

# Recent Developments on eGDDS

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- The IMF Data Standards Initiatives
- The National Summary Data Page
- The OpenData Platform and the IMF SDMX Central
- Next Steps for the implementation of e-GDDS



- The IMF launched the Data Standards Initiatives to enhance member countries' **data transparency** and to promote their development of **sound statistical systems**. The need for data standards was highlighted by the financial crises of the mid-1990's.
- Data dissemination standards enhance the **availability of timely and comprehensive statistics**, which contributes to sound macroeconomic policies and the efficient functioning of financial markets.
- The IMF has taken several important steps to enhance transparency and openness, including **setting voluntary standards** for the dissemination of economic and financial data.

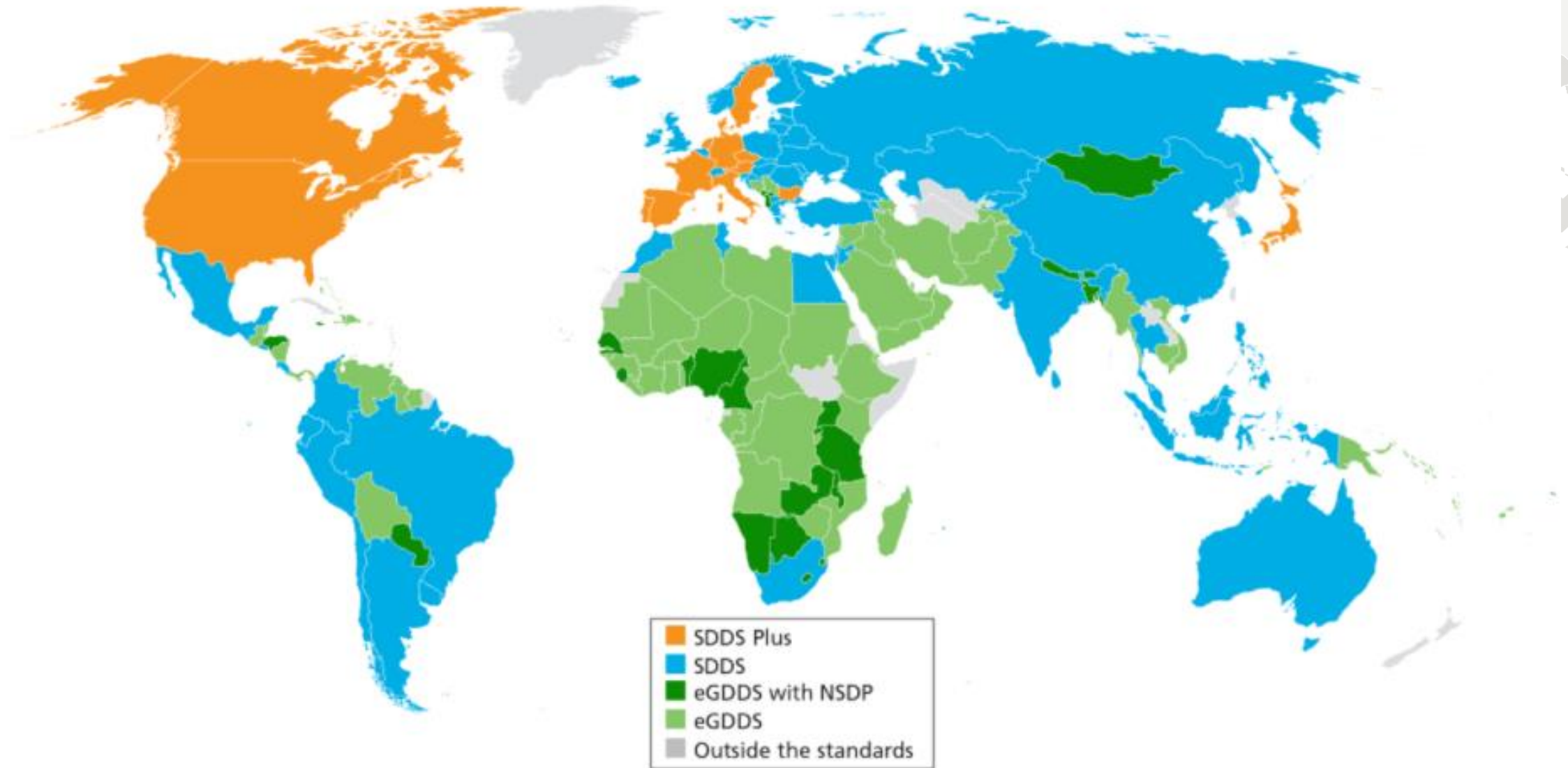
# enhanced-General Data Dissemination System



