

## COORDINATION OF TRADE IN SERVICES STATISTICS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1. In November 2011, the United Nations interagency Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services (TFSITS) agreed that technical assistance activities relating to trade in services statistics should be better coordinated. The WTO Secretariat was asked to act as a focal point with respect to this coordination. The aim of this task is in particular to:

- a. improve transparency of technical assistance activities in the field of trade in services statistics and attempt to avoid overlapping or duplicating projects;
- b. maintain a list of experts available to provide more hands-on and long-term technical assistance or participate in capacity building projects;
- c. review existing material/agendas to analyse and identify possible synergies or improvements in the way technical assistance is provided; and
- d. explore new ways of doing technical assistance through the use of e-learning. A number of developments in this field have taken place at the United Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the WTO Secretariat. These developments are reported in this note.

1.2. This note summarizes the recent advancements in a number of technical assistance projects. It includes information gathered from partner agencies: Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat, Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD), UNCTAD and WTO Secretariat).

### 2 PAST, RECENT AND FORESEEN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY TASK FORCE MEMBERS

2.1. The updated list of activities carried out from 2010 to 2013 and planned by task force members is attached in Annex 1 (the complete list starting in 2004 is available at [http://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/statis\\_e/ongoing\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/ongoing_e.htm)). It shows all technical assistance activities the task force members are aware of.

### 3 ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED WEB PAGE

3.1. As agreed by the Task Force, the WTO Secretariat created a technical assistance page to present the coordination work conducted by the task force in the field of trade in services statistics technical assistance (see [http://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/statis\\_e/ongoing\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/ongoing_e.htm)). It is available in English, French and Spanish and includes a link to the WTO "measuring trade in services" training module, to the home page of the TFSISTS as well as the list of past and foreseen activities. It proposes a contact for further information on technical assistance possibilities in the area of trade in services statistics ([servstatsTA@wto.org](mailto:servstatsTA@wto.org)).

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STATISTICS

### On-going activities and information on trade in services statistics capacity building

The [Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services](#) provides technical assistance to statisticians of statistical offices and central banks as well as other government officials. This addresses the request of the United Nations Statistical Commission that "all relevant international agencies and the United Nations regional commissions, especially members of the Task Force, [...] contribute to the implementation of the [Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010](#)."

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It also echoes the December 2005 WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration, Annex C paragraph 10 that states that WTO, inter alia, should provide targeted technical assistance. "Such assistance should be provided on, inter alia, compiling and analyzing statistical data on trade in services, [and] assessing interests in and gains from services trade....".

All international agencies (Eurostat, IMF, OECD, UNCTAD, UNSD, UNWTO and WTO) which are members of the Task Force organize or participate in technical assistance efforts. Since 2011 the WTO Secretariat was asked by the Task Force to act as a focal point in the coordination of these efforts. The aim is in particular to:

- improve transparency of international and regional organisation's technical assistance activities in the field of trade in services statistics and avoid overlapping or duplicating projects by establishing a transparent strategy for countries implementing the recommendations of the [Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010](#);
- maintain a list of experts available to provide more hands-on and long-term technical assistance or participate in capacity building projects;
- review existing material to analyse and identify possible synergies or improvements in the way technical assistance is provided to producers and users of statistics; and
- explore new ways of doing technical assistance, for example through the use of e-learning.

## 4 WTO TRAINING MODULE ON "MEASURING TRADE IN SERVICES"

4.1. The French and Spanish versions of the WTO Secretariat training module on measuring trade in services were recently added to relevant pages to complement the English version which has been available for almost 10 years (latest edition dates October 2010, [http://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/statis\\_e/services\\_training\\_module\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/services_training_module_e.htm)). It is planned to have the French and Spanish versions of accompanying 80 slides posted in the near future. For more information see:

[http://www.wto.org/french/res\\_f/statis\\_f/services\\_training\\_module\\_f.htm](http://www.wto.org/french/res_f/statis_f/services_training_module_f.htm)

[http://www.wto.org/spanish/res\\_s/statis\\_s/services\\_training\\_module\\_s.htm](http://www.wto.org/spanish/res_s/statis_s/services_training_module_s.htm).

