

**Report of the
Third Virtual Meeting of the First Draft Chapters of the
Compilers Guide for MSITS 2010**

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1. An Expert Group on the compilation of SITS was created by December 2011 to support the development of the compilers guide. The Expert Group has used the electronic discussion forum as an efficient way to work toward the drafting of the Compilers Guide. There were 3 events
 - 12 – 23 March 2012: It discussed the annotated outline of the Compilers Guide, including the main components of statistical infrastructure, data collection, data processing, quality assurance, and data dissemination
 - 1 – 12 October 2012: The revised annotated outline was thereafter circulated for worldwide consultation in July 2012 and some first draft chapters were prepared as well. The responses received from the worldwide consultation did not call for a substantial restructuring of the guide, but did elicit a lot of good suggestions. These suggestions were discussed by the Expert Group at the virtual meeting. –
2. The results of the outcome of the virtual meeting were presented to the Task Force at its meeting on 25-26 October 2012, who made decisions regarding the issues and questions that were raised in the second virtual meeting. The Task Force also agreed upon a general distribution of work of the various chapters of the guide and decided that the four international organizations will coordinate the drafting and editing process of selected chapters and countries will contribute the text. The Task Force also made further comments and suggestions on the draft chapters submitted, including (1) Institutional arrangements (Chapter 3), (2) ITRS (Chapter 8) and (3) the compilation of FATS (Chapter 15).
3. Eurostat, OECD, UNSD and WTO contacted selected countries to facilitate the first draft of the chapters/subchapters and/or requesting countries to submit their input as examples.

The four organizations were in active contact with the following countries and received materials from:

Eurostat:	Austria; Czech Republic; Estonia; Japan; Portugal; United States
OECD:	Canada; New Zealand; Portugal; Russia
UNSD:	China, Hong Kong; Denmark; ECLAC; India; Italy; Malaysia; Netherlands; Norway; Philippines; Spain; State of Palestine; Turkey
WTO:	New Zealand; China
4. UNSD collected the received materials and grouped them according to the planned structure of the CG and placed on the virtual meeting site in word format. A pdf version of the unedited text was also placed at the virtual meeting site.
5. The third virtual meeting took place between 11 March – 3 April 2013.

In total, 103 posts were submitted to the discussion forum. The distribution of posts by topic is given in the table below.

Discussion Forum Topic	Number of Posts
Introduction and Part I: General Frameworks	10
Part II: Data Collection (4-6)	22
Part II: Data Collection (7-8)	18
Part II: Data Collection (9-10)	9
Part III: Data Compilation (12-14)	17
Part III: Data Compilation (15-17)	14
Part IV: Data Dissemination (18-19)	2
Part V: Cross-Cutting Issues (20-21)	11
Total	103

Summary of the posts placed at the discussion forum

6. Generally speaking, the comments could be classified into the following categories:
 - suggesting the current text needs to be revised or to add text to the existing text
 - suggesting the existing text to be removed
 - suggesting that the existing text be replaced/new text/content added
 - suggesting rearranging the content of the existing text
 - suggesting change/modification of the content of sub-chapters/paragraphs