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# ***Trade in Services Statistics in the Arab Region***

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- Number of economies subscribed in the IMF's Special Data Dissemination Standard increased, currently five economies. (Egypt 2005, Jordan 2010, Morocco 2005, Tunisia 2001, and West Bank and Gaza 2012).
- 16 economies are subscribed in the IMF's General Data Dissemination System (Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Oman, Qatar, Syria, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Yemen)
- Balance of payments statistics being among the statistical areas covered by the SDDS and GDDS.

## Trade in Services Statistics in the Arab Region

Service	Country	Manufacturing	Maintenance and repair	Transport	Travel	Construction	Insurance and pension	Financial	intellectual property	Telecommunications, computer, and information	Other business	Personal, cultural and educational	Government
Algeria	Dr	DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR
Bahrain			CR DR	CR DR		CR DR			CR DR		CR DR		
Comoros			CR DR	CR DR		CR DR				CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR
Djibouti			CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	DR				CR			CR DR
Egypt			CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR
Iraq			CR DR	CR DR	DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR
Jordan			CR DR	CR DR		DR					CR DR		CR DR

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Kuwait			DR	CR DR	CR DR	DR	CR DR	CR DR		CR DR	CR DR		CR DR
Lebanon	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR
Libya			CR DR	CR DR	DR	CR DR				CR DR			DR
Mauritania			CR DR	CR DR		CR DR	CR DR			CR DR	CR DR		CR DR
Morocco	CR		CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR
Oman			CR DR	CR DR	CR DR					CR DR	DR		
Qatar			CR DR	CR DR		CR DR				CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR

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Saudi Arabia				CR DR	CR DR	DR	CR DR	CR DR		CR DR	CR DR		CR DR
Sudan				CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR
Syria*				CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR
Tunisia				CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR
West bank and Gaza		CR	CR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR
Yemen				CR DR	CR DR	DR	DR	DR	CR	CR DR	CR DR		CR DR

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\* Data only available until 2010

Source: IMF database

## Transport services

	Type of Carrier				Functional Category			Notes
	See	Air	Other	Postal & Courier	Passenger	Freight	other	
Algeria	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	
Bahrain	CR DR	CR DR			CR DR	CR DR		Passenger (see) Fright (air)
Comoros	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	
Djibouti	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR		CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	Passenger (see) Fright (air)
Egypt	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR		CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	
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Morocco	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	Passenger (see) Fright (air)
Oman	CR DR	CR DR			CR DR	CR DR	CR DR	Passenger (see) Fright & other (air)
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	Business		Personal			For both business and personal / product group					
	<i>Acquisition of goods and services by border, seasonal, and other short-term workers</i>	Other	Health	Education	Other	Goods	Local transport	Accommodation	Food-serving	Other	
										Health	Education
Algeria		✓	✓	✓	✓						
Bahrain											
Comoros		✓	✓	✓	✓						
Djibouti		✓		✓	✓						
Egypt				✓	✓						
Iraq		✓	✓	✓	✓						
Jordan				✓	✓						
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Libya		✓	✓	✓	✓						
Mauritania		✓			✓						
Morocco		✓	✓	✓	✓						
Oman		✓	✓	✓	✓						
Qatar											
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\*\*allow for close links with tourism satellite accounts as well as supply and use tables.

# Partner Countries Distribution

- Some countries provide partner country distribution for some type of services mainly travel (Jordan – Lebanon - Tunisia).
- There is a need for detailed geographical allocations of the statistics on the various types of services supplied and consumed by each economy according to the country of residence of trading partners.

# FOREIGN AFFILIATES STATISTICS (FATS)

- Special and detailed FATS statistics are not available.
- Some countries capture FATS within the International transactions in services.

# Trade in Services Statistics in the Arab Region

- The **quality and quantity of statistics on international trade in services improved** over the past years. Before 2004, with the exception of *travel* and *transport*, services in balance of payments statistics were all lumped together in one category named "other services".
- The detail provided has improved.
- Balance of Payments trade in services data collection is relatively well established and widespread according to the principles and framework of *BPM5*. Although some countries started to report data according to the *BPM6*.

# Legal and Institutional Environment

- Mainly the Central Banks in the region are assigned to compile and disseminate balance of payments statistics
- Central Banks laws not allow to collect data from the nonbank sector.

# Soundness Methodology

## ■ Concepts and Definition

- **Residency issue** (Refugees, Special purpose Entities, Free trade Zones, construction enterprises, mobile equipments, Quasi-corporations , PSA ).
- Distinction between the income component and the services components.



# Soundness Methodology

## ■ Scope

- all resident-nonresident transactions are covered (Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured –FISIM–, rental carriers (with crew or without), Insurance and pension, Research and Studies)
- all resident institutional units engaged in transactions with nonresidents are covered

# Soundness Methodology

- **Classification:** repair – R&D,
- **Basis of Recording:**
  - netting / gross
  - Market price
  - accrual basis

