

**8th Annual Conference on Central Bank Business Surveys and Liaison Programmes -
November 27-29, 2017**

Hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Atlanta, Georgia

Agenda

Monday, November 27, 2017

- 8:30 Registration and networking
a.m. Breakfast buffet
- 9:00 **Opening remarks**
Dave Altig, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- 9:15 **Revisions to the Business Outlook Survey**
Chris D'Souza, Bank of Canada
- 10:00 **Revisions to the Tankan Survey**
Yuutarou Kaidou, Bank of Japan
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **An Overview of Data Collection Efforts, Incorporation of Special Topics, and Refinements**
Rohana Wijesekera, Bank of Sri Lanka
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 **Challenges for African Central Banks**
p.m. *Chadib Mohamed Amine*, Bank of Morocco
Brenda Mwanza, Bank of Zambia
- 1:45 **When and Why Executive Opinion Surveys Could Be Informative for Central Banks**
Piotr Boguszewski, Bank of Poland
- 2:30 Coffee break

- 2:45 **Use of Google Trends Data to Improve Survey Measures of Retail Trade**
Valerie Chauvin, Bank of France
- 3:30 **An Examination of the Use of Qualitative Data to Improve Forecasts of Belgian HICP Inflation**
Raisa Basselier, National Bank of Belgium
- 4:15 Break
- 4:45 Make your way to the bus
- 5:00 Depart for dinner
- 6:00 Dinner (Location: The Rusty Pelican)

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

- 8:30 Arrival and networking
a.m. Breakfast buffet
- 9:00 **An Overview of the Bank of Italy's Business Surveys**
Laura Bartiloro, Bank of Italy
- 9:30 Coffee break
- 9:45 **Novel Methods for Calculating Diffusion Indices in the Chicago Fed Survey of Business Conditions**
Thomas Walstrum, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- 10:30 **Unit Nonresponse in the Bank of Canada's Business Outlook Survey**
Sarah Miller, Bank of Canada
- 11:15 **Designing and Conducting Business Surveys**
Dianne Willimack, U.S. Census Bureau
- 12:15 Lunch hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
p.m.

- 1:15 **CTS Special Survey on the Impact of Structural Reforms**
Valerie Jarvis, European Central Bank
- 2:00 Coffee break and tour of the Miami Branch offices
- 2:45 **Panel Discussion: Incorporation of Special Topics into Routine Data Collection**
Moderator: *Karen Gilmore*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Will Holman, Bank of England
David Wakeling, Reserve Bank of Australia
Chad Wilkerson, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
- 3:30 **Interactive Discussion: Collaboration on Global Survey Questions**
Dave Altig, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- 4:30 Make your way to the bus
- 5:00 Depart for dinner
- 6:00 Dinner hosted by Atlanta Fed President, Raphael Bostic, and Miami Dade College President, Aoaquin Martinez
(Location: Tuyo at Miami Dade College)

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

- 8:30 Arrival and networking
a.m. Breakfast buffet
- 9:00 **Digital Transformation in the Service and Implications for Prices**
Lena Suchanek, Bank of Canada
- 9:45 Coffee break
- 10:00 **Liaison Communications Strategy and Program Database**
Adrienne Slack and *Nicholas Parker*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- 10:45 **Outreach to Non-business Groups**
Will Holman, Bank of England

11:30 **Panel Discussion: The Evolution of the Retail Sector, Challenges in Measuring Activity**

Moderator: *Laurel Graefe*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Chris D'Souza, Bank of Canada

Punithaa Kylasapathy, Bank Negara Malaysia

David Wakeling, Reserve Bank of Australia

12:15 Closing remarks

p.m. *Dave Altig*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Adjournment