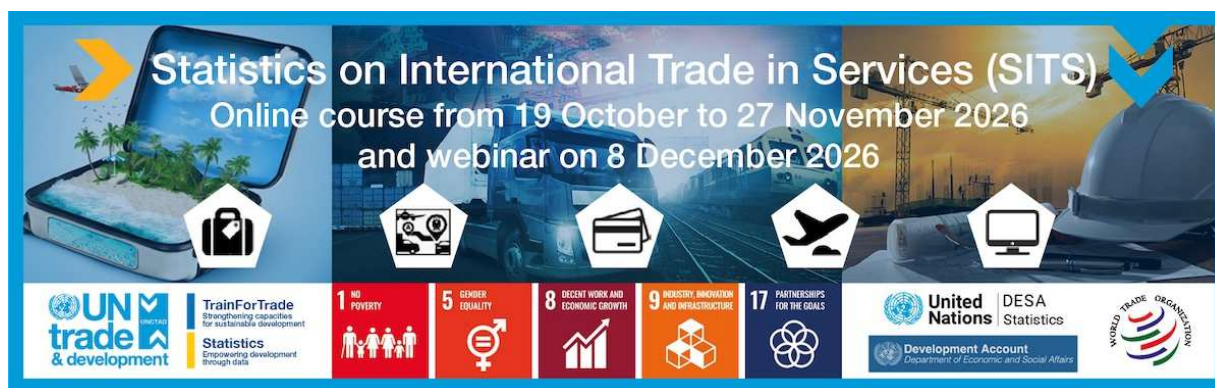




COURSE DESCRIPTION

OBJECTIVES	• Increase knowledge on trade in services statistics and its concepts • Enhance statisticians' work with data • Master the use of the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010 (MSITS 2010)
TARGET POPULATION	Primary Target: Compilers and producers of data (statistics of international trade in services, balance of payments, business statistics, etc.): • BoP statisticians (from Central Banks or National Statistical Institutes) • Statistical officers in trade and services • National accountants • Business statisticians Secondary Target: Data users: • Ministries (Tourism, Trade, Economy, Finance) • Other industry players (economists, lawyers, etc.)
ACTIVITIES	19 October to 29 November: 6 weeks asynchronous moderated e-learning course Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 and 9 December: 90 minutes webinar
WORKLOAD	Estimated at 30 hours to complete the whole course
LANGUAGE(S)	• English • French
REGISTRATION	Self-registration by Sunday, 18 October on https://tft-reg.unctad.org using the following passcodes: • For English: SITS.2026 • For French: SCIS.2026
PRICE	Free of charge
COURSE MODULES	1. Importance of Trade in Services Statistics 2. Setting up Pre-requisites for Data Collection and Compilation 3. Data Sources and Collection 4. Data Compilation (BOP SITS) 5. Data Compilation (FATS) 6. Dissemination and Analysis

COURSE MATERIALS

- Participant manual
- Interactive videos
- Forum
- Tests
- Anonymous opinion questionnaires

CERTIFICATE

Yes – Electronic certificate upon completing all the tests and obtaining the average score from all the six tests of at least 50%

MANDATE

The demand for technical assistance in the compilation of trade in services statistics is evidently strong. This is supported by the December 2005 WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration, Annex C which referred in para.10 to trade in services statistics. It states that WTO should provide targeted technical assistance: "... such assistance should be provided on, inter alia, compiling and analyzing statistical data on trade in services, [and] assessing interests in and gains from services trade....". The United Nations Statistical Commission in its 2010 report also "encouraged all relevant international agencies and the United Nations regional commissions, especially members of the Task Force, to contribute to the implementation of MSITS2010, and recognized the efforts of the International Monetary Fund in capacity-building with regard to balance-of-payments statistics; and recognized that training is particularly important in trade in services statistics because of its methodological complexity." Based on several requests received from the member states and different entities, the Development Statistics and Information Branch, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) initiated discussions with partners from different international institutions on the possibility to develop a common approach in responding to these needs.

Please note that the international recommendations were revised in 2026 and the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2026 (MSITS 2026) was formally adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission at its 57th session in March 2026. The white-cover version of MSITS 2026 is available at: https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/statcom/session_57/documents/BG-3h-2-MSITS_2026_white_cover_version-Rev-E.pdf. Therefore, this course will be updated to incorporate the latest recommendations set out in MSITS 2026. The revised course is expected to be launched in 2027. Further information will be provided when it becomes available.