

Brunei Darussalam has launched a National Summary Data Page (NSDP) in implementing the recommendations of the IMF's Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS). The page aims to serve as a one-stop publication vehicle for essential macroeconomic data in both human and machine-readable formats. The ell GDDS was established by the IMF's Executive Board in May 2015 to support improved data transparency, encourage statistical development, and help create synergies between data dissemination and surveillance.

The NSDP is hosted by the Ministry of Finance and Economy on its website, utilizing the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX), and is accessible on the <a href="IMF">IMF's</a><a href="Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board">Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board</a>

. The NSDP contains links to statistics published by official data producers, namely the Ministry of Finance and Economy and the Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam.

Publication of essential macroeconomic data through the NSDP will provide national policy makers and domestic and international stakeholders, including investors and rating agencies, with easy access to information critical for monitoring economic conditions and policies. Making

this information easily accessible in both human and machine-readable formats will allow users to have simultaneous access to timely data and bring greater data transparency.

Louis Marc Ducharme, Chief Statistician and Data Officer, and Director of the IMF's Statistics Department, welcomed this major milestone in the country's statistical development: "I congratulate the authorities for the launch of the NSDP, an important step forward in data dissemination. I am confident that Brunei Darussalam will benefit from using the e-GDDS as a framework for further development of its statistical system."

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