

BPM7 Annex 4. Remittances: Annotated Outline

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(Update to *BPM6* Appendix 5)

Changes from BPM6 highlighted in yellow

- This annex will be mostly maintained as in *BPM6* Appendix 5 with minor updates and will discuss the concept of remittances,² their significance, and how they are recorded in the balance of payments. The annex will present the standard components in the balance of payments framework related to remittances, the supplementary items, and related data series. See the Schematic Overview for details of the sections of this annex.
- Although no significant changes will be introduced, some adjustments will be made to the text, particularly in the opening section, to reflect more prominently the new transmission channels of remittances in view of advances in fintech such as e-money/mobile money (GN F.7 “Impact of Fintech on Macroeconomic Statistics”).

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² The term “Remittances” will be subject to the outcome of the work of the Communications Task Team—GN CM.2 “Terminology and Branding of the Economic Accounting Statistical Standards”.

Schematic Overview³

I	Economic Concept of Remittances and Why They Are Important
II	Concepts of Residence, Valuation and Time of Recording
III	Standard Components in the Balance of Payments Framework Related to Remittances
IV	Supplementary Items Needed for Compilation of Remittances
V	Related Data Series

References

- *BPM6*, Appendix 5: Remittances
- International Transactions in Remittances - Guide for Compilers and Users.
- GN F.7 Impact of Fintech on Macroeconomic Statistics. This guidance note is posted at [Update of the sixth edition of the *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual \(BPM6\)* \(imf.org\)](#).

Key Stakeholders Consulted

- Balance of Payments Task Team
- System of National Accounts Lead Editor
- IMF Statistics Department Financial Institutions Division and Government Finance Division
- Global Consultation of the External Sector Statistics Community

³ Data by Partner Economy (Section F of Appendix 4, *BPM6*) is not included in this Annex. It will be included with some additional guidance in Annex 11 “Data by Partner Economy”.