

Statistics of International Trade in Services (SITS) : Challenges and Good Practices

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Key points:

- **Current situation regards to the data sources, method and dissemination**
- **Recap the recommendation**
- **Summarize on the key challenges and the way forward.**

Recap the recommendation

Key priority areas

1. Legal framework and Institutional arrangement (6)
2. Methodological framework(5)
3. Database development(2)
4. Data sources and method(5)
5. Data distribution and dissemination (2)

Key Challenges

- Enforcement of Statistics Law and the implementation of SD NSS 2010-2020
- Appropriate Budget and HR (include capacity)
- Timeliness and quality issues include the coverage
- The practices and possibilities for the extension of coverage and substantive of Questionnaires
- Coordination and working mechanism
- Classification has been mainly use by the NSO but not widely practices for the sectoral Statisticis
- Existed survey system are not for any wider range of SITS

Sum-up work plan to address SITS gaps and needs

- Gradually Restructure the organization (organization and staff recruitment) in the NSS (vertical and Horizontal Statistics System) include the improvement of Statistics Division /Unit at NTLA in line with the implementation of Statistics Law;
- Staff Training/ Capacity building
- Improve ITRS data collection system, BOL leads the expand the ITRS code to use BPM6 (BPM5 while also consider the improvement toward the BPM6)
- Improve enterprise register, DOS/LSB will lead in updating the enterprise business registration statistics (thru the information ITRS, business registration available within TAX Department MOF, Garment Association, Trade and Industrial association, MIOC, FDI department)
- Expand coverage - expansion enterprises surveys. Study the existed AHS, LECS data sources as to explore the quality of data expenditure abroad. It also to prepare and consider to improve the questionnaire (if needed) in the extend of SITS
- Improve administrative data and study the appropriate adjustment methods
- TWG team work extends and improves working mechanism among TWG's agencies
- Exchange and seeking the TA for the improvement expenditure estimation model, data quality assessment.