- On May 1, 2015, the Executive Board discussed the Ninth Review of the **IMF's Data Standards Initiatives**.
- Directors supported staff's proposals for **enhancing the General Data Dissemination System (GDDS)**.
- As a result, the successor, enhanced-General Data Dissemination System (**e-GDDS**), **was established**.
- Effective May 1, 2015, the e-GDDS thus superseded the GDDS.
- The **112 GDDS participants** were moved into the e-GDDS framework's "baseline" by default.



# Participation in IMF Data Standards Initiatives





# What is the National Summary Data Page (NSDP)?



- Part of the IMF's data dissemination standards (SDDS, SDDS Plus, and e-GDDS)
- **Critical element** of the e-GDDS framework
- **Requires** (SDDS, SDDS Plus) **or recommends** (e-GDDS) countries to disseminate a standard set of data
- Countries disseminate data in “**human-readable**” and **machine-readable** (Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX)) format for e-GDDS and SDDS Plus
- IMF considering proposals for requiring SDMX for SDDS dissemination in the future

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### National Summary Data Page (NSDP)

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**Macroeconomic and Financial Data: Encouraged Data**

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**Demographic and Selected Socio-Economic Indicators**

# What is the NSDP? (continued)



- NSDP is a table on a **HTML webpage** with one row for each of the e-GDDS data categories showing:
- Hyperlink to national websites where data for the **data category are available (human readable)**
- **Hyperlink to a SDMX file** for the data category
- Link to metadata for the data category



Electronic Data Interchange

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General Government Operations

Central Government Operations

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Central Government Gross Debt

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Depository Corporations Survey

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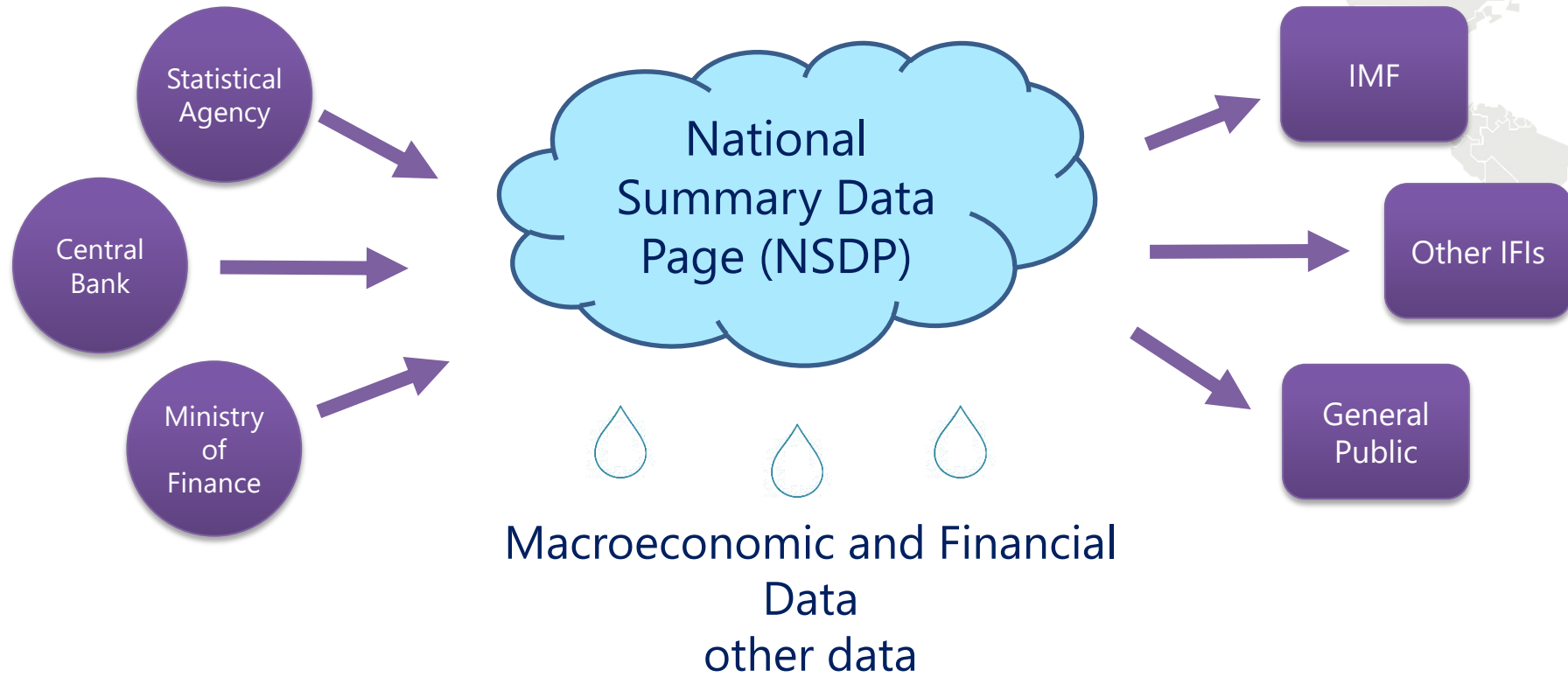


