

**Meeting of the Task Force on Statistics
of International Trade in Services (TFSITS), 10-11 March 2009
(joint meeting with TF on International Merchandise Trade Statistics : 12 March 2009- see below)**

ESCAP Bangkok, Meeting Room E

Agenda

Tuesday 10 March 2009 9.00

1. Welcome and opening

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Approval of the minutes of the last Task Force (September 2008) *TFSITS (2009) 23*

4. Promoting trade in services statistics also in Emerging and Developing Countries .

a. TFSITS Website and Newsletter – UNSD *TFSITS (2009) 12*

b. Overview of seminars and expert groups –UNSD *TFSITS (2009) 20*

c. Experiences and plans from ECLAC region *TFSITS (2009) 13*

d. Data collection experience and databases –UNSD *TFSITS (2009) 21*

5. Compilation guidance – UNSD *TFSITS (2009) 24*

6. Problems of data quality and historical consistency - WTO *TFSITS (2009) 14*

7. Comparison of international data collection - OECD *TFSITS (2009) 15*

8. Any other business

-Progress report on data collection for the STRI project and data needs – OECD

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- Note on System of Health Accounts and Trade in Health Services and Goods OECD

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9. Revision of the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS)

a. Summary analysis to the worldwide consultation (WWC) - UNSD TFSITS (2009) 01 UNSD

b. Review of WWC comments and consequent revisions by Chapter

- i) **Chapter 2: Conceptual framework for the development of statistics on international trade in services - WTO TFSITS (2009) 03**

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- ii) **Chapter 3 : Services transactions between residents and non-residents - IMF TFSITS (2009) 04 (OECD on EBOPS TFSITS (2009) 05 and WTO on Environmental Transactions TFSITS (2009) 22)**

- iii) **Chapter 4: Foreign affiliates statistics and the international supply of services – OECD TFSITS (2009) 06**

- iv) **Chapter 5: Trade in services statistics by mode of supply – WTO TFSITS (2009) 07**

- v) **Annex 6: The Manual and Tourism satellite Accounts – UNWTO TFSITS (2009) 08**

- vi) **Annex 7: The analytical “annex” – OECD TFSITS (2009) 09**

- vii) **Questions on cross-cutting issues (OECD proposes to analyse the WWC replies) TFSITS (2009) 10**

- viii) **Concordance annexes - UNSD TFSITS (2009) 11**

- Draft correspondence table between ISIC categories for Foreign Affiliates (ICFA) and the EBOPS - EUROSTAT TFSITS(2009) 18

- ix) **Chapter 1: General introduction and foundations of the Manual - UNSD TFSITS (2009) 02**

c. Review and update timetable and division of labour for completing the revision process of MSITS - OECD TFSITS(2009) 19

d. Report to the UN Statistical Committee and implementation plans.

10. Date and location of next TF meeting (OECD Paris La Muette 19-20 November 2009)

11. Closing