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| **Mission** | - To provide comprehensive statistical data relevant to the analysis of international trade, investment and development for individual countries and for economic and trade groupings.  
- To present statistics for describing how developing countries have evolved in the context of globalization.  
- To consolidate all UNCTAD data to facilitate research, policy making and education.  
- The UNCTAD XIII conference of 2012 mandated UNCTAD to continue assisting developing countries to improve their statistical capacity in the area of trade and development. |
| **Fields of Activity/structure** | International merchandise trade, International trade in services, Commodities, International finance, Development indicators, Economic trends, FDI, Information economy, Creative economy, Maritime transport |
| **Mandate** | 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. |
| **Number of staff** | 18 |
| **Flagship Publications/databases** | - *UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics*  
- *Development and Globalization: Facts and Figures*  
- *UNCTADstat* database |
| **Website** | - UNCTAD statistics page  
- UNCTAD consolidated statistical database *UNCTADstat*  
  [http://unctadstat.unctad.org](http://unctadstat.unctad.org)  
- Development and Globalization Facts and Figures  
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