



**AMF - WTO Regional Workshop on the Compilation of Trade in Services Statistics,
in cooperation with UNSD and UN ESCWA**

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Draft tentative PROGRAMME

Day 1

9:00 - 9:45	Welcome address and opening	AMF, WTO, UNSD, UNESCWA UAE NBS
9:45 - 10:15	BREAK	
10:15 - 10:30	Objectives of the Workshop, presentation of speakers, agenda and housekeeping issues	
10:30 - 11:30	Importance of Statistics on International Trade in Services and Main Concepts <i>Why are data on the international supply of services useful?</i> <i>What are the needs of different stakeholders? Policy makers, economists and statisticians</i> <i>MSITS 2010-Conceptual framework</i> <i>Importance of trade in services statistics for the region</i>	WTO – 15' UNESCWA 15'+ UAE 10'
11:30 - 11:45	BREAK	
11:45 - 13:00	Pre-requisites for data collection and compilation <i>Overview of the MSITS 2010 compiler's guide</i> <i>Legal framework and institutional arrangements</i> <i>Registers and survey frames</i> <i>Classifications</i> <i>Overview of existing trade in services statistics/BOP and – does the currently available statistics meet the user needs in the region: identify data gaps; existing developments and plans</i>	UNSD 20' WTO 15' UNESCWA 5'/ IMF METAC 25'
13:00 - 13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30 - 14:15	Country experiences on pre-requisites <i>2 countries of the region</i>	Morocco 10', Jordan 10'

14:15 - 15:00	Group work: from data needs to organizing data collection and compilation	All
15:00 - 15:30	Presentation by each group	All (5' each)

Day 2

8:30 - 9:00	Summary session on previous day <i>Summarize and any remaining questions, reflect upon discussions and exchanges of previous day</i>	
9:00 - 10:30	Data sources and collection of relevant data <i>Enterprise and establishment surveys</i> <i>ITRS- Country of the region</i> <i>Other data sources (administrative and other)</i> <i>Comparing and evaluating data sources- experiences</i> <i>Uganda's experience</i>	UNSD- Kenneth Egesa 15' Lebanon 10' WTO 15' Simon Humphries 15' Kenneth Egesa 15'
10:30 - 11:00	BREAK	
11:00 - 11:30	Exercise on data sources and data collection	
11:30 - 12:30	Data compilation <i>Integration of data from different sources: Does one source fit all?</i> <i>Compilation of resident/non-resident trade in services statistics:</i> - General considerations: EBOPS 2010, partner countries - Resident-nonresident trade in services data compilation in the region: Services account components: gaps, difficulties, and recommendations - Transport	Oman 10' UNSD 15' IMF/METAC 15' Kuwait 10'
12:30 - 13:00	LUNCH BREAK	
13:00 - 14:00	Data compilation (cont'd) <i>Compilation of resident/non-resident trade in services statistics:</i> - Travel and Tourism - Travel: Uganda's experience - Travel and Tourism: country experiences	Simon Humphries 15' Kenneth Egesa 10' Lebanon 10' Saudi Arabia 10'
14:00 - 15:00	Group work-exercises	All
20:00	AMF & WTO Dinner invitation at Beach Rotana (Diwan Ballroom)	

Day 3

8:30 - 9:00	Summary session on previous day <i>Summarize and any remaining questions, quiz, reflect upon discussions and exchanges of previous day</i>	
9:00 - 10:30	Data compilation (cont'd) <i>Compilation of resident/non-resident trade in services statistics</i> - Other business services and computer services - Personal, cultural and recreational services - Construction - Other services, Uganda's experience	Tunisia 10' Morocco 10' Algeria 10' WTO 15' Kenneth Egesa 15'
10:30 - 11:00	BREAK	
11:00 - 11:15	Quiz	
11:15 - 12:30	Data compilation (cont'd) <i>Measuring mode 3: compilation of FATS</i> - Relating FATS to services - Classifying FATS - Compiling specific variables <i>Countries of the region</i>	WTO 40' Qatar 10' UAE 10'
12:30 - 13:00	LUNCH BREAK	
13:00-13:30	Data compilation (cont'd) <i>FATS compilation experiences</i>	Simon Humphries 15'
13:30 - 14:00	Quiz	
14:00 - 15:00	Group work-exercises	All

Day 4

8:30 - 9:00	Summary session on previous day <i>Summarize and any remaining questions, quiz, reflect upon discussions and exchanges of previous day</i>	
9:00 - 10:00	Cross-cutting issues <i>Metadata and data quality</i> <i>Capacity building and technical assistance needs</i> <i>Data reporting and dissemination</i> <i>Country presentation</i>	WTO 15' WTO (+others) UNSD 15' Tunisia 10'
10:00 - 10:30	Group work - finalising presentations	
10:30 - 11:00	BREAK	
11:00 - 12:15	Concluding session: And what next? <i>Presentations by groups</i> <i>A possible roadmap for developing trade in services statistics in the region?</i>	Group spokespersons (10' per group) All
12:30	Closing of the workshop	
