

Self-assessment questionnaire on SITS compilation practices

PURPOSE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect information from participating countries on practices in the compilation of statistics of international trade in services (SITS). The information obtained from this questionnaire will be used for:

- Assessment of the current status in compilation of service trade statistics in the AU/ECA countries in terms of their scope, coverage, and compliance with relevant international recommendations;
- Identifying challenges and good practices in collection, compilation and dissemination of trade in services statistics in the region;
- Providing inputs for the preparation of the Compilers Guide for MSITS 2010 and future manuals that will assist compilers of trade in services statistics.

The questionnaire is expected to be completed by the institute responsible for the compilation and dissemination of statistics of international trade in services.

DUE DATE:

The United Nations Statistics Division would very much appreciate it if you completed the questionnaire by no later than Monday, 5 May 2014.

The questionnaire is expected to take 15-20 minutes to complete.

Your response is highly appreciated and we thank you very much for your time and effort in completing this questionnaire. If you have any documents describing your country practices in collecting, processing and publishing statistics of international trade in services, including foreign direct investment and foreign affiliates statistics, please e-mail them to our mailbox at tradeserv@un.org.

* 1. Please provide your contact details:

Country:	<input type="text"/>
Name of Institution:	<input type="text"/>
Contact person:	<input type="text"/>
Position:	<input type="text"/>
E-mail:	<input type="text"/>
Fax:	<input type="text"/>

I. The legal and institutional framework

Please note that wherever SITS is mentioned in the questions below, this also includes resident-nonresident trade in services statistics by main EBOPS services components.

***2. Which national agency(ies) are responsible for the collection, processing or dissemination of SITS?**

- Central/national bank
- National statistical office
- Trade ministry
- Not applicable/no collection
- Other agency (please specify):

***3. Which organization is responsible for the official publication of SITS?**

- Central/national bank
- National statistical office
- No publication
- Other agency, please specify:

***4. Which national agency(ies) are responsible for the collection, processing or dissemination of foreign direct investment (FDI) statistics?**

- Central/national bank
- National statistical office
- Not applicable/no collection
- Other agency, please specify:

II. Methodological framework

Please note that wherever SITS is mentioned in the questions below, this also includes resident-nonresident trade in services statistics by main EBOPS services components.

***5. Which methodological framework is used for SITS in your country?**

Please select all that apply:

- Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2002
- Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010
- Balance of Payments Manual, 5th edition (BPM5)
- Balance of Payments Manual, 6th edition (BPM6)
- National methodology, please specify:

III. Data sources and data collection methods

Please note that wherever SITS is mentioned in the questions below, this also includes resident-nonresident trade in services statistics by main EBOPS services components.

A. The international transaction reporting system (ITRS)

***6. Is an ITRS used in your country for the collection of SITS, FATS, and/or FDI? If yes, please specify accordingly (please select all that apply):**

- SITS
- FATS
- FDI
- Not applicable (ITRS not used for these purposes)

B. Surveys of enterprises or establishments

Please note that wherever SITS is mentioned in the questions below, this also includes resident-nonresident trade in services statistics by main EBOPS services components.

***7. Is an enterprise or establishment survey used in your country for the collection of SITS, FATS, and/or FDI? If yes, please specific accordingly (please select all that apply):**

- SITS
- FATS
- FDI
- Not applicable

C. Use of Business Register

Please note that wherever SITS is mentioned in the questions below, this also includes resident-nonresident trade in services statistics by main EBOPS services components.

***8. Is a business register used in your country that defines the population of businesses for SITS/EBOPS, FATS, and/or FDI and that provides the basis for sample surveys? If yes, please specify accordingly (please select all that apply):**

- SITS
- FATS
- FDI
- Not applicable

D. Other data sources

Please note that wherever SITS is mentioned in the questions below, this also includes resident-nonresident trade in services statistics by main EBOPS services components.

9. Does your country use other data sources for compiling SITS?

Please select all that apply:

- Household surveys
- Border surveys
- Partner countries' statistics ("mirror statistics")
- Freight services from merchandise trade statistics
- Insurance services from merchandise trade statistics
- Other data sources - Please specify:

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10. Does your country use other data sources for compiling FDI? Please identify:

E. Data sources by main EBOPS service categories

11. Please specify the data sources for the main service categories in EBOPS in the table below:

a. Transportation	<input type="text"/>
b. Travel	<input type="text"/>
c. Communication services	<input type="text"/>
d. Construction services	<input type="text"/>
e. Insurance services	<input type="text"/>
f. Financial services	<input type="text"/>
g. Computer and information services	<input type="text"/>
h. Royalties and license fees	<input type="text"/>
i. Other business services	<input type="text"/>
j. Personal, cultural and recreational services	<input type="text"/>
k. Government services n.i.e.	<input type="text"/>

IV. Data Dissemination

*** 12. Do you publish SITS:**

- On a regular basis, according to a release calendar
- On an ad-hoc basis
- Not published

*** 13. If you publish residents/non-resident SITS, do you publish them with a breakdown by partner country?**

- Yes, with full breakdown
- Yes, with main partners
- No, published with no breakdown by partner country
- Not applicable/not published

14. Regarding residents/non-resident trade in services statistics, please indicate the number of categories or detail that is disseminated by your office for:

Balance of Payments main service components	<input type="text"/>
Extended Balance of Payment Services (EBOPS)	<input type="text"/>
Supplementary items of EBOPS	<input type="text"/>
Memorandum items of EBOPS	<input type="text"/>

***15. Do you publish FDI statistics:**

- On a regular basis, according to a release calendar
- On an ad-hoc basis
- Not published

***16. Do you disseminate metadata on SITS?**

- No
- Yes – Please briefly describe:

V. Challenges in collecting, processing and disseminating SITS

17. Please list the most important challenges in your work on the collection, compilation, processing and dissemination of SITS:

18. Which problems relating to the collection, compilation, processing, and dissemination of SITS did you solve in the recent years?