Cooperation between the NSI and Central Bank: the Chilean experience

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The Central Bank of Chile compiles and publishes the main macroeconomic statistics. These include monetary and foreign exchange statistics, balance of payments and national accounts, and other economic and social accounting systems. In order to perform this function, the Bank relies heavily on information provided by the various agencies and departments of the Civil Service Administration, in particular, by the National Statistical Institute (NSI). This paper describes some important achievements regarding data transmission protocols between the NSI and the Bank, joint statistical projects to overcome data gaps and the main challenges in the areas of confidentiality assurance for the exchange of information, and implementation of new international standards for the compilation of economic statistics.

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