UNSD DATABASE REQUIREMENTS

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A Global database on SITS

Using its experience with the international merchandise trade statistics database (UN COMTRADE), UNSD was asked, in 2003, to create a Worldwide database system on Trade in Services, through which SITS would be:

- ✓ Processed
- ✓ Stored
- ✓ Disseminate

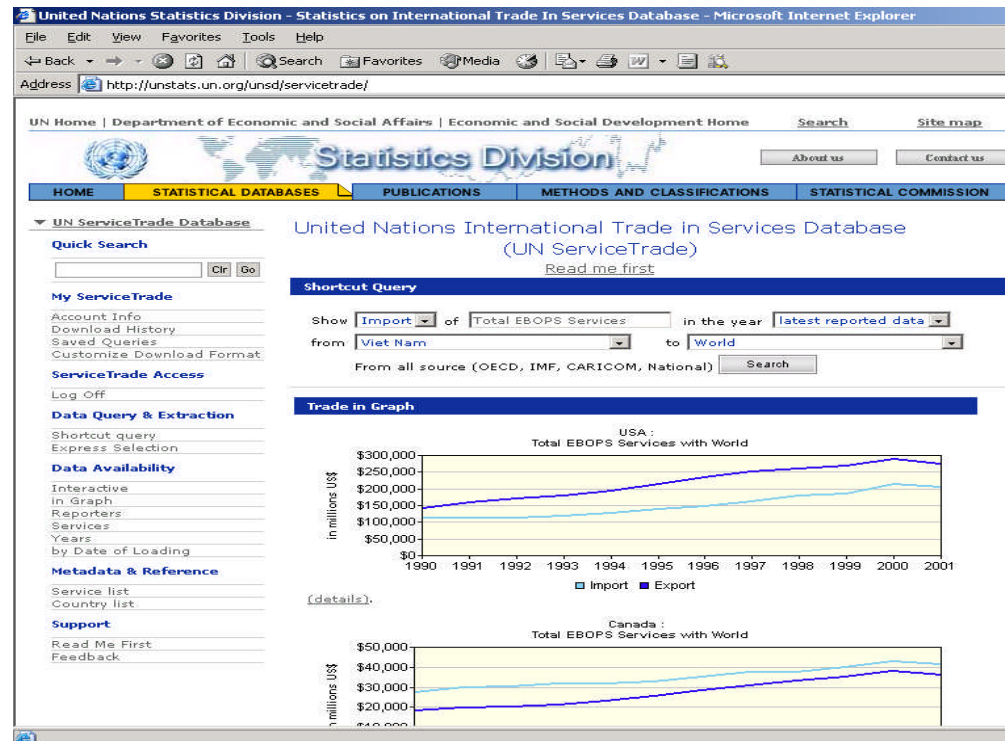In accordance to MSITS recommendations, including:

- ✓ Trade by service category (EBOPS)
- ✓ Partner country

Pilot version of UN ServiceTrade

✓About 180 reporters

✓1948-2003

✓5 sources **[IMF, OECD, Eurostat, CARICOM, National]**

✓Few categories

✓Almost no partner breakdown

✓Low quality of data

✓ Not available to public

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TO A PUBLIC UN SERVICETRADE

- **DECISION**

  In an effort to increase the **availability** and the **quality** of data in UN ServiceTrade, UNSD sent out a general request [ENGLISH, FRENCH, RUSSIAN, SPANISH] for SITS data at the end of 2006.
  The goal is to have as many countries as possible reporting their SITS data to UNSD, so that a fairly accurate picture of global trade in services can be given.

- **REQUIREMENTS**
  - Period: 2000-2005, annual value
  - EBOPS service categories as detailed as possible
  - Exports (credit) and imports (debit)
  - Broken down by partner country for as many categories as possible
  - Metadata

