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# **Cross-cutting themes**

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# Agenda

- Introduction
- Integrated Framework
- Sector breakdowns
- partner economy
- Special Purpose Entities (SPEs)
- Other cross-cutting issues
- Supplementary items

#### Introduction

- *BPM7* provides flexibility for compilers to provide further information on selected topics for analytic value
- Some recommendations are extensions from BPM6 within the core framework; some extend beyond the core framework
- Guidance on various topics are presented in new chapters and annexes (such as on the informal economy and partner economy attribution) as well as references with the text to supplementary items
- BPM7 encourages compilers to use this guidance to fill important information gaps
- Compilers would choose topics based on their importance within the economy's structure, key policy issues, and data availability



Introduction Crosscutting themes

# **\*\*\*Introduction**

#### Standard Items

- Standard components are items that are fully part of the framework and contribute to the totals and balancing items.
- Memorandum items are part of the standard presentation but are not used in deriving totals and balancing items (example: Interest before FISIM or implicit financial services)

#### Supplementary Items

 Items outside the standard presentation that are compiled depending on circumstances in the particular economy (example: Total remittances and transfers to NIPISHs).



BPM7 will mostly introduce new supplementary items.

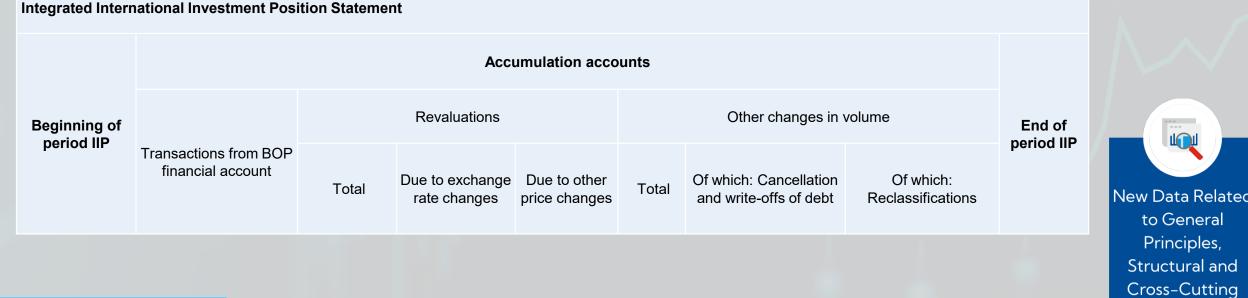
New standard items are highlighted in blue throughout this presentation. Items that are not highlighted are new supplementary items.



Introduction -Standard and supplementary items

# **Integrated Framework**

- The Integrated IIP framework is an important new standard presentation integrating the IIP with the balance of payments
- The integrated IIP shows how the IIP positions at the start of the period plus balance of payments transactions plus revaluations and other changes sum to the closing positions in the period



All standard components (except the two "of which" classifications under other changes in volume)

Issues

# \*\*\*New sector breakdowns in the standard components, supplementary items

- Split nonfinancial corporations, households, and nonprofit institutions serving households into: (two separate standard components)
  - Nonfinancial corporations
  - Households and nonprofit institutions serving households
- Breakdown of other financial corporations into:
  - Money market funds (MMFs)
  - Non-MMF investment funds
  - Insurance corporations
  - Pension funds
  - Other financial intermediaries
    - > Of which central clearing counterparties
  - Captive financial institutions and money lenders, and financial auxiliaries

New Data Related to General Principles, Structural and Cross-Cutting Issues

# **Sectoral breakdown for DI**

- BPM7 de-emphasizes the breakdown by investment relationship (direct investor in direct investment enterprise; direct investment enterprises in direct investor (reverse investment); and between fellow enterprises) in favor of sectoral breakdown
- Aligns DI with other functional categories
- Applies to financial account transactions and IIP

Direct investment standard components Equity and investment fund shares By residential sector Central Bank Deposit-taking corporations, except the central bank General government Other sectors

Other financial corporations Nonfinancial corporations Households and NPISHs

Direct investment memorandum and supplementary items Direct investment (m.) Direct investor in direct investment enterprises (m.) Direct investment enterprises in direct investor (reverse (m.) Between fellow enterprises (s.) if ultimate controlling parent is resident (s.) if ultimate controlling parent is nonresident (s.) if ultimate controlling parent is unknown



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## **Data by partner economy I**

- BPM7 will encourage compilers to enhance analytical value by publishing data by partner economy for specific balance of payments components:
  - Goods (with reference as before other sources such as IMTS)
  - Services
  - Direct investment
  - Remittances
    - > closely related to migration between two economies, and
    - > may often require estimations
- Supplementary data on DI based on the ultimate investing economy (UIE) and the ultimate host economy (UHE) as well as identification of pass-through funds

## **Data by partner economy II**

- BPM7 will elaborate on some cases where data by partner economy may be challenging such as:
  - Goods on consignment and economy of origin
  - Merchanting and other Global manufacturing arrangements where the physical movement of the goods differs from the change of ownership
    - > Adjustments to bring source data that exhibits physical cross border flow of goods to a change of economic ownership basis may also require adjustments to the partner economy
  - Intermediation services and contracting
  - Securities
    - > transactor v debtor for assets held
    - > Securities under reverse transactions (legal versus economic owner)



Cross-cutting issues

# **Other cross cutting issues**

#### Fintech

- Introduce "of which" category for instruments or services classifications where necessary to separate out fintech-related instruments and services.
  - For example, the activities are classified as financial services or insurance services with a further "of which"

#### Crypto

- Record crypto assets without a counterpart liability designed to act as a general medium of exchange (e.g., Bitcoins) in a separate category in the capital account. (new standard component)
- Record crypto assets with a counterpart liability as a financial asset
  - > The functional category would depend on the nature of the underlying claim

# **Special Purpose Entities (SPEs)**

- A separate "of which" identification of SPEs within the institutional sector accounts
- Nationality-based SPE statistics (i.e., organized according to the location of the entity that ultimately controls the SPEs rather than by the residency of the SPEs)
  - Direct investment statistics that look through SPEs to the first operating unit as a first step in presenting data ultimate host economy
- IPP owned by SPEs how they are treated

# **Supplementary presentation of trade and investment income**

- Goods trade by enterprise characteristics (TEC)
- Services trade by enterprise characteristics (STEC)
- Investment income by enterprise characteristics
  - Data linkage with business register
  - These supplementary tables are recommended in the context of globalization. The characteristics recommended are
    - Industry
    - Ownership (domestic/foreign control)
    - Firm size



# **Supplementary presentation of trade**

#### Currency Breakdowns

- Total Goods by the currency of denomination.
- Total Services by the currency of denomination.
  - Domestic / foreign
  - Domestic and SDR basket
  - Domestic, SDR basket and other currencies
  - An unallocated item can also be included to address currency allocation difficulties



supplementary items

# **\*\*\*New supplementary items I**

#### Sustainable Finance

- Geographical and industrial sector breakdowns of direct investment
- Introduce a separate table for the ESG related 'of which' categories of the IIP and BOP as part of Annex 14 of the BPM7
- International cooperation grants to low-income countries
- Aligned with the work by the DGI-3 Recommendation 4 in terms of labelling, taxonomy, classification
- Countries are encouraged to compile data as relevant

New Data Related to General Principles, Structural and Cross-Cutting Issues

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