Measuring Trade in Services
Training Module
Overview

- Characteristics and economic importance of services
  - Importance of services
  - Trade in services

- GATS and modes of supply

- Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services
  - BOP
  - FATS
  - Modes of supply and statistical domains
Services

- Intangible output of a production process

PRODUCTION

PRODUCTS
- GOODS (tangible)
- SERVICES (intangible)

USER’S NEED

- Key role in the economy
  - transport, telecommunications…
  - long term effects - environmental, educational services…

- Services value added = 2/3 Global GDP
Share of Services Value Added in GDP
2008, Selected countries

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Share of Services in Total Employment
1997-2007, Selected countries

Measuring Services Production (1/2)

Statistics on domestic activity

- **Value added** broken down by industry (of which services) within the National Accounts framework

- **Employment in the services sector** within employment statistics (also part of the National Accounts)

- **Information on specific services sectors** from business statistics
Quantitative indicators on specific services

Complementary use of statistics:

- on international payments for telecommunications (source BOP)
- on international telecommunications traffic (source ITU)
Exports of Commercial Services, 1980-2009

Share in total exports (goods and commercial services)

7.9% annual growth

US$3350bn

Source: WTO Secretariat.
Specific Features of Trade in Services

Services represent 20% of total world trade and account for the 2/3 of GDP

Intangible nature
  • Many services require physical proximity of provider and consumer:
    ⇒ services perceived as less easily tradable than goods

Conventional trade statistics do not cover all international trade in services
  • Services delivered by foreign affiliates > conventional international trade in services
# The GATS

Set of rules covering international trade in services

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The GATS Modes of Supply (1/2)

**Mode 1: Cross-border**
- Consumer in Country A
- Service supply across the border
- Consumer in Country B

**Mode 2: Consumption abroad**
- Consumer in Country A
- Service supply abroad
- Consumer in Country B

**Mode 3: Commercial presence**
- Consumer in Country A
- Commercial presence establishment
- Establishment of commercial presence
- $\ldots$
Mode 4: Presence of natural persons

An independent goes to country A

An employee is sent by a company of country B

Intra-corporate transferee

Consumer C

Guidelines and recommendations on the measurement of trade in services

- Balance of Payments statistics
- Foreign Affiliates Statistics

Statistics on the international supply of services by mode (incl. mode 4)
BOP summarises transactions of an economy with the rest of the world

BOP Statistics - Short Presentation (1/2)

- **Current account**
  - Goods
  - Services
  - Income
  - Current transfers
- **Capital & financial account**

- **12 components**
  - Manufacturing services
  - Repair services
  - Transport
  - etc.

- Of interest for GATS purposes but...
• More detail needed than 12 BPM6 services components

MSITS 2010 introduces EBOPS 2010  
(breakdown of BPM6 services)

• Most services delivered under Mode 3 and Mode 4 are not well covered or identified

However, some BOP indicators helpful, e.g.:

Foreign Direct Investment  
Mode 3
FATS Statistics - Short Presentation

Coverage
• Operations of foreign affiliates,
• Particular focus on services

Indicators
• Turnover
• Employment
• Value added
• …

Concepts & definitions
• Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010
• OECD Handbook on Economic Globalisation Indicators
• OECD Benchmark Definition of FDI
• Eurostat recommendations Manual
Correspondence between value of trade by modes of supply and statistical domains

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<td>• <em>Travel</em>: Contains goods and not divided into types of services • Other items: No distinction between modes of supply</td>
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<td><strong>Mode 3:</strong> Commercial presence</td>
<td>• FATS • BOP: <em>Construction</em></td>
<td>• Very few countries produce FATS • <em>Construction</em>: No distinction between <em>Modes 3-4</em></td>
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Statistics on Resident-Non Resident Trade in Services (BOP)

- Principles of recording
  - Transactions and residence
  - Other principles

- The Extended Balance of Payments classification

- Statistics by trading partner

- Allocation of BOP/EBOPS items to modes of supply
Transactions between a country’s residents and rest of the World

• **What is a transaction?**
  - involves a real or financial resource,
  - resource changes ownership.

• **What is a resident of a country?**
  - institutional units (individual, enterprise, association, government unit…)
  - centre of predominant economic interest,
  - economic territory of the country.
What is an International Transaction?

