptors will be available at the meeting venue.

Visa

Regarding the Visit Visa / Entry Permit Requirements for Turkey, please visit:

<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

<https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>

If you need a visa to travel to Turkey, please contact with the relevant Turkish Consulate to ensure that the necessary formalities are completed on time.

Contact Information

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