Example of letter sent

Towards a Global database on SITS

Letter sent to **197** reporters

76 replies

65 datasets to be processed

MoU with Eurostat since Sept 2006

85 reporters
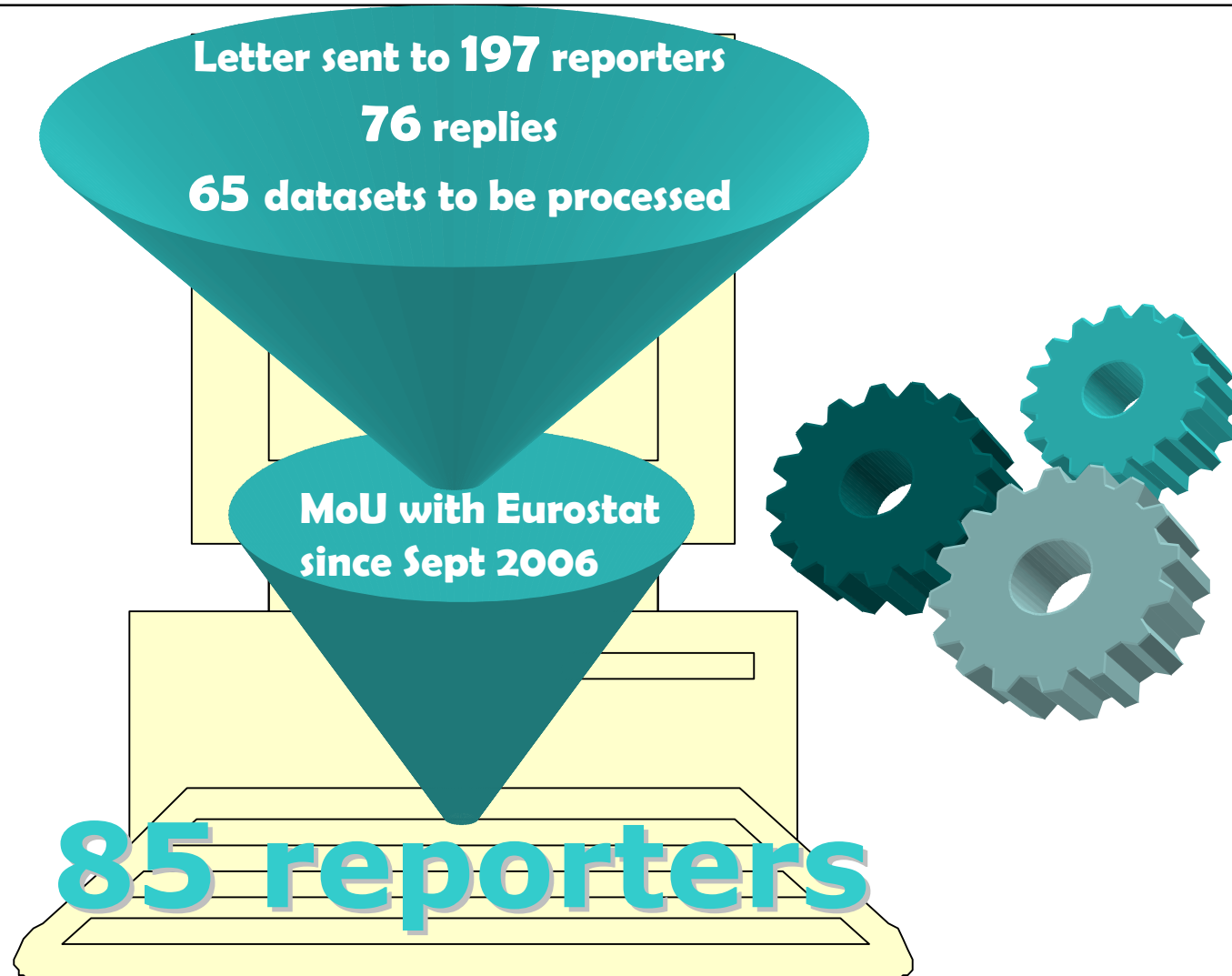
List of respondents providing data

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ARMENIA	ICELAND	REP. OF MOLDOVA
AUSTRALIA	INDIA	ROMANIA
AZERBAIJAN	INDONESIA	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
BAHAMAS	JAMAICA	SENEGAL
BAHRAIN	JAPAN	SINGAPORE
BELARUS	JORDAN	SLOVAKIA
BHUTAN	KAZAKHSTAN	SOLOMON ISLANDS
BOLIVIA	KYRGYZSTAN	SOUTH AFRICA
BULGARIA	MALTA	ST VINCENT & GRENADINES
CANADA	MAURITIUS	SWAZILAND
COLOMBIA	MONGOLIA	SWITZERLAND
COSTA RICA	MONTENEGRO	SYRIAN ARAB REP.
COTE D'IVOIRE	NETHERLANDS	TAJIKISTAN
CROATIA	NEW ZEALAND	THAILAND
CYPRUS	PAKISTAN	TOGO
CZECH REPUBLIC	PANAMA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
EL SALVADOR	PERU	TUNISIA
FIJI	PHILIPPINES	TURKEY
FINLAND	POLAND	UGANDA
GEORGIA	PORTUGAL	UKRAINE
GUINEA-BISSAU	PUERTO RICO	USA
GUYANA	QATAR	

TOTAL   65 reporters

Geographic breakdown

UN ServiceTrade has now data for the period 2000-2005 for:

- ✓ 25 EU25 countries

- ✓ 60 non-UE25 countries

Breakdown by continent

- **8** Africa
- America **14**
- **21** Asia
- Europe **38**
- **4** Oceania
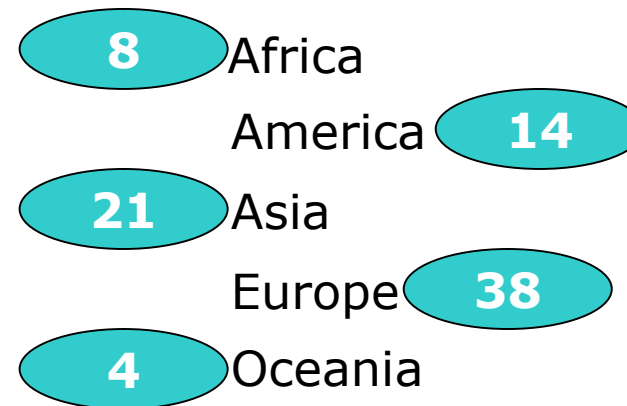
1. UN SERVICE TRADE

A new Interface has been created
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/servicetrade/default.aspx

Platform for future cooperation

Room for improvement

- **BUT...**

  Among the 85 reporters, only 34 provided breakdown by country partners

- **WE NEED YOUR COOPERATION**

UN ServiceTrade cannot grow without cooperation of countries

It is YOUR **Global Database on SITS**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION