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## Webinar on Consumer Price Index Business Continuity

On May 20, METAC delivered a regional webinar on Consumer Price Index (CPI) business continuity to its member countries. The webinar offered guidelines on dealing with issues affecting the routine compilation and dissemination of national statistics as a result of measures put in place to limit the spread of COVID-19. It was also an opportunity for member countries to exchange with IMF staff and among themselves on particular issues affecting the computation of CPI when certain prices are missing. The CPI is a key statistic compiled by most national statistics offices and is usually published on a monthly basis within four weeks of the reference period. Continuous compilation and dissemination of a reliable CPI is of key importance for economic policymaking and decisions by individuals and businesses.