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Knowledge, Resources, News, and Announcements

Valued All IAFEI Board members, ExCom members & Advisory Committee members:

This is an issue of **IAFEI Weekly Update** for the week of **April 20, 2026**.

My heartfelt thanks go to Conchita (CLM), Piergiorgio (PGV), Oba san, and Nobu (NTA) for their continued support and for consistently recommending various kinds of content to the editorial team.

Please feel free to circulate this Weekly Update within your organization. I am hoping that this Weekly Update may increase the value of IAFEI membership. If you have any suggestions, or recommendations, or would like to participate to provide articles, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continuous support and I would love to hear from you.

Tsutomu Mannari (TMA)
Chairman of IAFEI

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Upcoming Events (Tentative)

Date	Time	Event
April - May		**IAFEI Quarterly #61 Issue**
May. 12 (Tue)	**6PM Hanoi, 7PM Beijing/Manila/Taiwan, 8PM Tokyo, 1PM CET**	**Q2 Ex Com Meeting**
Jun. 5 (Fri)	**2PM Hanoi 3PM Beijing/Manila/Taipei, 4PM Tokyo, 9AM CET**	GLOBAL CFO Round e-Table **Age of Mobility – OECE** (tentative title) Critical Issues for CFOs
End Jul.		**IAFEI Quarterly #62 Issue**
Aug. 3 (Mon)	**6PM Hanoi, 7PM Beijing/Manila/Taiwan, 8PM Tokyo, 1PM CET**	**Q3 Ex Com Meeting**
End Aug.		**Technical Committee Webinar**
Mid Oct.		**IAFEI DAY**
Nov. 10 (Tue)	**6PM Hanoi, 7PM Beijing/Manila/Taiwan, 8PM Tokyo, 12 PM CET**	**Q4 Ex Com Meeting + BOD Meeting**
Dec. 10 (Thu)		**IAFEI Quarterly #63 Issue**

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Chairman's Report

1. Success of the Global CFO Round e-Table

I am delighted to report that the Global CFO Round e-Table held on April 20th was a resounding success, with over 50 participants joining us from across the globe.

First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our distinguished speakers for their insightful contributions. My sincere thanks go to Prof. Piergiorgio Valente, who served as both Moderator and Speaker, and to our speakers, Dr. Ruston Tambunan and Prof. Andrea Borroni. Their expertise and perspectives made the session truly invaluable.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Nobuki Taga, IAFEI Head of Secretariat, for his dedication in organizing and managing the operations to ensure a seamless event.

Lastly, my appreciation goes out to all the attendees. It was your active participation that made this e-Table such a dynamic and engaging forum.

2. Continuous Discussions with FMI from the last Weekly Update

I am also pleased to share a summary of our recent discussions with Mr. Paul Coulombe from FMI. Although FMI suggested a June date for our collaborative webinar, we have decided to move it to July. This ensures there is no conflict with the International Tax Working Group's upcoming webinar in early June. I previously reported on our initial meeting in the last IAFEI Weekly Update, and we look forward to this continued partnership.

（Tsutomu Mannari)

Hello Dr. Manabat and Mr. Mannari,

Thank you again for the productive discussion—there's a lot of exciting momentum across several initiatives, and we truly appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with IAFEI.

I wanted to briefly recap our discussion and confirm next steps:

IAFEI Newsletter / White Paper

We're aligned on developing a thought leadership piece for IAFEI distribution. A technical white paper focused on topics such as AI and financial modeling seems like a strong fit for either the monthly or quarterly newsletter. We'll confirm with Amy shortly given the upcoming deadline.

In terms of scope, we discussed a flexible length with an initial target of ~6–8 pages. We also appreciate that IAFEI is open to distributing this across its full membership without social media restrictions.

As a temporary initiative, we also discussed including a short mention of AFM at the end, along with a member-specific code.

IAFEI & FMI Webinar

We're pleased to move forward with a joint webinar. The proposed one-hour format (chair introduction, speaker introduction, presentation, closing remarks, and Q&A) works well from our side, and we understand IAFEI will host the session.

Given the ~30–45 day lead time for preparation and promotion, early June appears to be a realistic target. We will propose suitable dates and times that accommodate multiple time zones.

We also noted the potential involvement of JUSCPA (for extended US CPA credits), which could add additional value.
We understand typical attendance is around ~200 participants, which is great reach.

JACFO Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce Mr. Hiroshi Yaguchi. We would greatly appreciate an introduction via Mr. Mannari, as there appears to be initial interest following prior discussions.

Additional Updates

We were glad to hear about the positive feedback from Smith Lim at EY Philippines following Dr. Manabat's introduction—always encouraging to hear strong industry validation.

Next Steps

- FMI to confirm proceeding with drafting a white paper (AI & Modeling focus)
- IAFEI to share the upcoming webinar flyer (international tax topic)- thanks!
- Align on and schedule a June webinar date and time.
- Amy to be introduced to JACFO leadership
- Paul to share an FMI overview slide deck/proposal for distribution to the executive committee

Please let us know if we've missed anything or if there are any additional considerations on your end.

We're looking forward to building on this partnership and delivering value to the IAFEI community.

Paul

SELECTED CONTENT & EDITORS' PICKS

01 BUSINESSatOECD | The Update | March 2026 Edition

Cutting Complexity: A Simplification Agenda for Growth, Productivity, and Competitiveness

On 13 February 2026, business leaders from our global business network presented priorities for Cutting Complexity: A Simplification Agenda for Growth, Productivity, and Competitiveness to the OECD's Ambassadors and leadership, including the OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann. The meeting served as the 2026 edition of our Annual Consultation with the OECD Council — a longstanding tradition which delivers business priorities for the OECD's policymaking agenda at the outset of the year. Led by our Chair Rick Johnston, our business network called on the OECD to champion a simplification agenda for growth, productivity, and competitiveness providing key recommendations in three priority areas: Cutting Red Tape: Simplifying the Way of Doing Business; Clearing the Path: Unlocking Innovation and Economic Participation, and Dealing with Distortions: Addressing Government Intervention in Global Markets.

