



Focal Point Guide

PREFACE

The African Development Bank (AfDB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have collaborated to provide an Open Data Platform (ODP) for African countries and regional organizations. This modern data publishing platform allows National Statistical Offices, Central Banks, Ministries of Finance, and other official agencies to open their data to a range of users. The OpenData Platform for Africa has been made available to African Countries under the statistical capacity building program of the African Development Bank (AfDB).

INTRODUCTION

The ODP Focal Point leads their agency's contribution to ensuring the NSDP meets e-GDDS requirements on an ongoing basis.

AS A FOCAL POINT TO OPEN DATA PLATFORM (ODP) YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO:

- Serve as the IMF's final point of escalation on all ODP issues for your agency.
- Coordinate the management, publication, and dissemination of data across teams and individuals in your agency's ODP.
- Collaborate with your ODP Country Coordinator to establish and maintain the current NSDP and other country level data published through the country's ODP.
- Ensure that all agency level data is disseminated on the agreed schedule.

This document will guide you through different tasks that you, as a Focal Point can perform.

HELP: To help you easily navigate through the ODP site, additional and more detailed help documents with screenshots are available at <http://e-gddshelp.imf.org/>.

MANAGING AND UPDATING NSDP LINKS FOR DATA CATEGORIES YOUR AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR

National Summary Data Page (NSDP) hosted on an ODP provides quick access to your country's economic and financial data consistent with the e-GDDS data categories.

It is arranged in a tabular format with one row for each of the e-GDDS data categories showing:

- Hyperlink to the ODP website or another national website where data for the data category are available (human readable).
- Hyperlink to a SDMX file for the data category.
- Hyperlink to metadata for the data category.

Note: IMF staff has pre-populated the NSDP links for each of the data categories.

As a Focal Point for your agency, whenever the NSDP links need to be updated, you are responsible to provide to the country coordinator the updated links that should appear on the NSDP for the data categories your agency is responsible for.

To obtain the links from ODP, refer to the NSDP User Manual.

Note: Ensure the ODP datasets or the dashboards that are going to be used to disseminate data on the NSDP are made "Public" before sharing the links with the country coordinator.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

ENSURING TIMELY DISSEMINATION OF YOUR AGENCY DATA

IMF staff will be monitoring NSDPs to assess the country's progress against the core data categories taking periodicity and timeliness into consideration. For a country to make progress in transitioning to the SDDS, it is important to disseminate data through NSDP in a timely manner. To achieve this, coordinate between the dataset contributors in your agency to ensure the data is published and disseminated accurately.

MANAGING SECURITY AND PUBLIC ACCESS

In ODP, security can be established through several layers:

- At ODP portal level
- At dataset level
- At dashboard level

As a focal point for your agency, you are responsible to collaborate with the Site administrator and dataset contributors to set up the level of access and security at each layer and to manage the user access to your ODP portal.

Note: To know more about the ODP security and access levels, refer to ODP Administrator and Contributor manuals.

MANAGING ENHANCEMENTS

Enhancement requests to the platform are expected once your agency start using it for your own data dissemination needs. As a Focal point, you serve as a channel through which the agency communicates enhancements, additional requirements, and issues with ODP to the Country Coordinator.