

Public Debt Coordination Committee Press Release

The Public Debt Coordination Committee (PDCC), headed by the Manager of Economic Policy Markets of the Central Bank of Uruguay (BCU) and the Director of the Debt Management Unit at the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), gathered on December 18, 2019.

During the meeting, the following agenda was covered:

- **Recent evolution of public securities domestic market, investors' portfolio preferences and potential market operations.** Committee members shared their views on domestic market performance during past months, as well as their perceptions of local investors' preferences and outlook. Within this context, MEF discussed its domestic auction calendar for the first half of 2020. In addition, members assessed a possible joint issuance and exchange operation in the domestic market, aimed at further developing the local currency market (CPI-linked and nominal wage-linked securities) as well as achieving BCU's balance sheet optimization.
- **Sovereign Asset and Liability Management framework based on institutional coordination within public sector entities.** The International Monetary Fund recently assessed the practical implementation of the Sovereign Asset and Liability Management framework in Uruguay. The IMF acknowledged Uruguayan authorities' steady progress in managing exposures in the consolidated public sector balance sheet, anchored in the institutional coordination between MEF, BCU, and financial and non-financial state-owned enterprises. This has bolstered asset and debt management strategies, and facilitated hedging risk exposures as well as financial innovation in the domestic government bond market.

The next meeting of Committee will be held on March, 2020.