## NSDP:

Provides user friendly access to timely data on key macroeconomic and financial indicators



# e-GDDS: Centralizing National Data



Data sourced from multiple agencies

Single source for data based on SDMX format

Data accessible by multiple users



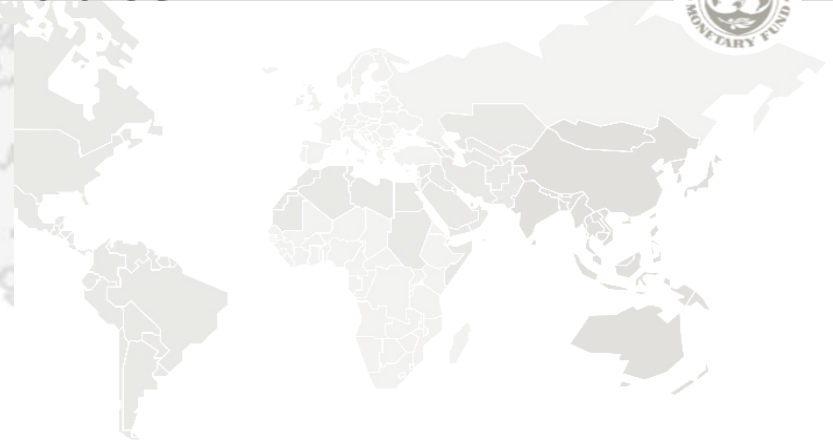
- **Harmonized** data categories
- Ease of **access** for users (NSDP)
- Ease of **publication** (ODP, IMF SDMX Central)
- Disciplined **timely** dissemination (ARC)
- **Monitoring** of dissemination against the ARC
- **Grouping countries** according to dissemination practices
- **Plans for improvement** based on shortcomings identified
- Identification of **capacity development needs**
- Roadmap to meeting higher thresholds, including **SDDS subscription**

# African e-GDDS Countries to date



## With an NSDP

- Benin
- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Swaziland
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia



