

Data and Research: World Bank External Site

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Scope

- Key Statistics
- Research Products and Programs
- Prospects Products

Course Goals

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Locate Research and Data Information from the World Bank External Site
2. Retrieve data by country from the external site
3. Search and Retrieve Policy Research Reports and Policy Research Working Papers
4. Browse and Retrieve World Development Reports
5. Access and Retrieve World Bank prospects products

Agenda

- Data
- Research
- Prospects
- WDR

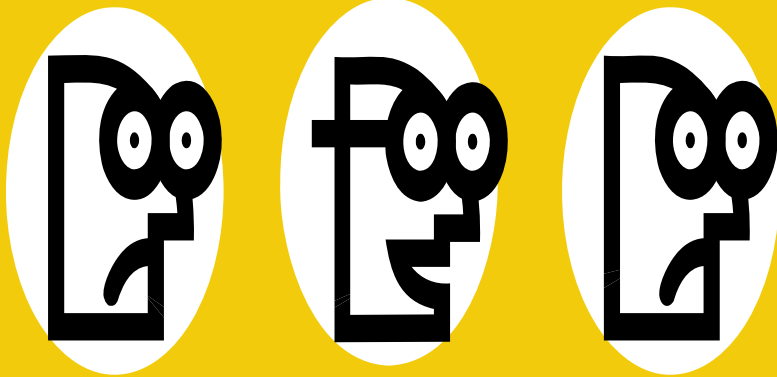
Introduction

Did you know

Data - Key Statistics

- [Data by Country](#)
- [Data by topic](#)
- [Classification of economies](#)
- [Millennium development goals](#)
- [Global monitoring report](#)
- [World Dev't indicators](#)
- [Atlas of MDGs](#)
- [Online databases](#)
- [Feature articles on Data](#)

Exercise 1



It's QUESTION TIME!!

Data – Data Programs

Statistical Capacity Building

- Statistical capacity improvement.
- Provides resources for developing better statistical capacity
- Goal is to advance the national and international monitoring of development policies and goals.

Data – Data Programs

- International Comparison Program (ICP)
 - World’s largest statistical initiative (107 countries).
 - Produces internationally comparable price levels, economic aggregates, and Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) estimates
 - These inform users about the relative sizes of markets, the size and structure of economies, and the relative purchasing power of currencies.
 - An ICP Global Office, housed in the World Bank, manages the global program.
 - National Statistical Offices implement the program on the ground
 - The Global Office works in close collaboration with the OECD/Eurostat’s program for 43 countries,
 - It publishes global data linking ICP and OECD/Eurostat results for 150 benchmark countries.

Data – Data Programs

- [World Bank Quarterly External Debt Statistics](#)
 - Jointly developed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund
 - Brings together detailed external debt data published individually by countries that subscribe to the IMF's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS).
 - Facilitates macroeconomic analysis and cross-country data comparison.
 - Fifty-nine SDDS subscribing countries so far

Data – Data Programs

- [The Joint External Debt Hub \(JEDH\)](#)
 - Jointly developed by the Bank for International Settlements, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the World Bank (WB)
 - Brings together external debt data and selected foreign assets from international creditor/market and national debtor sources.
 - Data are in millions USD, unless otherwise specified.

Research – Research Products

- Contains several documents among them Policy Research Working Papers, & Policy Research Reports
- Documents can be browsed by [Date](#), [Topic](#), [Region/Country](#), or [Type/Series](#)

Research – Research Products

- [Policy Research Working Papers](#)
 - 'Work in progress'
 - Findings encourage exchange of ideas on development
 - Individual papers can be searched by working paper number [syntax – wpsXXXX], Author or Title, or Keyword.
 - E.g. Infrastructure and growth in Egypt/South Africa

Research – Research Products

- Policy Research Reports
 - Results of World Bank research on development policy
 - Contribute to debate on appropriate public policies
 - Summarize research, and provoke further debate concerning the methods used and the conclusions drawn.
 - E.g. Poverty and economic growth

Exercise 2



DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

- **Research Programs**

- Produce working papers, books, reports, journal articles, surveys, datasets
 - Examples of books: Climate Change and Agriculture in Africa: Impact Assessment and Adaptation Strategies, International Migration of Women, Are You Being Served? : New Tools for Measuring Service Delivery
 - Examples of journal publications: Several - [See](#)
- [Researchers/experts](#) - Arranged by Topics/Lead
- [More Comprehensive](#) – Only for journalists

<http://econ.worldbank.org/programs>

DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

- **Simplifying World Bank Research**
 - Featured articles (anybody, multilingual)
 - Research briefs (students, econ background)

<http://econ.worldbank.org/research/features>

<http://econ.worldbank.org/research/briefs>

DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

- **Subscribing to World Bank Research**
 - World Bank Research E-Newsletter (monthly)
 - 33,000 subscribers
 - World Bank Research Digest (quarterly)
 - World Bank Journals (subscription only)
 - RSS feeds

http://econ.worldbank.org/research_newsletter

http://econ.worldbank.org/research_digest

Prospects – Prospects Products

- Global Economic Prospects
- Global Development Finance
- Commodity Price Data
- Prospects for the Global Economy
- Migration & Remittances (Latest Remittances Data)

Global Economic Prospects

- Explores:
 - Fall/Winter
 - short-, medium, and long-term outlook for the global economy and the implications for developing countries and poverty reduction.
 - Focuses each year on the long-term analysis of issues central to development and poverty reduction.
 - Thematic section (e.g. technology, globalization, migration & remittances, etc)

Global Development Finance

- Published in the spring of each year.
- Combines a diagnosis of recent trends and prospects for capital flows to developing countries with an analysis of important policy issues.

Commodity Price Data (Pink Sheet)

- Monthly commodity price data in summary format.
- The Pink Sheet for each month contains data from the previous month.

PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT

- **Prospects for the Global Economy**

- Companion to GEP/GDF
- Interactive: draws on live data
- GDP growth, inflation, commodity prices (briefs and forecasts), etc
- Multilingual: French, Spanish, English

www.worldbank.org/globaloutlook

www.worldbank.org/perspectives

www.worldbank.org/perspectivas

PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT

- **Global Economic Monitor (GEM)**
 - New World Bank online subscription service (Institutions and Individuals).
 - Updated each business day.
 - Provides analysis of current economic trends, economic, financial and commodity data indicators
 - Includes growth and commodity forecasts

WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

- Pre 1998 going back to 1978
- Has synopsis for 1995-2005
- Recent reports from 1999 to date
- Core team members
- Multi-lingual

Migrations and Remittances

Exercise 3

