Meeting of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services (TFSITS)
23-24 March 2010 (joint meeting with TF on merchandise trade : 25 March 2010)
ESCWA, United Nations House, Beirut

Draft Agenda

Tuesday 23 March 9.30
1. Welcome and Opening
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Approval of the report of the last TF meeting in Paris, 19-20 November 2009 TFSITS (Mar2010)1
5. Revision of concordance annexes to the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS)
   a. Review of the online annexes to MSITS 2010
      i. EBOPS 2010 and CPC version 2 (all)
      ii. EBOPS 2010 and GNS/W120 (WTO) TFSITS (Mar2010)4
      iii. EBOPS 2010 and ICFA (Eurostat/OECD)
      iv. The revision of BEC, its possible extension to services (OECD) TFSITS (Mar2010)6
      v. Analytical annex including follow up of STRI project (OECD) TFSITS (Mar2010)7
   b. Remaining issues and inputs to the Manual
      i. Comparison note between MSITS 2002 and MSITS 2010 (OECD)
      ii. Glossary and list of acronyms (UNCTAD) TFSITS (Mar2010)9
      iii. Index and Bibliography (UNSD)
      iv. Acknowledgements (OECD) TFSITS (Mar2010)11
      v. Foreword (OECD) TFSITS (Mar2010)12

Wednesday 24 March 8.30
6. Regional experience and plans
   a. Experience and plans from ESCWA region
   b. Experience and plans from Central Bank of Lebanon

7. The implementation and compilation guidance process
   a. Organising the work of the expert group – Provisional timetable (UNSD, OECD) TFSITS (Mar2010)15 TFSITS (Mar2010)24
   b. BPM6 Compilation Guidance process (IMF) TFSITS (Mar2010)16

8. Data quality and comparability of databases between IO
   a. Highlighting different types of problems following a predefined taxonomy (WTO) TFSITS (Mar2010)17
   b. Update on SDMX project (OECD)
   c. Data quality and comparability of databases between international organizations (UNSD) TFSITS (Mar2010)22

10. Promoting the MSITS
   a. TFSITS Website and Newsletter (UNSD) *TFSITS (Mar2010)21*
   b. Upcoming seminars and expert groups *TFSITS (Mar2010)23*

11. Any Other Business
   a. Issues to be presented to the Joint Session of the inter-agency Task Forces.

12. Date and location of next TF meeting (OECD Conference Centre, Paris 7-8 October 2010)