

**INFORMAL
SESSION TO
ENGAGE**

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To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: **The Managing Director's Global Policy Agenda—Annex on Key IMF Activities since the Fall 2019 GPA and IMF Highlights**

Board Action: **Informal session to engage** Executive Directors

Tentative Board Date: **Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

Additional Information: The annex and infographic will be incorporated into the final version of the Global Policy Agenda, to be circulated following the Executive Board discussion on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

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Annex. Key IMF Activities since the Fall 2019 Global Policy Agenda

Economic and Financial Research

- Analyzed fiscal, central bank, and financial sector policies in response to COVID-19.
- Discussed a new approach for fiscal policies to reinvigorate growth, and institutional frameworks for state-owned enterprises.
- Advanced work on the Integrated Policy Framework.
- Incorporated machine-learning models to more robustly identify vulnerable countries.
- Studied the role of cyclical policies in an era of low rates and high debt in advanced economies.
- Examined channels through which low/negative interest rates impact financial institutions.
- Analyzed the role of macroprudential policies in dampening global financial shocks in emerging markets (EMs).
- Advanced work on a new Central Bank Transparency Code.
- Advanced work on emerging competition policy issues.
- Delivered studies on gender-responsive fiscal policy and relationships between inequality and financial depth, inclusion, and stability.

Global Solutions

- Presented external sector assessments for countries not covered by the External Sector Report.
- Analyzed the evolution of debt vulnerabilities in lower income countries, jointly with the World Bank. Presented a report on macroeconomic developments and prospects in low-income developing countries.
- Discussed the implementation of measures to strengthen Fund engagement in fragile and conflict-affected states.
- Investigated how climate change-related risks are priced into financial assets.
- Initiated assessment of progress in implementing the framework for enhanced Fund engagement on governance.
- Advanced analysis of cross-border implications of digital currencies.
- Initiated a stocktake on the Fund's work on illicit and tax-avoiding financial flows.
- Launched the update of the international statistical standards and organized Statistical Forum on Measuring the Informal Economy.
- Delivered notes to the G20 on surveillance, collateralized sovereign lending, public debt data coverage, the Data Gaps Initiative, and developments in local currency bond markets in EMs. Advanced work on a G20 note on enhancing access to opportunities.

IMF Policies

- Advanced work on the 2020 Comprehensive Surveillance Review and the 2020 Review of the Financial Sector Assessment Program (the latter coordinated with the World Bank).
- Reviewed eligibility to use Fund facilities for concessional financing.
- Engaged the Executive Board on policy safeguards for PRGT-eligible countries seeking high-level access to Fund resources.
- Presented proposals for toolkit reforms and broader policy measures in response to COVID-19. Reformed the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust and engaged in fundraising.

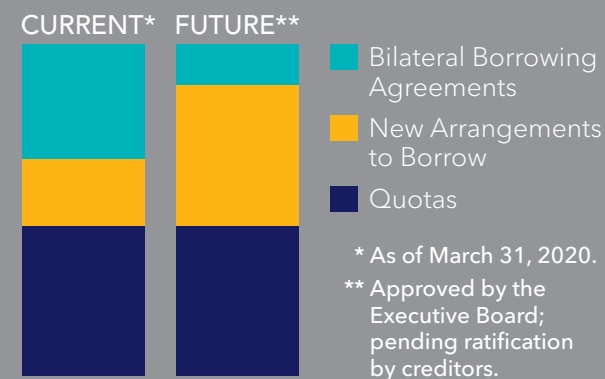
- Advanced work on the reviews of the debt sustainability analysis for market access countries and the debt limits policy.
- Engaged on CD priorities and the implementation of the CD Strategy Review.

Governance and Internal Support

- Advanced work on securing the package of IMF resource and governance reform, in particular: delivered a report to the Board of Governors on the completion of the 15th General Review of Quotas and guidance on the 16th General Review of Quotas; and engaged on the approval of a doubling of the New Arrangements to Borrow and on a new framework for maintaining access to Bilateral Borrowing beyond 2020.
- Completed the Comprehensive Compensation and Benefits Review.
- Delivered the 2019 diversity and inclusion report.
- Discussed the management implementation plans (MIPs) in response to IEO recommendations on the Fund advice on unconventional monetary policy and on the IMF's financial surveillance.
- Presented the Tenth Periodic Monitoring Report on the Status of MIPs in response to IEO recommendations and Categorization of Open Actions in MIPs.
- Continued to implement a multi-project modernization agenda to upgrade internal systems and processes, and adopt digital tools.
- Delivered the 2019 risk report.

IMF'S LENDING CAPACITY

US\$ 1 trillion



COVID-19 RESPONSE



Over **90** countries have requested or enquired to receive emergency financing

Over **40** requests to be considered in April 2020

US\$1 billion to be raised for Catastrophe Containment & Relief Trust

Note: As of April 3, 2020.