Residents / non-residents

INTERNATIONAL

- Change in ownership of goods
- Provision of services
- Provision of labour
- Provision of capital
- Change in ownership of financial assets
What is a Services Transaction?

International transactions in services

International trade in services

Economy’s BOP

Credit

Exports

Debit

Imports

Economy’s residents
Concept of Residence

Transactors

- Households / individuals
- Enterprises
- Others

Country’s economic territory

- Geographic territory
- Territorial enclaves (e.g. embassies…)

Principal residence

Significant and lasting economic activity

Centre of predominant economic interest

Flexible one-year rule
Valuation and Other Principles of Recording

- **Valuation**: Market prices (price agreed between seller and buyer)
- **Time of recording**: Time at which services are rendered (accrual accounting)
- **Unit of account**: Transactions converted to a common unit of account (national currency, USD)
- **Gross**: Transactions must be recorded on a gross basis
EBOPS 2010

Extended Balance of Payments Services Classification

• What is it?
  • product-based classification,
  • consistent with and more detailed than 12 BPM6 services components,
  • including additional memorandum items.

• How can it be used in the framework of GATS?
  • Manual provides a table of correspondence between EBOPS and GATS list of services W/120.

• In new Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services
EBOPS 2010 Main Components

Commercial services:

1. Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others
2. Repairs and maintenance
3. Transport
4. Travel
5. - 11. Other commercial services
6. Construction
7. Insurance and pension services
8. Financial services
9. Charges for the use of intellectual property
10. Telecommunications, computer and information services
11. Other business services
12. Personal, cultural and recreational services
13. Government goods and services, n.i.e. (not in GATS)
EBOPS 2010 Detailed Components (1/2)

Breakdown of main components

3. Transport

- Sea transport (passenger, freight, other)
- Air transport (passenger, freight, other)
- Other transport (passenger, freight, other)
  - Space, Rail, Road, Pipeline ...
  - Other transport (passenger, freight, other)
- Postal and courier services

4. Travel

- Business travel
  - Expenditure by seasonal and border workers
  - Other
- Personal travel
  - Health-related expenditure
  - Education-related expenditure
  - Other

....etc

...
9. Telecommunications, computer and information services

- Telecommunications services
- Computer services
  - Computer software
    (of which originals)
  - Other computer services
- Information services
  - News agency services
  - Other information services

...etc
EBOPS Supplementary Items and Complementary Groupings

• **Supplementary items**: useful additional information

  *Example*
  - Audiovisual transactions
  - Audiovisual services
  - Audiovisual goods
  - Life
  - Freight insurance
  - Other
  - Gross insurance premiums receivable
  - Gross insurance claims payable

• **Complementary groupings of services (and non-services)**

  *Example*
  - Computer software, Trade-related, Environmental, Cultural transactions;
  - Call-centre services, Tourism, etc.
Balance of Payments Statistics by Trading Partner

• At least for...
  • Services as a whole

• 12 main services components of EBOPS 2010

• Main trading partners

• If possible....
  • More detailed EBOPS 2010 level

• Common geographical basis for all trade in services data
As a first step, Manual proposes a simplified approach:

- Items deemed to be predominantly delivered through one mode

**Mode 1**
- Transportation (except supporting and auxiliary services to carriers in foreign ports),
- Insurance and pension services
- Financial services
- Charges for the use of intellectual property n.i.e.

**Mode 2**
- Manufacturing services
- Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.
- Travel (excluding purchases of goods)
- Supporting and auxiliary services to carriers in foreign ports
Simplified approach (continued):

- Items for which significant elements of 2 modes of supply are involved

- Telecommunications, computer and information services
- Other business services
- Personal, cultural and recreational services

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Foreign Affiliates Statistics

- Principles for recording FATS
  - Enterprises covered
  - Control and chains of control
  - Recording inward FATS and outward FATS

- Economic variables

- Attribution (classification) of FATS variables
  - By country
  - By activity and by services products

- FATS and FDI statistics
Foreign Affiliate Statistics (FATS)

Guidelines for measuring the activity of foreign affiliates

- **What are FATS statistics useful for?**
  - Focus on services→ measuring Mode 3 (commercial pres.)
  - Help understand the phenomenon of globalisation.

