

Budapest, “29” July 2024

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the Informal Meeting of Economic and Financial Affairs Ministers and Central Bank Governors. The meeting will be held in Budapest on 13-14 September (Friday and Saturday) in the “Bálna” (Budapest Whale) Convention Centre in Budapest.

The programme will start with a Welcome Reception in the newly inaugurated Ministerial building at 6:00 pm, on Thursday 12 September, where heads of delegation and their partners are kindly invited to participate. This will be followed by:

- working lunch for Ministers of Finance on Friday where *“new financing opportunities in supporting low-income countries in their response to global challenges”* will be discussed in the presence of the Managing Director of IMF.
- Working Session I (Ministers and Governors) on Friday afternoon, which will focus on the issue of *“sustainable financing of green transition”* on the basis of the lectures provided by the *Secretary-General of OECD* and the *CEO of the Hungarian Government Debt Agency*.
- Working Session II (Ministers only) on Saturday morning, which will be devoted to *“the effects of demographic changes on public debt sustainability”* on the basis of the contribution of the Brussels-based think tank, *Bruegel*.

We very much look forward to inviting you and your delegation to a Gala Dinner hosted in the historical building of The Museum of Fine Arts on Friday evening. A cordial invitation to the Friday programme is also extended to your Governor of the Central Bank. I would highly appreciate if you could forward this invitation to the Governor.

Please find attached a preliminary programme and the Practical Information Note (PIN) with all the information regarding the organisational and practical arrangements for the meeting.

Delegations will be limited to Minister + 5 (including security officer) and Governor + 1 delegates. Please note that the registration will be open until 3rd of September 2024.

I also kindly ask you to appoint a designated Delegation Accreditation Officer (DAO). Please send the DAO's contact details (name, e-mail and phone number) by 7th of August to the e-mail address provided in the PIN.

I look forward to welcoming you in Budapest.

Yours sincerely,

Mihály Varga