## NSDP coming soon

- Cote d'Ivoire
- Ghana
- Kenya

# Extent of Data Dissemination on the NSDP



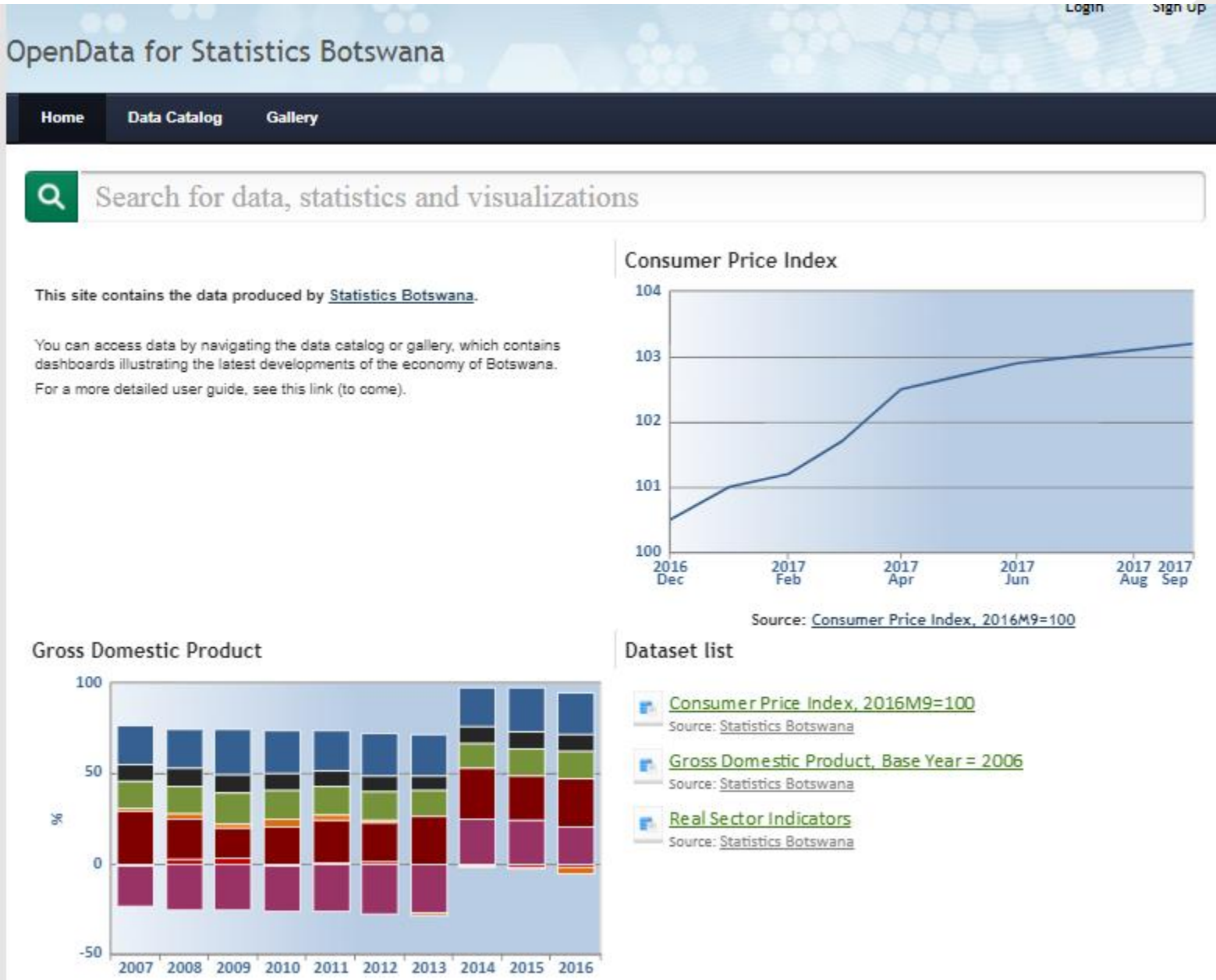
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Botswana	20	2,517	298,353
Benin	17	1,873	229,840
Lesotho	20	2,129	360,976
Malawi	17	1,746	35,962
Nigeria	22	2,181	300,526
Senegal	15	572	15,537
Sierra Leone	13	901	15,668
Namibia	24	2,650	354,245
Swaziland	20	2,527	212,251
Tanzania	23	2,469	193,216
Uganda	22	3,460	324,095
Zambia	20	834	40,479



