



**SPECIAL SESSION:
IMF/WORLD BANK INITIATIVE ON THE
QUARTERLY PUBLIC DEBT STATISTICS (PDS) DATABASE**

16 November 2011: 15.00-17.00

Room XIX, E-building, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

This session is intended to review the IMF and World Bank initiative to develop a database on quarterly public debt statistics (PDS), to discuss countries' experiences in responding to this initiative, and the use of UNCTAD's Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS) and the Commonwealth Secretariat's Debt Recording and Management System (CS-DRMS) for producing the reports required for this initiative.

The Public Sector Debt Statistics (PSD) database, jointly developed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, brings together detailed quarterly public sector debt data of selected countries, initially mainly developing /emerging market economies. The main Purpose of the PSD database is to facilitate timely dissemination in standard formats of public sector debt data. By bringing such data and metadata together in one central location, the database supports macroeconomic analysis and cross-country comparison.

The PSD Initiative is a collaborative undertaking of the World Bank and the IMF, supported by other organisations such as UNCTAD and COMSEC, and it is part of an ongoing effort to improve the transparency, timeliness, and availability of public debt statistics.

TOPIC	SPEAKER	TIME
Introduction	<i>Mr. Balliram Baball</i> , Senior Debt Management Expert, DMFAS Programme, UNCTAD	15.00-15.05
Key Aspects of the PDS Exercise	<i>Mr. Eduardo Valdivia-Velarde</i> , Deputy Division Chief, Statistics Department, International Monetary Fund Discussions	15.05-15.45
Brief presentations of UNCTAD and COMSEC on reports related to this initiative	<i>Ms. Roula Katergi</i> , Debt Expert, DMFAS Programme, UNCTAD <i>Mr. Sanjay Lollbearree</i> , Adviser and Head IT Systems, Special Advisory Services Division, Commonwealth Secretariat Discussions	15.45-16.15
Country Experience with PDS:	<i>Ms. Olga Mereuta</i> , Deputy Head, External Financing Debt Division, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Moldova <i>Mr. Jose Abraham Flores</i> , Chief Technical Adviser, Debt Management Honduras Discussions	16.15-16.45
Conclusions	IMF and UNCTAD	16.45-17.00