OECD Chemicals Committee: Business at OECD Outlines Future Work Priorities

On 3 February, our Business at OECD Chemicals Committee, led by American Chemistry Council's Jay West, met to prepare for the upcoming OECD's Chemicals and Biotechnology Committee meeting. Members discussed areas of relevance for business engagement. Discussions focused on the evolution of chemical risk assessment, including New Approach Methodologies, non-animal testing, and the integration of computational models into OECD Test Guidelines. Members also exchanged views on nanoplastics, proposals related to hazard classification under the Globally Harmonised System, as well as future work priorities.

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02 EESC European Economic and Social Committee | Opinion | March 18 - 19, 2026

Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation review

At its 604th plenary session, held on 18-19 March 2026, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) adopted an opinion on the "Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation review".

The EESC opinion available in all official EU languages, its key points and other related documents can be consulted via following links :

► **Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation review**

► **Webstory**

Elena CALISTRU

President of the ECO Section

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03 IMF | Spring Meetings Daily Wrap | April 15, 2026

Middle East War Could Lead to a Dozen New IMF Country Programs

The IMF expects to face demand for at least a dozen new country programs as a result of the war in the Middle East and ructions in global energy markets, Kristalina Georgieva said on Wednesday.

The IMF Managing Director told a press briefing that near-term demand for financial support is expected to range between $20 billion and $50 billion. This would comprise new programs in at least a dozen countries, a number of them in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as an expansion of some of the Fund’s existing 39 financing programs, she said.

Georgieva added that the IMF is coordinating with the World Bank, the International Energy Agency and other partners to maximize the combined response to the conflict, which this week led the IMF to downgrade its projection for global growth and warn of deeper cuts if the conflict continues.

“We serve as the firefighter for our member countries, and we are committed to helping them navigate this complex landscape,” Georgieva said.

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04 IMF | Spring Meetings Daily Wrap | April 16, 2026

Middle East War and Energy Shock Puts Policy Coordination to the Test

A panel of international policymakers at the Debate on the Global Economy assessed how best to respond to the global energy shock and resulting inflation—and what policies can help avoid even more pain.

Saudi Finance Minister Mohammad Al-Jadaan provided a reality check. “Anyone who’s counting on a quick recovery will need to recalculate,” he said. Citing damaged oil and gas infrastructure, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Ekniti Nitithanprapas agreed: “I'm quite concerned this will not end soon.”

One key issue is that this shock goes far beyond oil and gas. It affects supply chains for refined products and chemicals from the Gulf region, constraining essential industrial inputs from ethylene glycol to sulfuric acid, noted S&P Global President Martina Cheung.

With the war in the Middle East raising prices, Banque de France Governor Francois Villeroy de Galhau said it’s time to be clear on inflation targeting. “I commit today that we will bring back inflation to 2 percent in the medium term,” he said. “This is a very important cornerstone in the present uncertainty.”

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva agreed that central banks should pledge to protect price stability. On the fiscal side, policymakers should avoid making it worse by turning to policies that increase demand rather than shrink it. Pointing to record attendance at the Spring Meetings, she said “we know we have to engage; we know that finding solutions together is easier than doing it alone.”

Cornell University's Eswar Prasad concurred, warning that countries shouldn't become inward-looking at such a time. "We cannot go it alone," he said. "What we really need is collective action."

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05 OECD | Innovation | April 17, 2026
Social media age restrictions for children: Why they are rising and what comes next

Twenty-five OECD Members and accession candidate economies now have social media age restrictions in force, enacted, or under active consideration, up from just one in 2023. Our blog looks at the latest data to show how fast this legislative wave is moving and where it is converging.

Read the Blog >>>

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06 OECD | Innovation | April 17, 2026
New frontiers in mission-oriented innovation policies

Mission-oriented innovation policies have become an important tool for addressing complex societal challenges. This report draws lessons from a year-long dialogue between policymakers and researchers, exploring how to frame missions, mobilise actors and resources, crowd in private investment and deliver on shared agendas.

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07 OECD | Innovation | April 17, 2026
Technology horizon scanning: Building capacity

This paper examines how horizon scanning can help governments anticipate and respond to emerging and converging technologies. Drawing on over 100 international exercises, it highlights the diversity of practices, from government units to international initiatives, and explores methodological advances including AI-enabled analytics.

Read the Report >>>

(↑ Recommendation by CLM)

08 OECD | Innovation | April 17, 2026
Shipbuilding industry peer reviews

OECD peer reviews of national shipbuilding industries provide a comprehensive analysis of their structure, market trends and national strategies. While identifying structural challenges, they emphasize growth opportunities. Peer reviews of the Japanese, Korean and UK shipbuilding industries have recently been published.

Find Out More >>>

(↑ Recommendation by CLM)

09 OECD | Tax News | April 16, 2026
OECD Secretary-General Tax Report to the G20

Discover the latest updates from the OECD on international taxation to the G20 in the April 2026 OECD Secretary-General Tax Report to G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors.

The first meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors under the United States G20 Presidency is taking place this week in Washington, D.C. The latest OECD Secretary-General Tax Report to the G20 provides an update on international tax co-operation, including the OECD's support to G20 priorities such as the implementation of the BEPS minimum standards, the global minimum tax framework and the Side-by-Side package, and tax transparency.

Read the Report >>>

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