## eGDDS NSDPs:

About 24,000 time series regularly updated and available in **machine-readable format**

# E-GDDS: Options for Producing the NSDP



- The e-GDDS NSDP requires a **platform to disseminate data in SDMX format**
- The “**OpenData Platform**” (ODP) is made available to African countries by the African Development Bank
- Until recently, no **freely available option** was available to other countries



# IMF SDMX Central: Your Gateway to the e-GDDS NSDP



IMF SDMX Central

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Home

Organisations

Data

Items

Metadata

Structure Maps

Web Service

Export Structures

Activity

Search

## IMF SDMX Central

Version 9.0.74

**Convert or Publish**

Validate, Convert, Tabulate, and Publish data to IMF SDMX Central

**Data Registration**

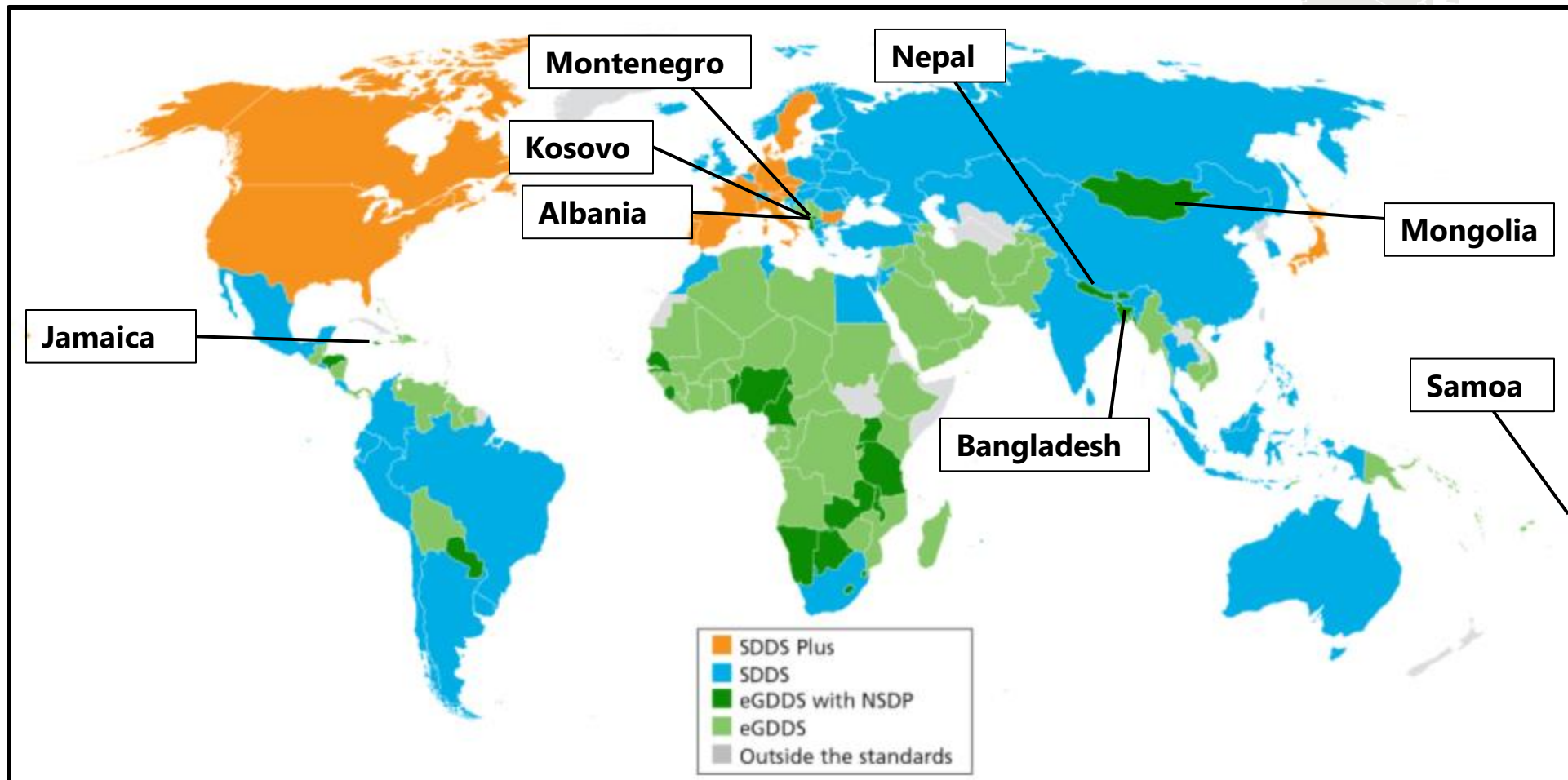
Register the location of your datasets and re-register any dataset changes

