# Statistics of International Trade in Service: Challenges and Good Practices Regional Workshop for Latin American and Caribbean Countries

Organized by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in close collaboration with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and hosted by Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE) and Banco Central do Brasil

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### **Draft Agenda**

## Tuesday, 1 December

Morning session (Chairperson: Roberto da Cruz Saldanha, IBGE, Brazil)

9.00 – 10.00 1. Registration

10.00 - 10.30 2. Opening of the workshop

**ECLAC** 

Banco Central do Brasil

**UNSD** 

Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE)

# Coffee break

10.50 – 12.20 3. Statistics of International Trade in Services

Overview of the developments in statistics of international trade in services (UNSD)

Status of statistics of trade in services in the Latin American and Caribbean countries

(ECLAC)

(ALADI)

Overview of the 2005 Panama workshop on trade in services recommendations (ECLAC)

Overview of the result of the pre-

Overview of the result of the pre-workshop questionnaire on the status of trade in services statistics in the Latin American and Caribbean countries (ECLAC/UNSD)

### Lunch break

Afternoon session (Chairperson: Ms. Carol Coy, Statistical Institute of Jamaica)

14.00 - 15.30 4. MSITS and its revision

MSITS revision process (UNSD)

The MSITS Revision and its Impact on the Balance of Payments

Compilation in Brazil (Banco Central do Brasil)

General discussion

### Coffee break

15.50 – 17.00 5. The revision of the Balance of Payment Manual (BPM6)
Overview of the Balance of Payments and International Investment
Manual (BPM6) (OECD)
General Discussion

# Wednesday, 2 December

Morning session (Chairperson: Mr. Fernando Lemos, Banco Central do Brasil)

9.00 – 10.30 6. Services transactions between residents and non-residents; the Extended Balance of Payment Services (EBOPS) classification

Definition of services in SNA 2008 (UNSD)
Use of sources of International Trade in Services in the System of National Accounts (IBGE, Brazil)

Statistics of export of services in Brazil: difficulties, limitations, challenges, good practices and results for the 2003-2007 period (IBGE, Brazil)

General discussion

### **EBOPS**

Results of questionnaire on breakdown by service categories in the Latin American and Caribbean countries (ECLAC/UNSD) Chapter 3 in MSITS 2010 (OECD)
Compilation of Jamaica's Extended Balance of Payments Services (Bank of Jamaica)
General discussion

### Coffee break

- 10.50 12.20 7. CPC Ver. 2.0 and EBOPS/CPC correlation BOP/EBOPS/CPC (UNSD)
  General discussion
  - 8. Approaches to data compilation
    Presentation of results of questionnaire on data sources in LAC
    countries (ECLAC/UNSD)
    Improvements in business register (ECLAC)
    General discussion

## (a) ITRS

International Transaction Recording System - Introduction (UNSD) Central Bank of Colombia Banco Central do Brasil General discussion

#### Lunch break

Afternoon session (Chairperson: Claudia de Camino, ECLAC)

14.00 – 15.30 (b) Enterprise surveys Introduction (UNSD)

Banco Central del Ecuador

General discussion

9. Other data sources and estimations

IBGE, Brazil

Central Bank of Chile

Banco Central de Venezuela

MDIC, Brazil General discussion

10. Statistics by partner country

Introduction (UNSD)

Instituto Nacional de Estadistica y Censos Argentina

Banco Central do Brasil General discussion

### Coffee break

15.50 – 17.00 11. Foreign affiliates statistics (FATS)

WTO

Central Bank van Aruba General discussion

## Thursday, 3 December

Morning session (Chairperson: Antonio Godoy, banco Central del Paraguay)

9.00 - 10.30 12. Trade in services statistics by mode of supply

WTO

Contraloria General, Instituto Nacional de Estadistica y Censo, Panama

Costa Rica Central Bank

General discussion

## Coffee break

10.50 – 12.20 13. Metadata and quality of the trade in services data

UNSD

Statistical Office, St Vincent and the Grenadines

General discussion

14. Submission of trade in service statistics to international organization UNSD

General discussion

### Lunch break

## Afternoon session

14.00 – 15.45 15. Group discussion: cooperation of the NSO and the central bank in data collection, data compilation and dissemination practices, data quality checking procedures and metadata, problems and solutions

## Coffee break

16.00 - 17.00 16. Presentation of the group discussion

# Friday, 4 December

# Morning session

9.00 – 12.30 17. Roundtable discussion: Towards improved SITS in the Latin American and Caribbean countries (Chaired by UNSD)

# Lunch break

Afternoon session (Chairperson: Vladimir Markhonko, UNSD)

- 18. Conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop
- 19. Evaluation and closing of the workshop