Membership

IFC full institutional members are central banks or international and regional organisations formally involved in central banking issues. As of January 2015 these are the central banks and monetary authorities or agencies of the following countries and regions:

- Algeria
- Angola
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- European Union
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hong Kong SAR
- Hungary
- CEMLA - Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies
- SEACEN - South East Asian Central Banks Research and Training Centre
- SECMCA - Central American Monetary Council
- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Korea
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macedonia FYR
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- Serbia
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Suriname
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

Membership benefits

1. Leveraging on the IFC as a forum for exchanging views on statistical issues of interest to central banks, esp. relating to economic, monetary and financial stability;
2. Contributing to IFC publications;
3. Participating in IFC meetings and/or co-organising events with the IFC.

Application for membership can be made via the IFC Secretariat.
About the IFC

The Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics (IFC) is a forum of central bank economists and statisticians as well as others with an interest in discussing statistical issues of relevance to central banks, including those relating to economic, monetary and financial stability.

The IFC is established and governed by the international central banking community and operates under the auspices of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). It is associated with the International Statistical Institute (ISI).

The Committee’s main aim is to promote the exchange of views between central bank economists, statisticians and policymakers. In particular, it strives to strengthen the relationship between compilers of statistics and the community of users and analysts of statistical information, both within and outside central banks.

Governance

The IFC comprises the designated representatives of the full institutional members. It elects an Executive that manages the affairs of the IFC in accordance with the Statutes, decisions and guidelines of the Committee.

The current members of the Executive are:

• Chair: Turalay KENÇ, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey
• Vice Chair: Katherine HENNINGS, Central Bank of Brazil
• Vice Chair: Aurel SCHUBERT, European Central Bank
• João CADETE DE MATOS, Bank of Portugal
• Eugeniusz GATNAR, National Bank of Poland
• Masahiro HIGO, Bank of Japan
• Joon JUNG, Bank of Korea
• Robert KIRCHNER, Deutsche Bundesbank
• Olorunsola Emmanuel OLOWOFESO, Central Bank of Nigeria
• Gülbin SAHINBEYOGLU, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey
• Charles THOMAS, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Bruno TISSOT, Head of Statistics and Research Support, BIS, heads the IFC Secretariat.

Activities

• Active networking between the users and compilers of statistics at its member institutions through the regular exchange of information and discussion of best practice.

• Sponsoring or co-sponsoring meetings in the context of the biennial ISI World Statistics Congresses.

• Organising conferences, seminars, workshops and related activities independently or in collaboration with other organisations.

• Setting up working groups or task forces to analyse particular topics.

• Sponsoring or supporting the publication of periodicals, papers, reports or newsletters in any form.

• Conducting regular and ad hoc surveys of the IFC membership on statistical issues of interest to central banks.

• Maintaining a public and a restricted website for dissemination of information related to the IFC’s and central banks’ statistical activities.

Publications

1. IFC Bulletins

The proceedings of the various meetings organised by the IFC on topical statistical issues of interest to the international central banking community are published in the IFC Bulletin.

2. IFC Working Papers

The IFC Working Papers contain analysis by experts of the IFC’s institutional members as well as by analysts outside the central banking community.

3. IFC Reports

Ad-hoc reports presented to BIS Governors on issues of specific interest.

4. Annual Reports

Yearly Annual Reports presenting IFC activities are submitted to the BIS Governors.

Recent events

IFC Satellite seminar at the ISI Asian Regional Statistics Conference (ISI-RSC 2014)
on “Is the household sector in Asia overleveraged: what do the data say?”, Kuala Lumpur, 15 November 2014.

7th biennial IFC Conference on "Indicators to support monetary and financial stability analysis: data sources and statistical methodologies" at the BIS Basel on 4 and 5 September 2014. Presentation of the IFC award for the best paper by a young statistician.

Workshops on Developing and Improving Sectoral Financial Accounts

• 25-26 September 2014 at Central Bank of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro (in cooperation with CEMILAC)
• 16-18 June 2014 at Central Bank of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur (in cooperation with SEACEN)
• 29-30 May 2014 at Central Bank of Turkey in Istanbul

IFC Satellite Seminar at the 59th ISI World Statistics Congress on “Measuring structural change in the financial system after the crisis” at the People’s Bank of China, Shenzhen, People’s Republic of China, on 23 August 2013.

Upcoming events

Please find more details on the upcoming events on the IFC website www.bis.org/ifc.