



Summary: The Twelfth Advisory Committee Meeting of the IMF Capacity Development Office in Thailand

The Twelfth Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the IMF Capacity Development Office in Thailand (CDOT), co-hosted by the Bank of the Lao P.D.R. (BOL), took place in Luang Prabang, Lao P.D.R., on May 28, 2026. The meeting gathered representatives from Cambodia, Lao P.D.R., and Vietnam, as well as development partners and institutions including, the Ministry of Finance of Japan (JMOF), the Bank of Thailand (BOT), the IMF Office for Asia Pacific (OAP), the Singapore Training Institute (STI), and other IMF departments.

The meeting reviewed progress in CDOT's capacity development (CD) activities under the FY26 work program. The discussions underscored the integration of technical assistance and training within a unified CD delivery framework, as well as strengthened collaboration across macroeconomic management, public financial management, treasury management, and monetary and foreign exchange operations. Participants noted that these interconnected workstreams enhance policy coherence and support macro-financial decision-making in uncertain environments. Participants also highlighted sustained demand for CD in macroeconomic frameworks, statistics, and financial sector operations amid heightened global uncertainty, and emphasized the importance of strengthening institutional capacity for effective policymaking.

The thematic session on macro decision-making under uncertainty facilitated peer-to-peer exchanges on macro-fiscal and macro-financial interlinkages. Country authorities shared experiences in strengthening institutional coordination and aligning macroeconomic analysis with fiscal and monetary policy frameworks. The session on data for decision-making highlighted challenges related to data availability, quality, and inter-agency sharing, and emphasized the need to strengthen statistical systems to support evidence-based policymaking. Participants also highlighted the role of core macroeconomic working groups as key platforms for collaboration, data sharing, and reform implementation, reinforcing ownership and coordination across agencies.

Development partners reaffirmed strong support for CDOT, emphasizing sustained engagement, partner coordination, and closer integration of CD with IMF surveillance to maximize impact. In conclusion, the meeting underscored the importance of integrated and well-coordinated CD efforts in strengthening policymaking capacity and supporting macroeconomic stability in member countries.