- **What do FATS statistics measure?**
  - Indicators that describe the activity of foreign affiliates
  - Inward and outward FATS
  - With a particular focus on services
Firms Covered in FATS

• **Control criteria**

  **Majority-controlled foreign affiliates** (*a single foreign investor owns more than 50% of voting power)*:

  - *Includes* subsidiaries
  - *Excludes* associates

• **Types of producers**

  Affiliates producing goods, services

• **Supplementary firms where relevant** (e.g. multiple controllers)
« Control »: an essential concept

Ultimate Controlling Institutional unit (UCI) (if not foreign-controlled)

Immediate investor for C

Foreign affiliate for A

Foreign affiliate for B and A

Investor A Control Enterprise B Control Enterprise C Control

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Recording of Inward and Outward FATS

Country A
Investor EA (UCI)

Country B
Enterprise EB

Country C
Enterprise EC

Inward FATS
Operations of EB
Operations of EC

Outward FATS
Operations of EB
Operations of EC

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Economic Variables for FATS

Most are drawn from SNA 2008

**Basic FATS variables**
(minimum recommended by MSITS 2010)

- Assets
- Compensation of employees
- Net worth
- Net operating surplus
- Gross fixed capital formation
- Taxes on income
- Research and development expenditures
- Purchases of goods and services

**Additional FATS variables**

- Sales (turnover) and/or output
- Employment
- Value added
- Exports and imports of goods and services
- Number of enterprises

Most are drawn from SNA 2008
Geographical Attribution of Inward FATS

Foreign-controlled affiliates in the compiling country (INWARD FATS)

COMPILING COUNTRY

Operations of foreign-owned affiliate

Described

Inward FATS

Foreign Investor

Immediate investor

Foreign investor

UCI

Operations allocated to the country of

Supplementary information

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Geographical Attribution of Outward FATS

Foreign affiliates of investors of the compiling country (OUTWARD FATS)

COMPILING COUNTRY
- Resident investor
- Outward FATS

Foreign affiliate

Operations of foreign affiliate

Operations allocated to the country of

Control

Described
Classification by Activity and by Product

• FATS variables classified as a first priority on an activity basis
  • Foreign affiliates classified by their primary activity
  • According to ISIC Categories for Foreign Affiliates in services (ICFA Rev.1)

• Long-term priority…
  • FATS variables such as sales, imports and exports should also be broken-down by product according to EBOPS 2010 (at least total goods and total services)

• ICFA can be linked with EBOPS (to a limited extent)
Principles Underpinning FATS

In line with international standards

- SNA 2008 (National Accounts)
- BPM6 (BOP)
- OECD Benchmark Definition of FDI

FATS closely linked with Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Going further than these standards
The FDI Universe

FDI: the direct investor makes an international investment to obtain a lasting interest in an enterprise abroad

Country A
- Direct investor
  - Influence or control (owns >10% voting power or equivalent)
  - between 10 and 50%: influence
  - more than 50%: control
- individuals
- enterprises
- associated groups of individuals/enterprises
- governments...

Country B
- Direct investment enterprise
  - Associate
  - Subsidiary

Fellow enterprises

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The Movement of Natural Persons

- The movement of natural persons in GATS
  - Mode 4 service suppliers
  - Temporary movement
  - Relations to existing classifications

- Statistics for measuring Mode 4
  - BOP statistics
  - FATS statistics
  - Migration statistics
  - Other possible sources
  - Improving Mode 4-related statistics
# The Movement of Natural Persons in GATS

## Relevant framework

- GATS’ main text: mode 4 → **presence** of natural persons
- GATS’ Annex → **movement** of natural persons

## Description of Mode 4 in main text and annex

### Purpose of stay

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Who is covered by Mode 4?

**Contractual service suppliers**
- Self-employed (independent) service suppliers
- Employees of foreign service suppliers

*Intra-corporate transferees and persons directly recruited by the foreign affiliate*

*Services sellers / Persons responsible for setting up commercial presence*

**Areas of uncertainty**
- difference between employment and service contract
- what does constitute a service?
- many commitments currently focus on highly-skilled workers
For which categories should we measure the value of services trade?