**Browse Data**

Browse all data that has been made available to IMF SDMX Central

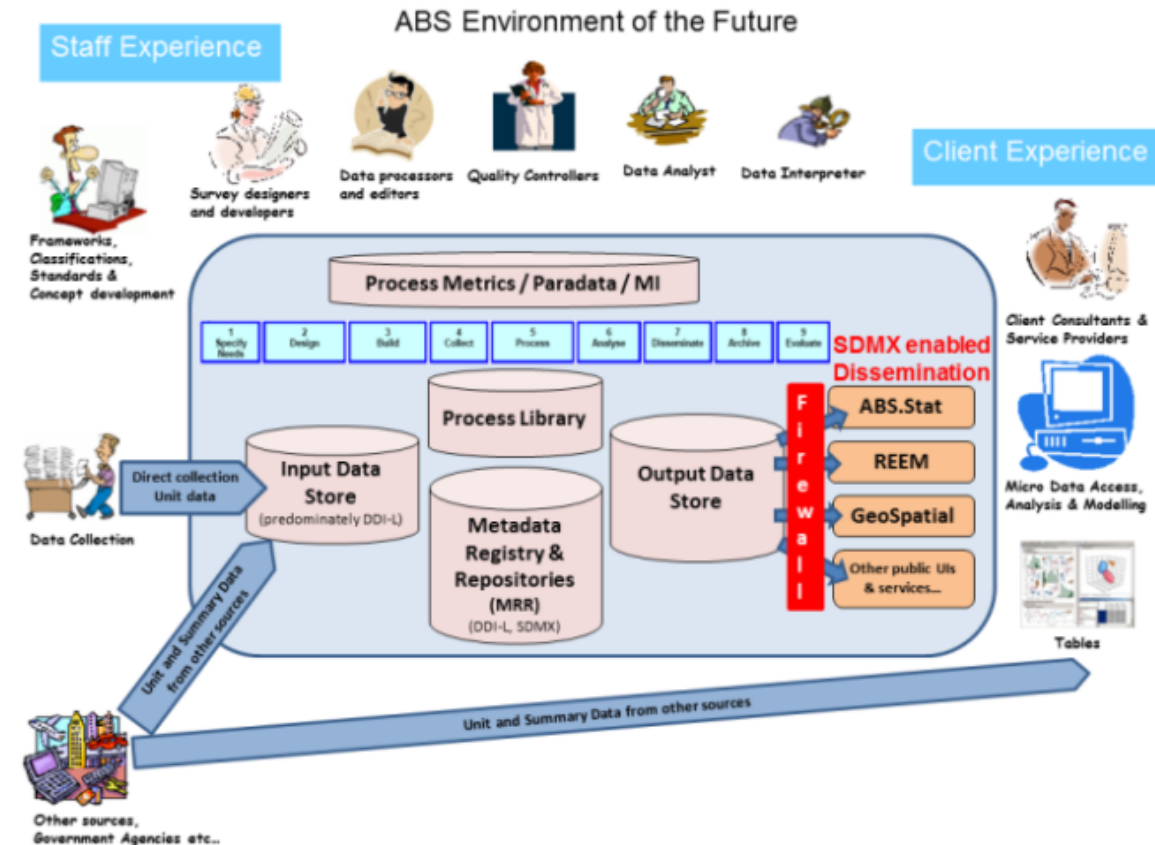
- SDMX Central is an online, cloud based tool provided by the IMF
- Countries can use SDMX Central to convert the e-GDDS Data Templates to an SDMX-ML data file
- Go to <https://sdmxcentral.imf.org/> to access SDMX Central