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193 economies

LENDING

148 billion

total lending commitments in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)

63 program reviews in 2019

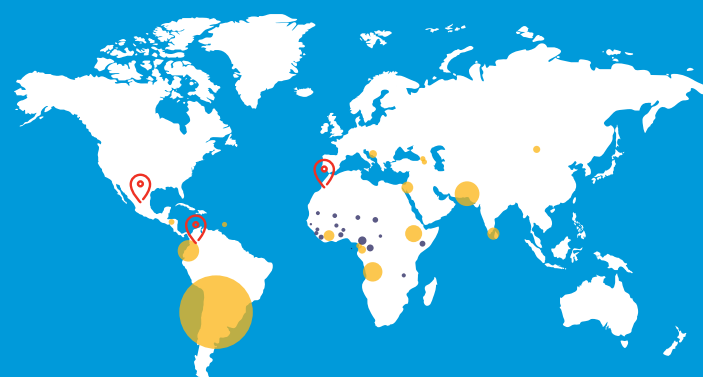
current lending arrangements to **36** countries

20 of which have a Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PRGT) facility

Current GRA and PRGT arrangements

Flexible Credit Line/
Precautionary and Liquidity Line

Other GRA ● PRGT



Note: As of March 31, 2020; GRA = General Resources Account.

SURVEILLANCE

140

2019 Article IV consultations

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Financial System Stability Assessments in 2019 under the

FSAP

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

3,137

technical assistance visits

16,930 officials trained



27% online

CD is focused on

- Public finances
- Monetary and financial systems
- Legal frameworks
- Statistics
- Macroeconomic frameworks



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fragile states



among **top 20** CD recipient countries



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Regional CD centers covering all fragile states and low-income developing countries



CCAMTAC

including the new center CCAMTAC serving the Caucasus, Central Asia, and Mongolia

Note: For 2019 Calendar Year; CD = capacity development.

OUTSTANDING CREDIT AND COMMITMENTS

(as of the end of March 2020, in billions of SDRs)¹

GRA FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS			PRGT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS		
	CURRENT PROGRAM SIZE	OUTSTANDING CREDIT ²		CURRENT PROGRAM SIZE	OUTSTANDING CREDIT ²
MEMBERS WITH CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS			MEMBERS WITH CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS		
<i>Stand-by Arrangement</i>			<i>Stand-by Credit Facility</i>		
Argentina	40.71	31.91	Honduras	0.07	0.02
Armenia	0.18	0.12			
Honduras	0.15	0.08	<i>Extended Credit Facility</i>		
			Benin	0.11	0.13
<i>Extended Fund Facility</i>			Burkina Faso	0.11	0.16
Angola	2.67	1.07	Cameroon	0.48	0.43
Barbados	0.21	0.11	Central African Republic	0.08	0.17
Bosnia-Herzegovina	0.44	0.13	Chad	0.22	0.29
Côte d'Ivoire	0.56	0.43	Congo, Republic of	0.32	0.03
Ecuador	3.04	1.21	Côte d'Ivoire	0.28	0.63
Equatorial Guinea	0.21	0.03	Ethiopia	1.20	0.15
Ethiopia	0.90	0.09	Gambia, The	0.04	0.03
Gabon	0.46	0.38	Guinea	0.12	0.24
Georgia	0.21	0.18	Liberia	0.16	0.16
Jordan	0.93	0.41	Malawi	0.11	0.18
Mongolia	0.31	0.16	Mali	0.14	0.25
Pakistan	4.27	4.72	Mauritania	0.12	0.11
Sri Lanka	1.07	0.95	Niger	0.12	0.20
<i>Flexible Credit Line</i>			Sao Tome-Principe	0.01	0.01
Colombia	7.85	–	Sierra Leone	0.12	0.26
Mexico	44.56	–	Somalia	0.25	0.21
<i>Precautionary and Liquidity Line</i>			Togo	0.18	0.16
Morocco	2.15	–			
Total Current Programs	110.9		Total Current Programs	4.3	
o/w: Undrawn Balance³ (A)	73.2		o/w: Undrawn Balance³ (D)	2.3	
Total Outstanding Credit (B)		42.0	Total Outstanding Credit (E)		3.8
MEMBERS WITHOUT CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS			MEMBERS WITHOUT CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS		
Total Outstanding Credit (C)		23.7	Total Outstanding Credit (F)		3.2
o/w: Egypt	–	8.60			
o/w: Ukraine	–	6.49			
o/w: Greece	–	4.55			
TOTAL GRA COMMITMENTS (A)+(B)+(C)		138.9	TOTAL PRGT COMMITMENTS (D)+(E)+(F)		9.3

TOTAL LENDING COMMITMENTS = SDR 148 BILLION

¹Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

²Includes outstanding credit under expired arrangements and outright disbursements.

³Available balance not yet drawn under current arrangements.