## 5 TRADE IN SERVICES STATISTICS E-LEARNING PROJECT

5.1. UNCTAD and WTO secretariats are conducting the development of a trade in services statistics e-learning project, with the support of the TFSITS. This follows discussions that took place in March 2012 between Eurostat, UNCTAD and WTO Secretariat at UNCTAD headquarters as well as discussions at the New York Task Force meeting in 2012. Some members of the task force proposed to assist, possibly providing either funding or resources (e.g. Eurostat and UNSD). Such a course will not only be beneficial to the "students" but also to all agencies as training providers, in particular to improve the way technical assistance is currently proposed in this field as well as to optimise the resources. For example such an e-learning course could serve as a prerequisite for more targeted face-to-face workshops, seminars, courses etc.

5.2. UNCTAD's e-learning Train For Trade (TFT) platform and learning methodology is used to develop the project (in consultation with WTO e-learning team). This project was launched mid 2013 as part of the overall TFT II programme for Angola. UNCTAD was therefore able to secure funds for a Portuguese version (condition for the Angola project). In the context of a project for the Union économique et monétaire Ouest africaine (UEMOA) countries, UNCTAD was also able

to secure funds for the French version. Given that the original version will be in English, the funds will also cover the English version. The WTO Secretariat investigated the possibility of obtaining funds to eventually complement those needed for the English version, and also possibilities for developing a Spanish version. Finally the International Trade Centre also proposed to provide some financing.

5.3. The forthcoming compiler's guide developed to accompany the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010 edition (MSITS 2010) and the IMF's 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Balance of Payments Manual (BPM6) compilation guide will form the basis for developing the e-learning material. As a starting point the WTO Secretariat will share its material with partner agencies in order to identify what could be used or amended, as well as identify what would need to be further developed to complement this material for an e-learning course.

5.4. It is recognized that to ensure the sustainability of trade in services statistics technical assistance provision this e-learning course needs to be bound into a strategy for capacity building and technical assistance within the inter-agency task force. This will be achieved by reviewing activities conducted and material available, as well as through the development of a "catalogue" of what can be offered in terms of technical assistance to economies.

5.5. UNCTAD and WTO Secretariat had their second meeting in February 2013 for the development of a trade in services statistics e-learning platform. The UNCTAD-WTO Secretariat meeting in February 2013 aimed at initiating the design of a curriculum for such a project. Participants were from the statistics groups of UNCTAD and WTO, as well as UNCTAD staff from the Division on Technology and Logistics Knowledge Sharing (Training and Capacity Development Branch). The purpose of this phase from the TrainForTrade methodology, called Design a Curriculum (DACUM) is to brainstorm on the Statistics of International Trade in Services' subject in order to define the objectives and content of job aids to be developed, to write training objectives, to define target population, to describe what the trainees will be able to do as a result of training and to design tests for each objective and finally to sequence training objectives and group them into training modules to form the curriculum. This is based on existing material provided by the European Union (project Medstat III) and WTO Secretariat. The forthcoming MSITS 2010 compiler's guide and the BPM6 compilation guide will also form the basis for developing the e-learning material.

5.6. The next steps that will be conducted in the coming weeks will consist in finalizing the drafting of outlines of each module, specifying subtasks and the concrete content of each module, defining terms of references and selecting an international consultant responsible for drafting and validating the training package. Once the objectives, outlines etc. will be available these will be circulated to the task force.

## **6 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY COUNTRIES/ECONOMIES ON BILATERAL OR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

6.1. The WTO Secretariat received responses from a survey it launched in October 2012 for developing economies and transition economies. This survey was conducted via WTO's delegates to the Trade in Services Council, as well as delegations of Member and Observer economies. It was prepared in consultation with UNSD and OECD. The aim of this procedure was in particular to gather complementary information to what was asked to OECD members for the preparation of the October 2012 Working Party on Trade in Goods and Services Statistics. The information gathered concerned (past or future) participation to regional workshops, national seminars, bilateral activities on trade in services statistics as well as identifying economies which have benefited of consultancy work.