# NSDP: SDMX Data from SDMX Central

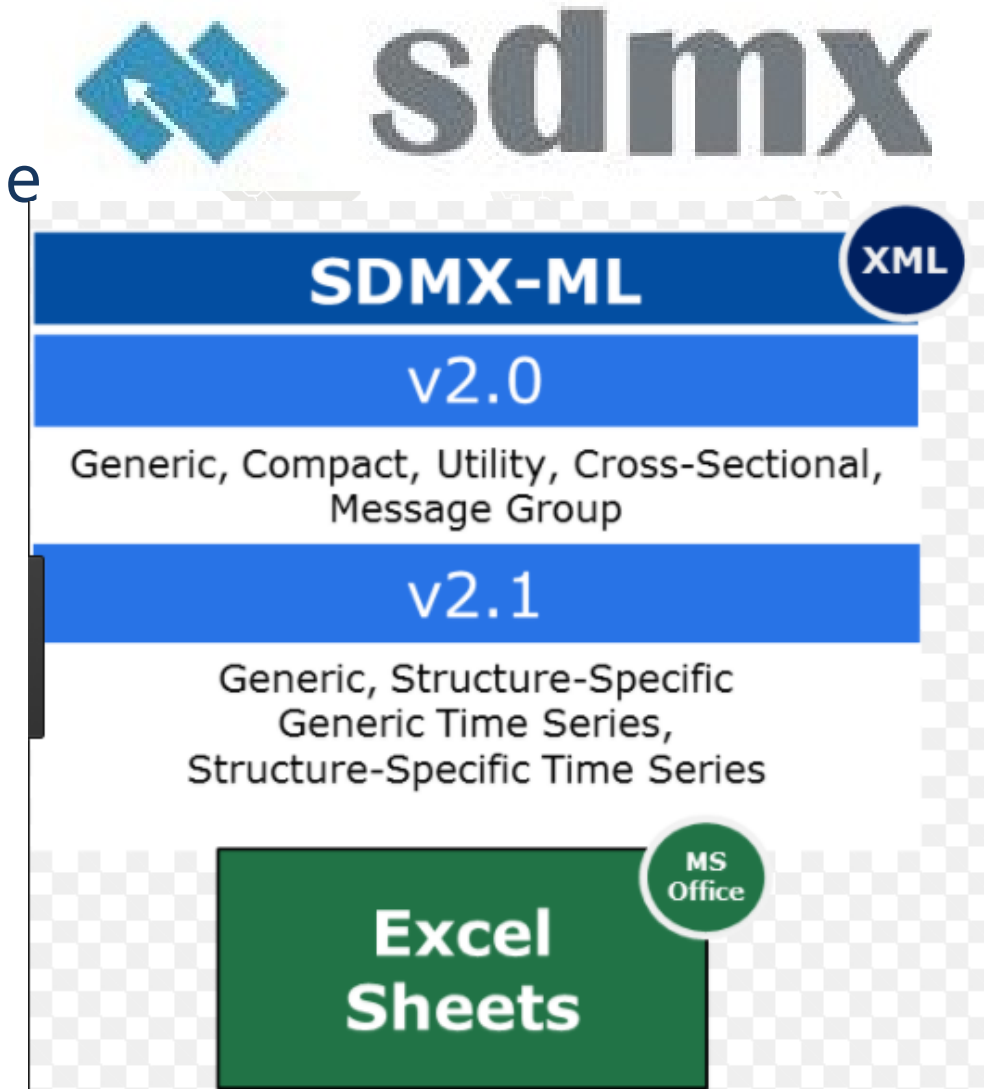


**Pilot countries**  
making use of  
SDMX central  
for the e-GDDS  
NSDP

- For countries **without an existing SDMX infrastructure**, IMF is providing access to a cloud-based tool that **converts Excel or csv files to SDMX**.
- Generate a csv or **Excel file in the required format**. Upload Excel files to the cloud-based tool, which validates the structure and converts to SDMX.
- Uses the IMF's defined dataset structure to **map to country source data (EcoFin DSD)**



