

Towards MSITS 2026

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Guiding principles for MSITS revision

INTEGRATION

Provide an integrated conceptual framework for measuring trade in services

encompassing different statistical frameworks (BOP and FATS) and different dimensions

SHARPENING THE FOCUS

Streamlining

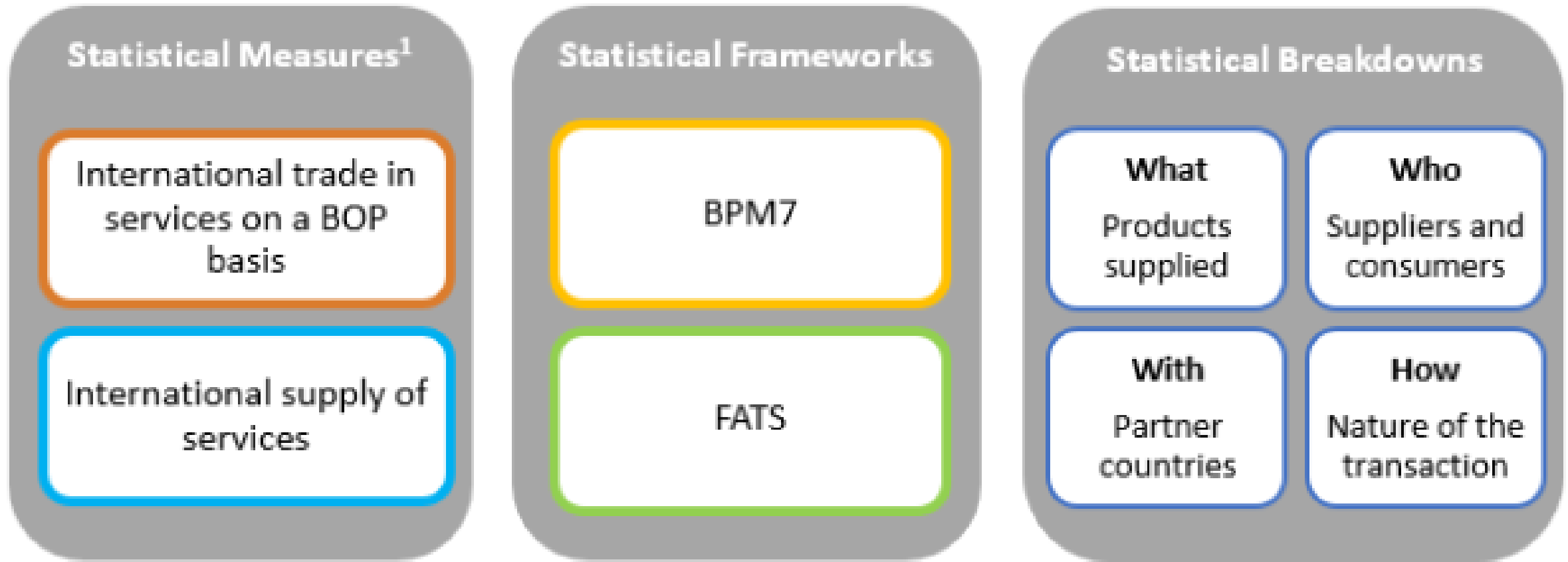
MSITS 2010 contains many parts not relevant for trade in services

