

## Directory of statistical services of international organisations

<b>Brief description of the organisation<sup>1</sup></b>	<p>UNCTAD releases statistics that are relevant for the analysis of international trade, foreign direct investment and commodities, and more explicitly for understanding the economic trends of developing countries over the past decades, particularly in the context of globalization.</p> <p>The statistics are based on existing national and international data sources. In addition, some of the series represent UNCTAD secretariat estimates. Data are presented in a consistent framework and wherever possible in an analytical way so as to facilitate their interpretation. Time series of basic data cover periods as long as available data permit.</p>
<b>Mission<sup>2</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To provide comprehensive statistical data relevant to the analysis of international trade, investment and development, for individual countries and for economic and trade groupings.</li> <li>▪ To present consolidated statistics for describing how developing countries have evolved in the context of globalization.</li> <li>▪ To present data which facilitates research, policy making, and education</li> </ul>
<b>Fields of Activity/ structure</b>	International merchandise trade, International merchandise trade by region, International merchandise trade by product, International merchandise trade indicators, International trade in services, Commodities, International finance, Development indicators
<b>Mandate</b>	The intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD consists basically of the Conference, the Trade and Development Board, three Commissions, and expert meetings. The Conference meets every four years, while the Board has one regular session and two or three executive sessions each year. The Commissions meet once a year, and each Commission convenes a number of expert meetings on specific topics.
<b>Statistical work programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ UNCTAD XII: Mandate - Accra Accord: Contributing to the global development policy debate by highlighting the interlinkages between globalization, trade and development indicators based on reliable and timely statistics</li> </ul>
<b>Number of staff</b>	17
<b>Flagship Publications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics</li> <li>▪ Development and Globalization: Facts and Figures</li> <li>▪ Commodity Price Statistics</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	<p>UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics  <a href="http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=1890&amp;lang=1">http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=1890&amp;lang=1</a>            Development and Globalization Facts and Figures  <a href="http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/gdscsir20071_en.pdf">http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/gdscsir20071_en.pdf</a>            Commodity Price Statistics  <a href="http://stats.unctad.org/CPB/Common/Login/login.aspx">http://stats.unctad.org/CPB/Common/Login/login.aspx</a></p>

<sup>1</sup> Description of the statistics section/department in the organization

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