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<td>Persons responsible for setting up commercial presence</td>
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Options to assess Mode 4 delivery in surveys

1. Did the service delivery involve physical presence of service provider?

Yes? Then, **how** was most of the service value provided (time/resources)?

- Mostly by fax, email, etc. **Mode 1**
- Natural person at the end (e.g. to supervise) **Mode 4**
- The person’s knowledge was essential to deliver the service

2. Require in services surveys allocation by each GATS mode of supply

3. Require estimated share of services inputs for Mode 4 services trade
For which categories should we measure the number of mode 4 persons?

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**Categories of the UN Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, revision 1:**

- **Non-Migrant categories**
- **Migrant categories**
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<td>- other</td>
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**Entrepreneurs and investors settlement**

| Humanitarian reasons (refugees, etc.) |
| Border workers; Frequent crossers; Nomads |
| Transit not entering economic/legal territory |
| Diplomatic/consular personnel; Military pers. |

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Categories of the UN Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, revision 1:

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Mode 4 and Existing Classifications

UN CPC
- Basis for classifying services as product of economic activity, including services delivered through Mode 4

ISCO-08
- Distinguishes categories of employment: can facilitate linkages statistics/negotiations

UN ISIC
- Industrial classification: relevant if statistics by occupation are not available

ICSE-93
- Status in employment: identifies « independent service providers »
.... Other indicators of interest for analysis ...

- **Mode 3 and Foreign Direct Investment statistics**
  (stocks and flows, important complement to FATS)

- **Other FATS variables**
  (number of service suppliers, employees, value of assets)

- **Sectoral statistical frameworks: tourism, health**

- **Supplementary information from BPM6 linked to the movement of mode 4 persons**

- **Production, quantitative, employment indicators**
Simplified allocation of FATS and EBOPS data to modes of supply (1/2)

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* In territory where affiliate established. If not possible to breakdown by EBOPS 2010 product, by activity using ICFA Rev.1
** Certain degree of uncertainty regarding certain charges
### Simplified allocation of FATS and EBOPS data to modes of supply (2/2)

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#### Telecom., computer, and information services
- Telecommunications services
  - Mode 1
  - Mode 4
- Computer services
  - Mode 2
- Information services
  - Mode 3
  - Mode 4

#### Other business services
- Research and development services
  - Mode 1
- Professional and management consulting services
  - Mode 2
- Technical, trade-related and other business services
  - Architectural, engineering, scientific, other technical services
    - Mode 3
    - Mode 4
- Waste treatment - depollution, agri. and mining services
  - Mode 1
  - Mode 4
- Other business services, n.i.e.

#### Personal, cultural and recreational services
- Government goods and services n.i.e.
  - Government goods n.i.e., Credits and debits
  - Government services n.i.e., Credits
  - Government services n.i.e., Debits
  - Commercial services purchased in host economies
    - Government units in diplomatic and similar enclaves
    - Personnel from home economy and dependants
  - Other commercial serv. n.i.e purchased by government
  - Non-commercial services acquired by government

#### Distribution (wholesale, retail trade) services
- Mode 1
- Mode 4
Data Sources

- Data sources for BOP statistics
  - International Transactions Reporting System (ITRS)
  - Enterprise surveys
  - Combining ITRS and enterprise surveys
  - Other sources

- Data collection systems for FATS
  - Key features for the collection of FATS
  - Examples of country practices

- Data comparability and reliability
  - BOP asymmetries
  - IMF initiatives related to data quality
Main alternatives for the collection of BOP statistics

• International Transaction reporting System (ITRS)
• Enterprise surveys
• A combination of both systems

Possible supplementary sources

• Surveys of travellers and household expenditure surveys
• Official sources and government transactions
• Partner countries and International Organizations
ITRS

**Coverage**
- All services transactions

**Responsibility**
- (generally) the national central bank

**Respondents**
- domestic banks (indirect reporting)
- residents holding accounts abroad or involved in clearing/netting schemes (direct reporting)

**Advantages**
- timely, comprehensive, few respondents

**Limitations**
- transactions proxied by payments, possible misclassifications
Enterprise Surveys

• **Coverage**
  - all service transactions

• **Responsibility**
  - (generally) the national statistical office

• **Respondents**
  - sampled enterprises who are international transactors

• **Requisites**
  - high quality business register
  - appropriate techniques for sample design, preparation of questionnaires, and processing of survey results
ITRS and Enterprise Surveys - Examples