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The manual will be

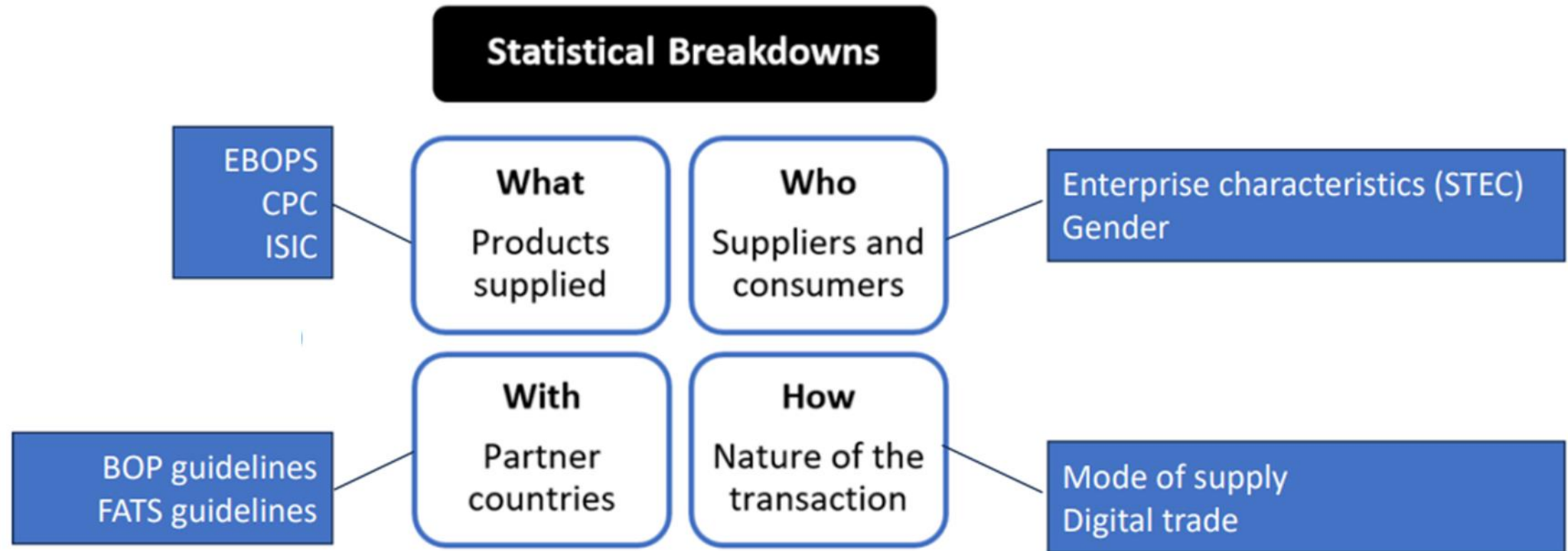
- **Consistent** with BPM7 and SNA 2025
- **Compact:** *'looks at concepts with a compiler's eye'*
- **Modern:** Increased use of visuals when possible
- **Accessible:** to the wider public through clear and simple English language

Integrated conceptual framework for measuring international trade in services



Note: This draft diagram is for internal use only and not intended for external dissemination.

Statistical breakdowns



MSITS 2026 outline

Note: Chapter headings could be revised

Chapter 1: Introduction – to be drafted

Chapter 2: The conceptual framework for measuring international trade in services

- Establishes the scope of MSITS and sets the stage of the entire manual (terminology)
- Contains the framework, measures, and breakdowns
- Drafting status: close to final.

Chapter 3: Statistics on international trade in services on a balance of payments basis

- Updates follow BPM7 services account (ch 11)
- New EBOPS!
- Some sections substantially revamped
- New complementary groupings
- Drafting status: internal review until the end of June, close to final.

Chapter 4: FATS and the international supply of services through commercial presence

- Basic FATS/AMNE concepts kept (in line with SNA 2025)
- Primary interest of MSITS in FATS is to measure service supply through commercial presence
- Recommendations on ICFA dropped
- Drafting status: chapter revamped, drafting progressing well. For internal review in July.

Chapter 5: Statistics on the international supply of services by mode

- Substantially revamped compared with MSITS 2010
- Operationalize the simplified approach, using the Eurostat-WTO model as basis.
- Allocation of shares in BOP to EBOPS 2026
- Compilation guidance.
- Internal review until the end June.

Chapter 6: Statistical breakdowns across different dimensions (new chapter)

- It develops the **measures** and **breakdowns** covered by the conceptual framework
 - What is traded (with additional granularity)
 - With partner countries
 - How trade takes place (digital trade)
 - Who trades (STEC, gender dimension...)
- Drafting status: some sections exist, work in progress.

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Chapter 7: Quantitative indicators on the international supply of services

- New content: guidance on producing volume indices for both measures covered by MSITS
- MSITS 2010 text on additional (quantitative) indicators mostly kept as such
- Drafting status: work in progress

Chapter 8: Data quality and dissemination

- New chapter (not in MSITS 2010)
- Aligns with work in IMTS to the extent possible (and other manuals)
- Drafting status: work in progress, advanced.

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MSITS 2026 Annexes

- Annex 1: Statistical systems and classifications related to trade in services
- Annex 2: EBOPS
- Annex 3: EBOPS -CPC correspondence table
- Annex 4: Understanding Mode 4
- Annex 5: Mapping of FATS sales/output to EBOPS categories
- Annex 6: Clarifying the relationship between MSITS 2026 and the international standards for measuring tourism (UN tourism update)
- Annex 7: Data quality

Next steps towards MSITS 2026

- Chapter leads and chief editors to collect and address comments
- July: MSITS v3 to be shared for second consultation within entire TT
- September: global consultation for MSITS (v4)