

Results of the Pre-course questionnaires

**AMF-WTO Follow-up Regional Workshop on the
Compilation of Trade in Services Statistics
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Why a Pre-course questionnaire?



A more effective, targeted technical assistance

Customize the activity programme to
countries' specific needs
in trade in services statistics

Even at the regional level,
capacity-building needs might be different

To monitor progress since 2015

...But more resource-intensive on our side...

...deal with non-response issues...

Results of the Pre-course questionnaires



- **Received 28 Pre-course questionnaires**
 - **13 economies**
- out of 16 represented at the workshop**
- 82% response rate**

In your country, is there a Statistics Committee gathering different stakeholders such as the Central Bank, the National Statistical Office, the Ministry of Trade, the Ministry of Tourism and/or other Ministries and relevant agencies?

Does your country have a statistical business register?

What are your country's main sources of data on trade in services?

In many cases contradictory replies for the same country 😞

...From the main findings of the 2015 workshop

- **There is a need for cooperation between central banks & statistical offices at the national level**
- **The legal framework needs to cover trade in services statistics.**
- **Build a general framework that ensures the legal, technical and operational aspects and comprehensive statistical register**
- **Implement a working group on trade in services statistics including users to enhance dialogue.**



Your most demanded BPM6/EBOPS 2010 sectors for this activity

- **Transport**
- **Maintenance and repair services**
- **Computer services**
- **Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others**
- **Travel**
- **Construction**

Bilateral Trade in Services



Has your country started compiling trade in services statistics by partner economy?

0 Yes ☹️ 10

Recommendation
of the 2015 workshop

Does your country disaggregate some selected services sector by partner economy (i.e., transport, travel, etc.)?

1 Yes

Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS)



Has your country started to compile or is attempting to compile Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS)?

3 Yes! ☹️ 10

Does your country collect statistical information:
- on *Foreign-owned enterprises in your country?*

9 Yes!

- also *by economic sector?*

6 Yes!

- on the presence of *affiliates of your country's enterprises abroad?*

4 Yes! ☹️ 9

...From the main findings of the 2015 workshop

- **Establish the first set of FATS (inward)**
- **Develop methods to collect data on foreign companies and their branches (taking advantage of foreign companies registered in the country, foreign investment surveys and other surveys based on existing administrative records)**
- **Compile FATS on sales/turnover by activity->product & partner country (as a first step)**



Modes of supply

Is your country attempting to compile trade in services statistics by the four modes of supply as identified in the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)?

1 Yes!



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