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Unlocking data transparency: how improved metadata empowers IMF data users.

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Abstract

IMF data faces significant diversity in subject areas and provenance. Data comes from national authorities, the private sector, and non-governmental institutions, often undergoing transformations and estimations to meet dataset or user objectives. Therefore, ensuring comprehensive metadata that captures all data characteristics, provenance, and usage is crucial.

We have explored existing global standards and developed a metadata model applied across IMF datasets. This extensive metadata, in addition to describing the datasets for transparency, facilitates user comprehension with clear names and controlled vocabularies to enhance search functionality. We will discuss the challenges of standardizing metadata across diverse datasets and the governance issues involved in ensuring its maintainability.

****Please note that there are two speakers for this presentation: Denisa Popescu and Charis Liakou (myself)**