- **EcoFin DSD**: Economic and Financial Data Structure Definition used by the IMF for the exchange of statistical data
- **Drives the SDMX** for countries' data dissemination
- Countries participating in **e-GDDS** disseminate data using the EcoFin DSD
- Countries adhering to **SDDS Plus** also disseminate data using the EcoFin DSD



# Converting Excel Data to SDMX



## Conversion:

A simple process using data in Excel following a pre-defined structure

The screenshot shows the IMF SDMX Central web application. The top header includes the IMF logo and the text 'IMF SDMX Central'. A left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Organisations, Data, Dataflows, Data Structures, Provision Agreements, Reporting Constraints, Load Data, Pre-Defined Queries, Browse Data, Items, Metadata, Structure Maps, Web Service, and Export Structures. The 'Data' menu item is highlighted with a red box, and a green callout bubble points to it with the text 'Option 1. Click on Data > Load Data'. The main content area displays the title 'IMF SDMX Central' and 'Version 9.0.28'. Below this, there are three circular icons representing the workflow: 'Convert or Publish' (with a laptop icon), 'Data Registration' (with a globe icon), and 'Browse Data' (with a bar chart icon). Each icon has a descriptive text block underneath it.

IMF SDMX Central

Version 9.0.28

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# Converting Excel Data to SDMX (2)



## 1. Select

- Data Source as **Load from File**
- Data Type as **XLSX**
- Data Structure as **ECOFIN Data Structure Definition (1.0)**

2. Click on **Choose File** to browse for the Excel Data file

3. Click on **Load Data** to submit for validation

A screenshot of the IMF SDMX Central web application interface. The interface has a dark blue header with the IMF logo and the text 'IMF SDMX Central'. On the left is a dark sidebar menu with icons and labels: Home, Organisations, Data (highlighted with a dropdown arrow), Dataflows, Data Structures, Provision Agreements, Reporting Constraints, Load Data, Pre-Defined Queries, Browse Data, Items (with a dropdown arrow), Metadata (with a dropdown arrow), Structure Maps (with a dropdown arrow), Web Service, Export Structures, Excel Reports, and a Search bar at the bottom. The main content area has a light blue background. It contains three sections: 'Data Set Details' with 'Data Source' set to 'Load From File' (dropdown), 'Data Format' set to 'XLSX' (dropdown), and 'Structure Details' with 'Data Structure' set to 'IMF:ECOFIN\_DSD[1.0] - ECOFIN' (dropdown). Below these is a 'Data' section with a 'Data File' label and a 'Choose File' button. At the bottom of the main area is a large orange button labeled 'Load Data'. In the background, there is a faint world map.

# Converting Excel Data to SDMX (3)



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## Dataset Details

Filename:	1SR_Sample.xlsx
File Format	XLSX
Data Structure	IMF.ECOFIN_DSD[1.0] - ECOFIN Data Structure Definition ( <a href="#">change</a> )
Data Flow	Select Dataflow (optional)
Data Provider	Select Provider (optional)
Provision Agreement	Select Provision (optional)
Number of Series	637
Number of Observations	84721
Number of Groups	0

Validation Results

Semantically Compliant	✓
Structurally Compliant	✓
Valid Representation	✓
Valid Constraint	✓
Duplicate Observations	✓
Mandatory Attributes Present	✓

Convert Data Publish Data

data (13).xml

Open  
Always open files of this type  
Show in folder  
Cancel

Save **SDMX File**  
on your network

## Link the SDMX file to your NSDP

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## The NSDP and Data for Surveillance

- Following completion of pilot NSDPs developed using SDMX Central, the IMF Statistics Department is re-examining its implementation strategy for e-GDDS to:
  - Ensure NSDP is the “Go-to” website for country surveillance needs
  - Set procedures to maintain highest timeliness of NSDP data

STA will reach out to Arabstat by year-end 2017 to discuss the e-GDDS strategy using SDMX Central



# Thank You!