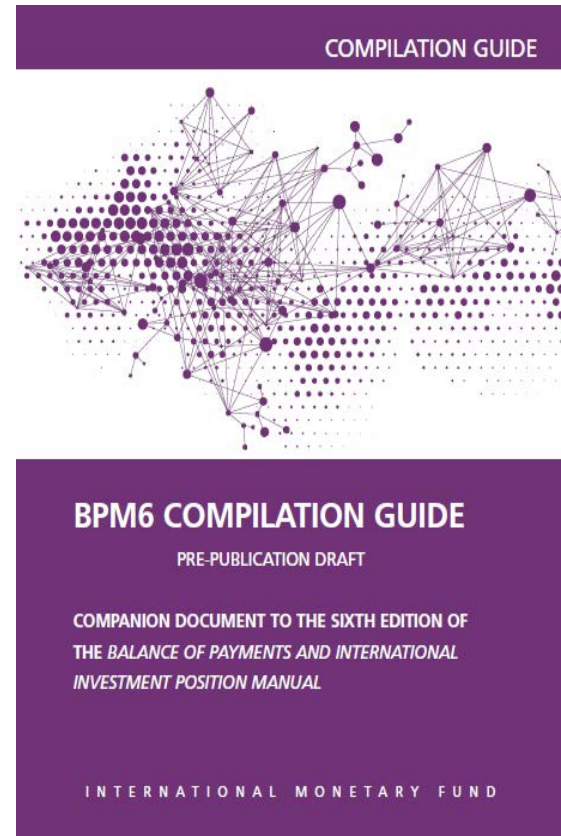
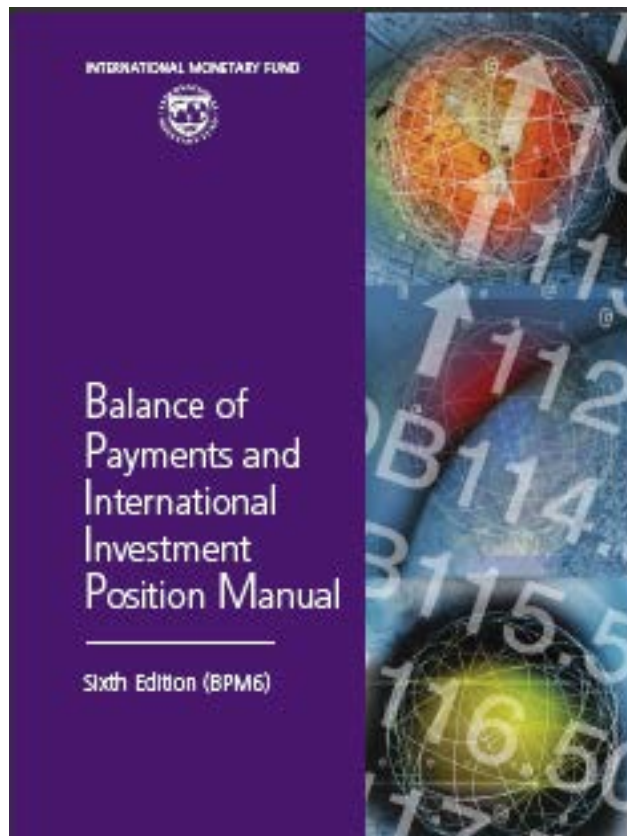
# Source Data

- ❖ Banks reports (International transactions reporting System - ITRS).
- ❖ Direct reporting
- ❖ Enterprise Surveys (Travel: Departures and Arrival surveys – FDI Surveys)
- ❖ Administrative and Official Sources (government Ministries and agencies)
- ❖ Estimates (freight and Insurance )

# Periodicity and timeliness

- Periodicity
  - Annually
  - Quarterly
- Timeliness
  - SDDS countries (3 months)
  - GDDS countries (9 months)

# ***BPM6 Compilation Guide***



# BPM6CG

## Main Survey Reporting Forms presented on draft of the BPM6 Compilation Guide:

- ☐ Form 4— Trade in Goods and Trade Finance, and Import of Repairs Services
- ☐ Form 5— Goods for Merchanting
- ☐ Form 6— International Trade in Services (not covered by forms 7-12)
- ☐ Form 7— Manufacturing Services
- ☐ Form 8— Resident Transport Operators
- ☐ Form 9— Transactions with Nonresident Transport Operators
- ☐ Form 10— International Travel
- ☐ Form 11— Construction
- ☐ Form 12— International Insurance Services
- ☐ Form 13— International Pension Services
- ☐ Form 14— Foreign Embassies and International Institutions
- ☐ Form 18— Foreign Direct Investment

# Balance of payments & IIP Register

- ❖ Business Register - is a statistical register consisting of a list of enterprises (and / or other statistical units), with some basic information about each unit.

➤ Reference: "[Business Registers - Recommendation Manual](#)". , Eurostat, Luxembourg 2010.



- ❖ Maintaining and developing a balance of payments and IIP enterprise register
  - The enterprise register form is used to record information about members (enterprises) of the population.
  - The information is subsequently used to conduct balance of payments and IIP surveys.

# Main Difficulties and challenges

- As per countries' responses to the UN-ESCWA survey of trade on services in the ESCWA countries: the following are the main complications to compile and disseminate trade on services statistics and to implement the international recommendations:
  - Legal mandates, regulations and measures to compile the statistics
  - Resources (Staff - Funding)
  - Data sources
  - Adequate techniques for compiling the statistics
  - Knowledge on the International recommendations and standards
  - Scope of data
  - Training
  - Technical assistance



# Recommendations

- ❑ The implementation of the core elements would provide a basis for internationally comparable basic data sets.
- ❑ The implementation of BPM6 recommendations on service transactions between residents and non-residents;
- ❑ The compilation of Balance of payments data according to items in the EBOPS 2010 classification (beginning with items of major economic importance to the country); partner country detail, first at the level of total services trade and then for each main type of service in BPM6 and EBOPS2010;
- ❑ The collection of FDI statistics including partner country detail (for the aggregate and major activity); and
- ❑ The compilation of basic FATS variables, broken down by activity, including partner country detail (for the aggregate and major activity).

# Recommendations

- ❑ The implementation of the Enterprise Surveys;
- ❑ Allocate the necessary resources for statistical agencies;
- ❑ Co-operation and co-ordination between national institutions, such as Central Banks, National Statistical Offices and Ministries;
- ❑ The legal framework for collection the statistics should be strengthened; and
- ❑ Co-operation between countries in the region should be enhanced (transfer of knowledge and resources from countries having advanced statistical systems to the other countries).

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