



**DEADLINE EXTENDED:  
March 13, 2026**

## 4<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC DEBT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

September 10-11, 2026  
Paris - France

# CALL FOR PAPERS

Building on the success of [previous editions](#) (2019 in Paris, 2022 in Rome, and 2024 in Washington, DC), the Public Debt Management Network—a joint initiative of the OECD, the Italian Treasury, and the World Bank—is pleased to announce the call for papers for the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Public Debt Management Conference, to be held in **Paris, France, on September 10-11, 2026**.

The Conference aims to bring together policymakers, practitioners, and researchers to explore the evolving challenges and innovations in sovereign debt management. As global economies navigate a complex landscape of macroeconomic uncertainty, digital transformation, and sustainability imperatives, debt managers are called upon to adapt their strategies, tools, and governance frameworks to ensure resilience and effectiveness.

**The 2026 conference will focus on four thematic areas that reflect among the most pressing issues and emerging trends in public debt management.**

# CONFERENCE THEMES AND TOPICS

## ■ Sovereign Debt Management in an Era of Prolonged Uncertainty

This theme explores how debt managers are adapting to persistent macro-financial volatility and uncertainty.

Topics may include:

- Managing refinancing risks amid persistent uncertainty
- The evolving role of fiscal-monetary coordination for long-term debt sustainability
- Scenario planning and stress testing in sovereign debt frameworks
- Lessons from past episodes of macro-financial volatility for future debt management strategy design

## ■ Liquidity, Market Functioning, and Investor Dynamics

Efficient and resilient sovereign debt markets are critical for funding strategies and financial stability. This theme examines tools to enhance liquidity, shifts in investor behavior, and the role of money markets.

Topics may include:

- Enhancing liquidity in sovereign bond markets: tools, trends, and trade-offs
- Leveraging money markets to support the functioning of government bond markets
- Evolving investor bases: trends among end-investors, institutional shifts, and the implications for debt management strategies
- Managing volatility and fragmentation in global capital markets from the DMO and investors' perspectives

## ■ Digitalization and Innovation in Public Debt Management

Digital technologies are potentially reshaping how sovereign debt is issued, managed, traded and analysed. The theme focuses on the practical applications and risks of digital innovation in debt management.

Topics may include:

- Tokenisation of sovereign bonds and digital issuance platforms, including their role in attracting retail investors
- Targeted applications of artificial intelligence in sovereign debt analytics, forecasting, and operations
- Cybersecurity and resilience strategies for digital public debt infrastructure, including securing issuance platforms and ensuring operational continuity

## ■ Transparency, Legal Frameworks, and Governance

Strong legal and institutional frameworks underpin sound debt management. This theme addresses the evolving landscape of debt transparency, disclosure, and oversight.

Topics may include:

- Legal definitions and disclosure standards for public and SOE debt
- Confidentiality clauses vs. public accountability: striking the right balance
- Strengthening the role of legislatures and audit institutions in debt oversight

While the above topics define the broad contours of the areas of interest, papers in related areas may also be considered.

# SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

**New Submission Deadline: March 13, 2026.** Proposals (in the form of an abstract with preliminary findings and a supporting outline, or a working paper) should be submitted to [PublicDebtConference@worldbank.org](mailto:PublicDebtConference@worldbank.org), along with a short CV. All submissions will be reviewed by the conference's advisory committee.

Paper acceptance notification: by **May 15, 2026**. Paper acceptance will be based on originality, impact, technical soundness, clarity of presentation, and relevance to the conference topics.

Final paper submission deadline: **July 17, 2026**.

Selected papers will be eligible for consideration for publication in a proceedings collection, subject to editorial review, and may be featured in the PDM Network Webinar Series.

We invite original research, policy papers, and practitioner insights that offer analytical depth, practical relevance, and forward-looking perspectives. The program will feature paper presentations in parallel sessions, along with contributions by distinguished keynote speakers.

Please note that there is no registration fee. However, speakers and participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

## ENQUIRIES

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