6.2. 24 responses were received for the WTO Secretariat survey (from 22 Members and Observers, 9 from Asia, 6 from Latin America, 5 from Africa, 2 from Europe). The information provided on specific events was used to amend the list of activities (although a lot of the information had already been accounted for through the information task force members had provided). The results of this survey can be summarised as follows:

- a. 80% of the respondents indicated that they had in recent years benefited from regional/national activities statistical activities in relation to trade in services (many dealing more generally with balance of payments statistics).
- b. 9 countries reported on possible future events, some of which have already taken place since the survey was conducted. This survey also showed that the Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI) secretariat is conducting annual workshops as well as runs a forum to enable the exchange of experiences between statisticians on the compilation of balance of payments (BOP) trade in services statistics and Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS).
- c. Some countries reported on experts from their national offices who had acted as resource persons for various capacity building projects.
- d. Only a handful of countries reported some bilateral activities on trade in services statistics (Latin American countries between them, or South Africa which conducted a study visit to Australia and planning a visit to Malaysia) and balance of payments. This confirms that although it is seen as beneficial, there are limited possibilities to conduct such activities, resources being a major constraint from the perspective of host countries. The Brazilian Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade also reported on the meetings it had in the context of its Sicoserv project.<sup>2</sup> Togo reported on possible exchanges at the level of UEMOA.
- e. Concerning consultancy work, 10 countries reported that they had benefited from this type of activity, many of which were referring to IMF related consultancy work. Not surprisingly the ASEAN economies that participated in the survey reported on the consultancy work conducted in the context of the European Union-ASEAN statistics project, and Malaysia and Mauritius on the work conducted under the auspices of the Commonwealth Secretariat. Costa Rica also reported on the extensive consultancy work it has benefited from IMF consultants. Finally Panama indicated that it would be interest in such work. The WTO Secretariat is investigating this further with the authorities of Panama.

6.3. As indicated above, this report also includes technical assistance related information as provided by respondents of OECD member countries to the coordinated questionnaire on implementation of BPM6/MSITS2010 recommendations. This questionnaire included a question on the engagement of individual economies in regional/bilateral technical assistance activities in relation to BOP or trade in services statistics, in particular with developing economies. Results obtained can be summarized as follows:

- a. Just over half the OECD countries are or have been involved in such activities.
- b. Concerning the regional workshops/seminars some are already covered in the report of activities of international/regional organisations, but activities of an ALADI working group active since 2010 were reported by Chile and Mexico.
- c. 7 countries reported technical assistance activities/exchanges (bilateral or regional events) in the field of trade in services statistics, some of them with a coverage of FATS.<sup>3</sup> 9 reported having more general activities on BOP/BPM6.
- d. Bilateral activities:
  - i. Activities purely on trade in services statistics were reported by a handful of economies: Australia, Hungary and Netherlands for Vietnam; Austria and United Kingdom for Turkey. Estonia reported an activity on statistics on financial

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<sup>2</sup> The Brazilian Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade in particular emphasized that the system will provide more detailed and improved statistics on international trade in services as compared to MSTIS 2010 methodologies.

<sup>3</sup> Although not reported in the questionnaire the WTO Secretariat is also aware of some past activities in the field of trade in services statistics for some additional countries (e.g. New Zealand for Asian region, Spain for Andean Community).

intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) in collaboration with the European Central Bank (ECB) for Serbia.

ii. Broader Balance of Payments Manual 6<sup>th</sup> edition level:

- EU members in neighbouring European countries (e.g. MEDstat countries, Serbia, Ukraine, Russian Federation);
- Portugal provides technical assistance to a number of developing Portuguese speaking countries, i.e. Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde and Mozambique.
- Australia, Japan and Germany reported activities with Asian economies (in particular ASEAN countries, namely Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam)
- France and Italy are engaged in twinning projects with Morocco and Albania respectively.<sup>4</sup>

iii. Resources are identified as an issue for sending national experts to "demanding" countries or for other types of bilateral projects (e.g. hosting a study visit).

iv. A number of seminar/workshops are hosted by some of these countries for the sharing of experiences (mainly within the region); the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported on a presentation it made at IMF headquarters on its BPM6 experience (July 2010).

