Overview of the Compilers Guide for MSITS 2010

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• The Compilers Guide for MSITS 2010 (CG MSITS 2010)
  ○ Origins and aim
  ○ Structure, main content
  ○ Drafting process
  ○ The Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Compilation Guide
The UN Statistical Commission endorsed the implementation programme for the adopted MSITS 2010 particularly for drafting a Compilers Manual for MSITS 2010. The TFSITS supported the establishment of a UN Expert Group, aiming to help UNSD to carry out the project, at its meetings.

The main aim of the CG MSITS 2010 is to provide practical advice, good country examples and pitfalls (to be avoided) in the implementation of MSITS 2010.

It should be useful for both developed and developing countries and should reflect practices for all regions of the world.
In February 2012, the UN Statistical Commission established the UN Expert Group on the Compilation of the Compiler’s Guide for MSITS 2010 to facilitate the drafting process.

- The Expert Group (EG) consists of all Task Force members and national experts from developed and developing countries.
- The EG has used an electronic discussion forum as an efficient way to work on the drafting of the CG.
- UNSD drafted an annotated outline of the Compilers Guide in February 2012.
- The EG had its first meeting in March 2012 to shape the annotated outline.
The annotated outline was circulated to NSOs, central banks, and other government institutions of all UN member-states in a **World-Wide Consultation**.

There were 50 contributors to the World-Wide Consultation, showing a lot of support from many countries. The responses did not call for a substantial restructuring of the guide, but did elicit many good suggestions.

The 2\textsuperscript{nd} virtual meeting of the EG was held in October 2012 to discuss the issues raised at the World-Wide Consultation.
It has been decided that the Compilers Guide would take full account of the draft versions of the compilation guides for Balance of Payments 6th Edition (BPM6) and the International Recommendations on Tourism Statistics (IRTS 2008).

After these meetings, the structure of the CG-MSITS was decided to consist of 5 parts which breaks further into 22 chapters, namely:

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Most Recent Meetings of the Expert Group

- UNSD, along with Eurostat, OECD, and IMF, have been contacting individual country statistical offices for contributions of country practices and experiences.

- So far 22 countries have been able to contribute draft chapters.

- These drafts were reviewed recently during the 3rd virtual meeting on the drafted chapters in **March 2013**.

- These drafts are currently being edited and revised based on reviewers’ comments.
Time frame for completion of CG MSITS 2010

(1) Drafting of the remaining chapters throughout the year.

(2) The edits and comments received recently during the 3rd virtual meeting on the drafted chapters in March 2013 are currently being incorporated.

(3) The second face to face meeting of EG-SITS is tentatively scheduled for June 2013 where revised drafts and new chapters will be reviewed and finalized.

(4) The full draft version is to be provided to the SC in 2014.
The IMF Statistics Department is also currently drafting the *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Compilation Guide (BPM6 CG)*.

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