• System mainly based on enterprise surveys, with no use of ITRS
  e.g. United States, United Kingdom

• Systems mainly based on ITRS, (eventually using a limited form of enterprise surveys)
  e.g. Brazil, India, France, Russian Federation

• Systems mainly based on enterprise surveys, using a limited form of ITRS
  e.g. Netherlands

Great benefits to be drawn from co-operation between different institutions
Other Sources for BOP

• **Surveys of travellers**
  • Surveys conducted at borders (e.g. migration surveys)
  • Household expenditure surveys

• **Official sources**
  • Government transactions
  • Statistics as a by-product of official institutions’ activities

• **Other sources**
  • Data from partner countries
  • Data from International Organizations
  • Data from credit card companies, etc.

*Interest of BOP compiler to co-operate with other institutions*
Collection Systems for FATS

Two different populations, requiring different approaches
- Inward: enterprises surveyed directly on their activity (easier to collect)
- Outward: resident parent companies surveyed on the activity of their affiliates abroad

Different systems for collecting FATS statistics
- Surveys collecting FATS data
- Identify FATS in statistics on resident enterprises
  → Only for Inward FATS

Links with FDI in both cases (identification of the FATS population)
Surveys Collecting FATS

Two possibilities

Specific surveys for FATS

Commonly considered preferable because

Add FATS variables to FDI surveys

but...

- Burden on FDI-non-FATS enterprises
- FDI surveys: conducted frequently and require quick turnaround

Information to be collected: key FATS variables at the greatest detailed level of ICFA Rev.1
Existing Statistics on Resident Enterprises

Only for inward FATS

Which sources?

• Existing statistics on resident enterprises (employment, turnover…)

How can FATS statistics be obtained?

• Identify inward FATS population within resident enterprises, and
• Aggregate data collected across the foreign-owned population of resident enterprises
Examples of Country Practices for Collecting FATS

- Inward and outward collected on the basis of FDI surveys
  e.g. United States

- Outward based on FDI surveys, inward on resident enterprise statistics
  e.g. Belgium, United Kingdom

- Only inward collected, based on resident enterprise statistics
  e.g. Hong-Kong, China, Spain

- Inward and outward collected through a separate survey
  e.g. Sweden
BOP Bilateral Asymmetries

Country A

BOP

Credit

Debit

Recorded import

BOP transaction

Country B

BOP

Credit

Debit

Recorded export

Import = Export

Difference

= Bilateral asymmetry
Asymmetries: Types, Causes, Corrections

Different types of asymmetries

• Bilateral (two countries)
• Mutilateral (e.g. intra-EU)
• Global (World): for services, imports > exports

Why?

• misallocations, different recording thresholds, difficult geographical identification...

How can they be corrected?

• « bottom-up » approach: study of causes and reconciliation
• « top-down » approach: mathematical model allocates asymmetries
Data Quality: IMF Initiatives

Two initiatives as worldwide reference for dissemination of statistics and metadata

- **SDDS**
  - standards concerning coverage, periodicity and timeliness of statistical data
  - informs public on data accessibility, integrity and quality
  - Concerns specific countries, which must observe specific standards

- **GDDS**
  - Approach similar to SDDS but less prescriptive
  - Open to all IMF Members
  - guide for countries in provision of comprehensive, timely, accessible and reliable data to the public
  - Emphasis: long-term
Data Availability and Dissemination by International Organizations

- BOP trade in services data
  - BOP/EBOPS
  - International dissemination

- Information available on commercial presence
  - Availability and dissemination of FATS statistics
  - Alternative: FDI data
Availability of BOP/EBOPS Data on Trade in Services

Compilation of trade in services is relatively well established and widespread

- BPM5* standard components widely compiled: the number of countries reporting these data has more than doubled or tripled since 1997 (breakdown of exports)
- Significant progress was made in compiling more detailed items, and in compiling a breakdown by partner country

* Most data are currently available on BPM5 basis. BPM6 data publication by IMF should begin in 2012
International Dissemination of BPM5/EBOPS Statistics (1/2)

Where can I find statistics on trade in services...