6.4. Switzerland reported that they wanted some activities targeted towards negotiators to be organized in Geneva. The WTO Secretariat is currently investigating to begin conducting such events early 2014. This will be announced to delegations in due course.

## **7 LIST OF EXPERTS/CONSULTANTS**

7.1. Within the roles of the Secretariat to act as a focal point on trade in services statistics technical assistance activities, it was asked to maintain a list of experts being able to work on the implementation of MSITS recommendations in specific countries or groups of countries. For more information contact [servstatsTA@wto.org](mailto:servstatsTA@wto.org).

## **8 LINK OF TRADE IN SERVICES STATISTICS ACTIVITIES WITH BOP AND FATS/FDI STATISTICS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

8.1. The IMF conducts three types of training activities which are related to trade in services statistics:

- a. IMF Institute/Statistics Department headquarters course on Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Statistics. The duration of this course is 6 weeks and takes place in Washington once a year (only in English). 40 participants per course are admitted, from national agencies in charge of the Balance of Payments/International Investment Position (BOP/IIP) compilation. This course covers the entire BOP/IIP and consequently the services components of these activities represent a relatively small share of the six weeks course. About 1.5 days are dedicated to the presentation of the services account and its compilation, including an overview of MSITS 2010. In addition, participants get to conduct a number of exercises covering the compilation of this account and to present country issues on services compilation over a case study afternoon.
- b. The IMF also conducts annually two week regional courses, which are a condensed version of the headquarter courses (and where services statistics are also covered in a condensed way).
- c. IMF has also conducted ad-hoc regional one-week workshops on trade in services statistics as indicated in the section above and Annex 1.

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<sup>4</sup> Although not reported in this questionnaire, Brazil also informed the task force of a twinning project with Suriname.

8.2. Discussions have also taken place with the OECD and Eurostat on FATS related technical assistance. At the time of discussions no activities had recently taken place or were planned. However it was highlighted that it would be good to coordinate these activities, and that the task force example could be extended to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) statistics. It is envisaged to approach the UNCTAD Investment Department to identify the possible links with the activities that it may be conducting.

8.3. IMF already shared information in this context: Over the last few years, the IMF conducted a number of regional workshops on the Coordinated Direct Investment Survey (CDIS) to discuss both results of the countries' participation to the IMF's survey and to encourage new CDIS reporters; these workshops also included a training component in direct investment from the BOP perspective.

## 9 FUTURE WORK

9.1. E-learning: In order to ensure the sustainability of such a project, UNCTAD and WTO Secretariat would welcome any proposal for collaboration or additional funding proposals to maintain, further develop and expand the number of countries and economies that could benefit from this learning in the future.

9.2. Analyse training material available as well as agendas to identify what could be amended or improved to provide technical assistance on a more sustainable basis. This would also be an opportunity to create a "catalogue" of activities proposed by task force members as well as other agencies in the field of trade in services statistics technical assistance/capacity building.

9.3. Identify possible links with activities on FDI/AMNEs/FATS statistics of UNCTAD.

9.4. The Secretariat will continue investigating possibilities to find and organize the funding of technical assistance related to trade in services statistics on a more sustainable basis.

For more information please contact [servstatsTA@wto.org](mailto:servstatsTA@wto.org).

**ANNEX 1: SUMMARY OF 2010-12 AND PLANNED 2013 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND AWARENESS  
RAISING RELATING TO MSITS 2010**

The full updated list of activities starting in 2004 is provided at [http://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/statis\\_e/ongoing\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/ongoing_e.htm).

<b>Organizer(s)</b>	<b>Resource persons</b>	<b>Location (date)</b>	<b>Title of event</b>	<b>Countries and economies targeted</b>	<b>Focus on compilation</b>
<b>2010</b>					
WTO	WTO	Geneva	Regular participation in WTO Trade Policy Courses; Trade in Services Statistics	Selection of WTO Members and Observers	
World Bank Institute	WTO	Cairo; Egypt (January 2010)	Services Trade Reform and Negotiations in the MENA region (World Bank Institute)	Algeria; Botswana; Egypt; Jordan; Lebanon; Morocco; Nigeria; Tunisia; Turkey; United Arab Emirates; Yemen	
IMF	IMF	Ljubljana; Slovenia (January 2010)	Seminar on Statistics of International Trade in Services	Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Croatia; Estonia; Hungary; Montenegro; Romania; Russian Federation; Serbia; Slovenia; Turkey; Ukraine	<b>X</b>
World Bank Institute	WTO	Vienna; Austria (February 2010)	Services Trade Reform and Negotiations in the South Eastern European/CIS region (World Bank Institute)	Armenia; Azerbaijan Republic of; Belarus; Georgia; Kyrgyz Republic; Russian Federation; Serbia; Tajikistan; Ukraine; Uzbekistan	
Commonwealth and WTO	WTO	Kuala Lumpur; Malaysia (March 2010)	WTO National Seminar on International Trade in Services Statistics	Malaysia	<b>X</b>
Commonwealth Secretariat	Consultant	Kuala Lumpur; Malaysia (March 2010- 2 weeks)	Consultancy	Malaysia	<b>X</b>

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IMF	IMF	Singapore (June 2010)	Seminar on Statistics of International Trade in Services	Afghanistan; Bangladesh; Cambodia; China; Fiji; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran; Lao People's Dem. Rep.; Malaysia; Nepal; Pakistan; Philippines; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Vietnam	<b>X</b>
Funded by European Commission	Consultant	Hanoi; Vietnam (November 2010- 2 weeks)	Consultancy	Vietnam	<b>X</b>
Chinese MOFCOM	WTO; Hong Kong, China (CSD)	Kunming; China (November/December 2010)	5th International Seminar on Trade in Services	China	<b>X</b>
UNSD; Vietnam (GSOV)	UNSD; Eurostat; WTO	Hanoi; Viet Nam (November-December 2010)	Statistics of International Trade in Services: Challenges and Good Practices Workshop for the South-East Asian countries	Cambodia; Lao People's Dem. Rep.; Malaysia; Myanmar; Timor-Leste; Vietnam	<b>X</b>
European Commission/ASEAN	Consultants	ASEAN countries (2010)	Country assessment and plans for trade in services statistics	Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Dem. Rep.; Malaysia; Philippines; Thailand; Vietnam;	
<b>2011</b>					
WTO	WTO	Geneva	Regular participation in WTO Trade Policy Courses; Trade in Services Statistics	Selection of WTO Members and Observers	
ESCWA; World Bank; WTO; GCC; League of Arab States	UN ESCWA; Eurostat; WTO	Muscat; Oman (January 2011)	Regional workshop on International Trade in Services Statistics (Arab countries)	Bahrain, Kingdom of; Comoros; Djibouti; Egypt; Iraq; Jordan; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; Libya; Mauritania; Morocco; Oman; Palestine; Qatar; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic; Tunisia; United Arab Emirates; Yemen	<b>X</b>
Commonwealth; COMESA; Mauritius (RMCE); WTO	COMESA; WTO; IMF; UNWTO	Balacava; Mauritius (January 2011)	COMESA/Commonwealth Secretariat Workshop on Statistics of International Trade in Services	Burundi; Comoros; Congo, Dem. Rep. of; Djibouti; Egypt Eritrea; Kenya; Libya; Madagascar; Malawi; Mauritius; Rwanda; Seychelles; Sudan; Swaziland;	<b>X</b>



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				Uganda; Zambia; Zimbabwe	
IMF/Central American Technical Assistance Center (CAPTAC)	IMF; CAPTAC	Managua; Nicaragua (February 2011)	Seminar on Statistics on International Trade in Services	Costa Rica; Guatemala; El Salvador; Honduras; Panama; Dominican Republic; Nicaragua and Central American Monetary Council	<b>X</b>
AANZFTA	ASEAN; WTO; Australia (ABS); New Zealand (Statistics NZ); UNESCAP	Bangkok; Thailand (March 2011)	AANZFTA Capacity Building Workshop on International Trade in Services Statistics Collection & Management Joint policy and compilers workshop	Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Dem. Rep.; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Vietnam	
European Commission/ASEAN	Consultant	Jakarta (April 2011)	Workshop and second meeting of TF SITS	Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Dem. Rep.; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Vietnam	<b>X</b>
METAC	METAC	Beirut; Lebanon (April 2011)	Workshop on international trade in services	Afghanistan; Algeria; Egypt; Iraq; Jordan; Kuwait; Lebanon; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic	<b>X</b>
IMF; India (RBI)	IMF; WTO	Pune; India (September 2011)	Course on international trade in services statistics (ITS)	Afghanistan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Eritrea; Ethiopia; India; Kenya; Maldives; Nepal; Sri Lanka; South Sudan; Tanzania; Uganda	<b>X</b>
UNSD; China (NBS)	UNSD	Beijing; China (October 2011)	Regional seminar on international trade statistics (goods and services)	China; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Vietnam	<b>X</b>
Eastern African Community; Germany (GIZ)	WTO	Arusha; Tanzania (November 2011)	Trade in services regional expert meeting	Burundi; Kenya; Rwanda; Tanzania; Uganda	
Eurostat	Eurostat	Luxembourg (November 2011)	Technical visit on International Trade in Services statistics	China (MOFCOM)	<b>X</b>

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Eurostat	Eurostat	Luxembourg (November 2011)	Workshop on Balance of Payments and International Trade Statistics (covering services)	Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Croatia; FYR Macedonia; Kosovo; Montenegro; Serbia; Turkey	<b>X</b>
IMF / Central American Technical Assistance Center (CAPTAC)	IMF; CAPTAC	Tegucigalpa; Honduras (November 2011)	Seminar on Statistics on International Trade in Services	Costa Rica; El Salvador; Rep. Dominicana; Nicaragua; Guatemala; Honduras;	<b>X</b>
Eurostat	Eurostat	Luxembourg (December 2011)	Workshop on foreign direct investment and outward foreign affiliates statistics	Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Croatia; FYR Macedonia; Kosovo; Montenegro; Serbia; Turkey	<b>X</b>
European Commission/ASEAN	Consultants	2011	Capacity building and Technical assistance on trade in services statistics for individual countries	Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Dem. Rep.; Malaysia; Philippines; Thailand	<b>X</b>
		Myanmar (January 2011) Brunei Darussalam (May 2011)	Country assessment and plans for trade in services statistics	Myanmar and Brunei Darussalam	
		Hanoi; Vietnam (November 2011)	3 <sup>rd</sup> workshop on SITS data collection (jointly funded by AANZFTA) and 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of the ASEAN TF on SITS	Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Dem. Rep.; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Vietnam	<b>X</b>
<b>2012</b>					
WTO	WTO	Geneva	Regular participation in WTO Advanced Trade Policy Courses; Trade in Services Statistics	Selection of WTO Members and Observers	
WTO/CARICOM	UNESCO; UNSD	Bridgetown; Barbados (March 2012)	Workshop on statistics of international trade in services with a special focus on creative industries	CARICOM countries + observers (Anguilla; Antigua and Barbuda ; Bahamas ; Bermuda; Barbados ; Belize ; Bermuda; Dominica ; Grenada ; Guyana; Haiti ; Jamaica ; Montserrat ; Saint Lucia ; St. Kitts and Nevis; Suriname ; Trinidad and Tobago)	<b>X</b>

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ALADI		Montevideo; Uruguay (May 2012)	Cooperation Program of trade in services statistics; Working Group on Services ALADI	Argentina; Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Brazil; Chile; Colombia; Ecuador; Mexico; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Uruguay; Venezuela, Bolivarian Rep. of	
UNSD/UN ESCWA	WTO; AITRS; Eurostat	Amman; Jordan (June 2012)	Regional seminar on international trade statistics (goods and services)	ESCWA member countries and Arabic speaking African countries	<b>X</b>
IMF / Central American Technical Assistance Center (CAPTAC)	IMF; CAPTAC	San Jose; Costa Rica (August-September; 2012)	Regional Harmonization Project of External Sector Statistics; Bilateral technical assistance on trade in services statistics.	Costa Rica	<b>X</b>
WTO	WTO; Austrian National Bank	Ankara; Turkey (September 2012)	WTO National Seminar on Statistics of International Trade in Services	Turkey	<b>X</b>
UNSD	ECLAC; ALADI; IADB; United States (BEA) Consultant	Bogota; Colombia (December 2012)	Workshop on statistics of international trade in services with special focus on travel and tourism	Argentina; Brazil; Chile; Colombia; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Mexico; Panama; Peru; Trinidad and Tobago; Uruguay; Venezuela, Bolivarian Rep. of	<b>X</b>
SADC	WTO	Johannesburg; South Africa (27 November 2012)	Workshop on Measuring Trade in Services	SADC member countries	
European Commission	Consultant	Pristina; Kosovo (5 December 2012)	Improving reliability and quality of trade in services statistics including foreign affiliates	UNMIK/Kosovo	
WTO	WTO	Havana; Cuba (December 2012)	WTO National Seminar on Statistics of International Trade in Services	Cuba	<b>X</b>
Eurostat/MedStatIII	Consultant	Prague; Czech Republic (December 2012)	Workshop on Statistics on International Trade in Services	Algeria; Egypt; Israel; Jordan; Lebanon; Morocco; Occupied Palestinian Territory; Tunisia	<b>X</b>
European Commission/ASEAN	Consultants	2012	Bilateral technical assistance and training	Cambodia; Lao People's Dem. Rep.; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Vietnam Indonesia and Thailand	<b>X</b>

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European Commission/ASEAN/AANZFTA		(April 2012)	User producer workshop on statistics of international trade in services	Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Vietnam	<b>X</b>
		(November 2012)	Joint statistical training workshop: Implementing the new international standards: MSITS2010 linked to the new BPM6	Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Dem. Rep.; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Vietnam	<b>X</b>
European Commission/ASEAN	Consultant	November 2012	Implementation of a direct reporting collection system at the Bank of Indonesia	Indonesia	<b>X</b>
Banque de France	Consultant	2012	Bilateral	Morocco	<b>X</b>
<b>2013</b>					
WTO	WTO	Geneva	Regular participation in WTO Advanced Trade Policy Courses; Trade in Services Statistics	Selection of WTO Members and Observers	
WTO	WTO; Statistics New Zealand	South Africa (January 2013)	WTO National Seminar on Statistics of International Trade in Services	South Africa (as well as participants from Botswana; Namibia; Lesotho; Swaziland and SACU)	<b>X</b>
Eurostat/MedStatIII	Consultant	Algeria; Israel (first quarter 2013)	Trade in services metadata	Algeria; Israel	<b>X</b>
UNSD/CARICOM	CARICOM Secretariat; ECLAC; WTO; Consultant	Caribbean (May 2013)	Workshop on statistics of international trade in services with special focus on travel and tourism	CARICOM countries	<b>X</b>
APEC/USAID	ITC	Medan, Indonesia (June 2013)	APEC Workshop on Measuring Services Trade: Statistical Capacity Building and Networking	Selected APEC economies	<b>X</b>

<b>Organizer(s)</b>	<b>Resource persons</b>	<b>Location (date)</b>	<b>Title of event</b>	<b>Countries and economies targeted</b>	<b>Focus on compilation</b>
ASEAN/?	tbd	Jakarta (July 2013)	Workshop on Statistics of International Trade in Services	Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Dem. Rep.; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Vietnam	<b>X</b>
CEFTA/European Commission	CEFTA; WTO; ?	tbd (October 2013)	Workshop on Statistics of International Trade in Services	??Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; FYR Macedonia; Moldova; Montenegro; Serbia; UNMIK/Kosovo??	<b>X</b>
APEC/UNSD	Tbd	3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2013	Workshop on Statistics of International Trade in Services	Selected Asian economies	<b>X</b>
WTO	WTO	Uruguay (November 2013)	WTO National Seminar on Statistics of International Trade in Services	Uruguay	<b>X</b>