



Purpose and Overview

Workshop on Compilation of Statistics of International Trade in Services

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Purpose

- Comparing Practices
- Identifying Problem Areas
- Learning from each other
- Fostering cooperation
- Building Capacity
- Input to Revision of MSITS



Overview

- Introduction: MSITS, UNECLAC activities, OAS activities
- General STIS compilation (Study 1)
- Travel – TSA (Study 2)
- Transportation (Study 3)
- Communication, Information, Royalties (Study 4)
- Other business services (Study 5)
- FATS – FDI (Study 6)



Points of Concern

- Institutional Arrangements
- Data Sources
- Limitations in access to data sources
- Limitations in disseminating data
- How much EBOPS detail (by mode and partner country) can be made available?
- Obligations of businesses to provide data
- Legal framework for compilation of trade in services data



Expected Outcomes

- Identifying main problem areas
- Identifying best practices
- Recommendations for improvements
- Finding platform for future cooperation

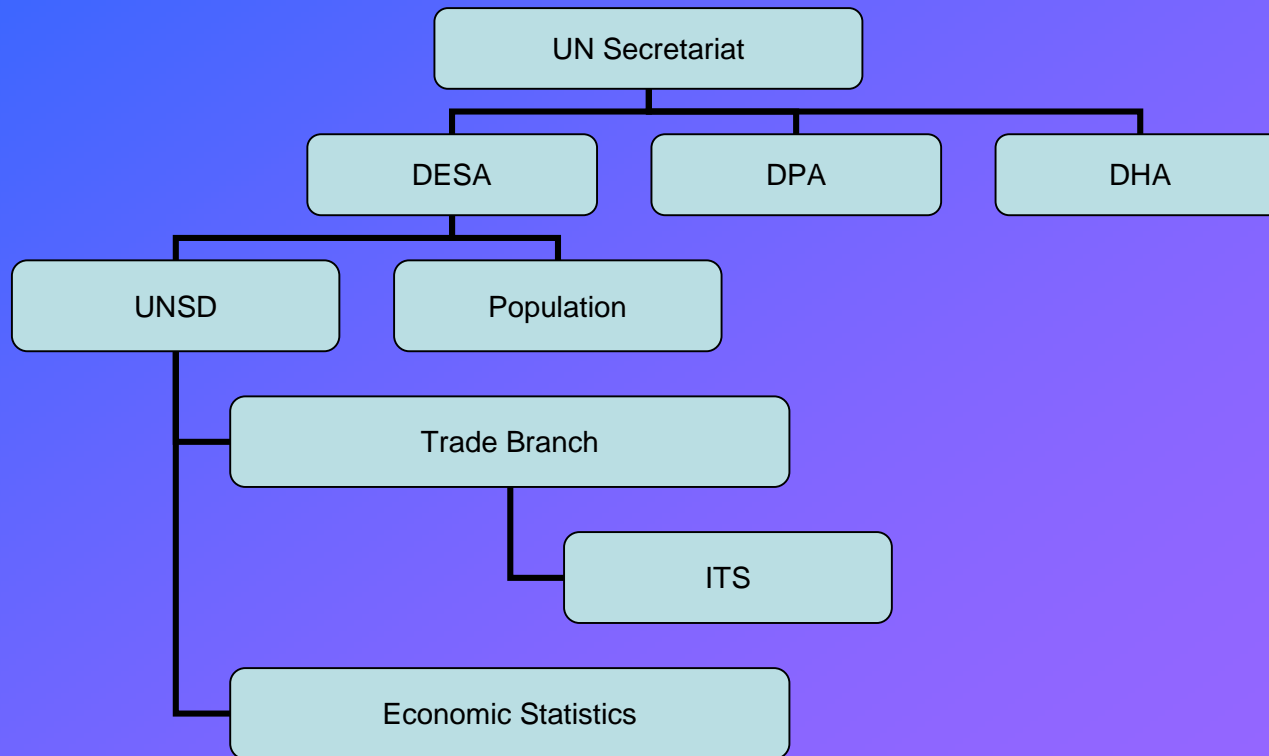


UNSD Framework

- United Nations Statistical Commission
- Inter-Agency Task Force of Statistics of International Trade in Services
- UNSD/Trade Branch
 - Web-Site of Task Force
 - Newsletter of Task Force



UNSD/ Trade Branch





Web-Site of Task Force

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Address: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/tradeserv/>

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Trade in Services

UNSD is a member of the Task Force on International Trade in Services, chaired by OECD.

UNSD acts as Chair and Secretariat of the Technical Subgroup on the Movement of Persons - Mode 4. The establishment of this TSG was in response to the need for a statistical framework to measure the economic impact of the movement of natural persons, and in particular of Mode 4, on the home and host countries.

UNSD undertakes technical cooperation activities and assistance to countries through workshops and country projects in collaboration with other agencies.

UNSD has developed a pilot version of a global database on trade in services statistics by EBOPS category and partner country. When as most data are currently sourced from OECD and IMF, UNSD will also start collecting these statistics from its member countries.

Trade in Services News

Joint UNSD/ ECLAC Workshop on Statistics of International Trade in Services, Panama City, 13-16 September 2005.

First meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Inter-Agency Group on Tourism Statistics, Paris 4 February 2005.

Meeting of the Task Force on Trade in Services, Paris 2-3 February 2005.

Meeting of the Technical Subgroup on the Movement of Persons - Mode 4, Paris, 31 January-1 February 2005.

Platform for Future Cooperation