... broken-down by type of service?
• Eurostat, OECD, IMF, UNCTAD, UNSD
• these organisations are collecting data on an BPM5/EBOPS basis

... broken-down geographically?
• Eurostat
• OECD
• UNSD
International Dissemination of BOP/EBOPS Statistics (2/2)

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Collection of FATS

Collected by Eurostat and OECD

• Questionnaire to member countries:
  • Inward and outward FATS:
    by activity (37+ categories of ISIC)
    by country of origin/destination of investment

• Dissemination:
  • OECD: *Measuring globalisation: the role of Multinationals in OECD economies* (also in reference database)
  • Eurostat: analysis in the *Statistics in focus series*, and dissemination in its reference database
  • UNCTAD: *World Investment Report*
## Availability of FATS

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Also China for services total inward turnover and India for computer and IT enabled services (outward) and banking services.
FDI Statistics as a complement

State of implementation

• Many countries collect FDI flows, with geographical and activity breakdown (more data for inward than outward)

• Fewer countries collect FDI income flows

Collection and dissemination

• Eurostat and OECD: FDI inward and outward stock, flows and income (by industry and country)

• IMF: FDI positions, flows and income, no industry and partner breakdown

• UNCTAD
Current State and Prospects

- Implementation: phased approach of MSITS 2010
  - 4 core recommendations
  - 5 other recommended elements

- Recent progress and short-term plans

- Prospects for trade in services statistics
  - Areas for improvement
  - Future work
MSITS’ Phased Approach to Implementation

4 core elements

1. Implement BPM6 recommendations for trade in services

2. Compile BOP services according to EBOPS 2010, starting with items of major economic importance to the country, including partner breakdown (at total level and then by sector)

3. Compile FDI by ISIC categories of activity, and by partner

4. Compile basic FATS variables broken down by ICFA categories of activity, and by partner
MSITS’ Phased Approach to Implementation

5 other elements (long-term)

- Full implementation of EBOPS 2010
- Compile FATS further detail
- Split BOP trade in services among trade between related parties / trade with unrelated parties
- Allocate transactions by mode of supply
- Compile statistics on the presence of natural persons
Recent Progress (1/3)

• Dramatic improvement of quality and quantity of statistics on resident/non-resident trade in services
  • for BPM5 main items, but also for more detailed items
    a multi-country set of statistics available for major services categories
  • for EBOPS for many items (70-80 reporters)

• FATS are increasingly compiled by OECD and also some non-OECD countries
Recent progress (2/3)

• Eurostat: 2 regulations
  • on the compilation of FATS
  • on BOP statistics, embodying EBOPS

  FATS and EBOPS have become binding in EU member states

• IMF collect data according to EBOPS from 2003
  on a voluntary basis

• OECD:
  Expand the collection of BOP trade in services by partner country in addition to EBOPS request

• UNSD: dissemination of EBOPS trade in services by partner country for OECD and non-OECD countries
Recent progress (3/3)

• Regional and country workshops, e.g.:
  • South-Eastern European countries
  • UN ESCWA
  • UN ECLAC
  • CIS
  • APEC
  • South-East Asia
  • World Bank workshop for emerging and middle income economies
  • Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Pakistan, Zambia

• Joint projects, e.g.:
  • Caribbean Community/USAID
  • Andean Community/EU
Areas Where Improvements are Needed

- **BOP trade in services**
  - Many countries still do not report the full BPM5 detail
  - Lack of reliability
  - Documentation on coverage and deviations from international standards rarely available
  - Partner detail although improving, is still limited

- **FATS**
  - Lack of reliability and comparability
  - Almost no FATS collected outside OECD
  - Confidentiality severely limits data availability
  - Still progress needed to better respond to MSITS 2010

- **Statistics by mode of supply, rarely available, in particular for Mode 4**
Future Work

Interagency Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services

• need for further development of technical assistance in the area of services statistics
• some areas (e.g., manufacturing services, research and development) still require clarifications for appropriate compilation

• prepare compilation guidance

• concentrate on further methodological work
Keys for Improvement of Statistics

- Efforts by **national agencies** in charge of statistics
- Governments’ willingness to allocate **resources to statistics**
- Co-operation between national institutions
- Co-operation between international and regional institutions, and support to national initiatives
- Effective technical assistance
- Compilation guidance