

**Meeting of the Task Force on Statistics
of International Trade in Services (TFSITS)
23-24 March 2010 (joint meeting with TF on merchandise trade : 25 March 2010)
ESCWA, United Nations House, Beirut**

Draft Agenda

Tuesday 23 March 9.30

- 1. Welcome and Opening**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Approval of the report of the last TF meeting in Paris, 19-20 November 2009 TFSITS (Mar2010)1**
- 4. Report on submission of MSITS 2010 to UNSC (OECD/UNSD) TFSITS (Mar2010)2**
- 5. Revision of concordance annexes to the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS)**
 - a. Review of the online annexes to MSITS 2010
 - i. EBOPS 2010 and CPC version 2 (all)
 - ii. EBOPS 2010 and GNS/W/120 (WTO) TFSITS (Mar2010)4
 - iii. EBOPS 2010 and ICFA (Eurostat/OECD)
 - iv. The revision of BEC, its possible extension to services (OECD) TFSITS (Mar2010)6
 - v. Analytical annex including follow up of STRI project (OECD) TFSITS (Mar2010)7
 - b. Remaining issues and inputs to the Manual
 - i. Comparison note between MSITS 2002 and MSITS 2010 (OECD)
 - ii. Glossary and list of acronyms (UNCTAD) TFSITS (Mar2010)9
 - iii. Index and Bibliography (UNSD)
 - iv. Acknowledgements (OECD) TFSITS (Mar2010)11
 - v. Foreword (OECD) TFSITS (Mar2010)12

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- 6. Regional experience and plans**
 - a. Experience and plans from ESCWA region
 - b. Experience and plans from Central Bank of Lebanon
- 7. The implementation and compilation guidance process**
 - a. Organising the work of the expert group – Provisional timetable (UNSD, OECD) TFSITS (Mar2010)15 TFSITS (Mar2010)24
 - b. BPM6 Compilation Guidance process (IMF) TFSITS (Mar2010)16
- 8. Data quality and comparability of databases between IO**
 - a. Highlighting different types of problems following a predefined taxonomy (WTO) TFSITS (Mar2010)17
 - b. Update on SDMX project (OECD)
 - c. Data quality and comparability of databases between international organizations (UNSD) TFSITS (Mar2010)22

9. Status of the data collection - Databases on Statistics on International Trade in Services (UNSD, OECD, Eurostat) *TFSITS (Mar2010)18* *TFSITS (Mar2010)19* *TFSITS (Mar2010)20*

10. Promoting the MSITS

- a. TFSITS Website and Newsletter (UNSD) *TFSITS (Mar2010)21*
- b. Upcoming seminars and expert groups *TFSITS (Mar2010)23*

11. Any Other Business

- a. Issues to be presented to the Joint Session of the inter-agency Task Forces.

12. Date and location of next TF meeting (OECD Conference Centre, Paris 7-8 October 2010)