Guidelines for chairs, presenters and participants

Twelfth IFC Conference on
“Statistics and beyond: new data for decision making in central banks”
BIS Basel, 22 and 23 August 2024

Location and schedule
The Conference will be held at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), Centralbahnplatz 2, Basel, Switzerland starting at 09:00 on 22 August (Thursday) and closing latest at 17:00 on 23 August 2024 (Friday). The Conference is divided into several plenary and breakout sessions. 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. 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 will take place between 08:15 and 09:00 on 22 August 2024. 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 2024 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 2024. However, papers submitted for the Young Statistician Award must be submitted by 30 June 2024 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 10 minutes. A strict maximum of 8 slides will be allowed for presentations, which must reach the Secretariat by 9 August 2024.
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 31 October 2024.

• 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.

Conference secretariat

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

Summary of Deadlines

By 30 April 2024:
• Authors: Call for Contributions form and abstracts (100 words) of papers

By 30 June 2024:
• Participants: Conference registration form
• Authors: Paper for Young Statistician Award

By 31 July 2024:
• Authors: Paper (5,000 words) and short CV

By 9 August 2024:
• Authors: Presentations (max. 8 slides)

By 31 October 2024:
• Authors: Final paper version for IFC Bulletin