

**Online Training Course**  
**'International Trade Statistics and Balance of Payments'**

**(Virtual mode)**

**20-22 June 2023**  
***ECO Secretariat-Tehran***

## **SUMMARY REPORT**

### **DAY 1-Tuesday, 20 June 2023**

#### **10:00-1330 IRST(Tehran)**

1. The Online Training Course titled ‘International Trade Statistics and Balance of Payments’ was organized by the ECO Secretariat in collaboration with the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and the Department of Statistics of Malaysia (DOSM) in line with the Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme from 20 to 22 June 2023 through an online video conferencing platform. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), and World Trade Organization (WTO) also contributed for this training course. The training course provided by trainers from the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). Tentative agenda is at **Annex-I**.

2. Participants from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, and Republic of Uzbekistan as well as approximately 40-50 participants from the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of 16 OIC countries also participated in the training course.

3. In her opening remarks, **Mrs. Rozita Talha, Deputy Chief Statistician Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)** stated that the main objective of the training program specifically aimed at building the participants’ knowledge and skills towards International Trade Statistics and Balance of Payments. While acknowledging the cooperation and contribution by all parties in making this training a success, she wished that this training will further result a greater collaboration among the participants.

4. **The Deputy Secretary General of ECO, Ambassador Jandos Asanov**, welcomed the participants and thanked SESRIC and DOSM for their sincere support and valuable assistance that they have been providing to the ECO. He stated that this online training course will definitely contribute to the improvement of statistical services of our countries. He further stated that without statistics it is impossible to have a clear picture of current economic developments and to get an idea in which direction the development needs to be directed. His statement is at **Annex-II**.

5. **Dr. Atilla KARAMAN**, Director SESRIC, in his opening statement, expressed sincere gratitude to the ECO and DOSM for the realization of the training program through the intensive training. He stated that International Trade Statistics and Balance of Payments are crucial indicators to monitor the economic performance of OIC member countries, particularly those that heavily rely on exports. He further stated that accurate and readily available data on trade flows with partner countries are essential for policymakers and analysts to make well-versed decisions, identify emerging trends, and tap into new opportunities.

6. He affirmed that SESRIC through its Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) program, continues to support the efforts of OIC member countries in enhancing their statistical capacities, including international trade statistics and balance of payments. In this regard, SESRIC annually published the “Statistical Yearbook on OIC Member Countries”, which includes International Trade as a category, and Balance of Payments under International Finance category. He further stated that SESRIC also published an OIC Statistical Outlook on “International Finance” in January 2019, which covered international trade and balance of payments in OIC member countries. His statement is at **Annex-III**.

7. After the opening ceremony, the training sessions were conducted in line with the agenda of the training program.

8. The first presenter **Mr. Abdul Latif Abd Kadir, Principal Assistant Director, International Trade Statistics Division, DOSM** gave a detailed presentation on “International Trade Statistics”. While speaking about ‘Introduction on Import and Export Statistics Compilation’, he stated that IMTS 2010 aims to provide recommendations that globally applicable and operational and flows integrated approach to economic statistics. The term 'trade' mostly reflects physical cross-border movement of goods but also other movements. He further stated that IMTS 2010 conceptually differs with System of National Accounts, 2008 (2008 SNA) and Balance of Payment 6(BPM6).

9. On the topic of ‘Malaysian Import and Export at Glance’, he briefly spoke about external trade 2022, external trade by product 2022, end use & BEC, major trading partners 2022, exports & imports performance of external trade statistics (YOY - 2017-2022), total trade & trade balance performance of external trade statistics (2017-2022),

exports and imports performance of external trade statistics (YOY), January 2022 – April 2023, total trade & trade balance performance of external trade statistics, January 2022 – April 2023, exports and imports performance by monthly, quarterly and yearly, total trade performance by monthly, quarterly and yearly, imports and exports (RM million), January 2019 – April 2023.

10. Under the topic of ‘Compilation of IMTS: Malaysia Experience Methodology’, while informing the participants that it is the main governmental agency which is responsible for collecting, interpreting, and disseminating timely and accurate statistics, spoke about function of ITSD, compilation, modernization of work procedure outputs, dissemination and benefit of trade data. Copy of his presentation is at **Annex-IV**.

11. During the Question and Answer (Q&A) session, the participants after commending on comprehensive presentations, wrote via chat tool, about difference of work between Chief Statistician and general director of statistics, level of education to this position and about publication of sensitive commodities. The presenter while explaining, referred the website <https://metsonline.dosm.gov.my/>.

**DAY 2 – Wednesday, 21 June 2023**  
**10:00–1330I RST(Tehran)**

12. **Mr. Zuradi Jusoh, Assistant Director, Balance of Payments Statistics Division, DOSM** presented the topic of “Balance of Payments”. While speaking on ‘Overview of Balance of Payments’, he stated that division is responsible for the compilation, analyzing and producing statistics. He further spoke about BOP products, BOP Manual, Use of BOP, Definition & Concept, Residence, Household & Individuals and Enterprise, BOP Framework and Indicator.

13. On the topic of ‘Goods Account’, he stated that in SNA and BOP, goods are physical, produced items over which ownership rights can be established and whose economic ownership can be passed from one institutional unit to another by engaging in transactions. The production of goods can be separated from its subsequent sale or resale. He also spoke about Transactions, Goods – General Merchandise, Merchanting & Nonmonetary Gold, Summary of Conceptual Differences SNA/BPM6 vs. IMTS and Data Sources.

14. Under the topic ‘Services Account’, he described the classification of international trade in services, mode of supply,

manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others. He also spoke about methodology, data sources and performance of services.

15. On the topic of 'Survey of International Trade in Services' he spoke about Evolution of SITS Compilation, background of ITS Survey and how it was Evolved, Chronology of ITS Survey, Framework and Sample, Design of SITS, Frame Updating, Data collection and operational of Survey ITS. His presentation is at **Annex-V**.

16. During the Question and Answer (Q&A) session, the participants expressed their gratitude via chat tools to the presenter for a very detailed and informative presentation and stated that they will use the takeaways from this topic discussion in their practical steps, at field, in countries. The presenter also referred the website <https://www.sesric.org/event-detail.php?id=2743>.

### **DAY 3 - Thursday, 22 June 2023**

**10:00-1300I RST (Tehran)**

17. **Ms. Sanja Blazevic, Statistician, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** presented the topic "Trade in Services Statistics in International Organizations and Technical Assistance". She spoke about importance of services trade and data for OIC, Technical assistance by international organizations and international organizations trade-in-services statistics. She elaborated the trends in OIC international trade in services, OIC international trade in services balance, selected services items, improving trade in services statistics, e-learning program (since 2015), UNCTAD technical cooperation on TiS with WAEMU (UEMOA), coordination for internationally comparable statistics, services trade statistics: manuals and classifications (links), related classifications: Central Product Classification (CPC), EBOPS 2010 -CPC rev.2 correspondence: education services and UNCTAD-WTO international trade in services data sets. Her presentation is at **Annex-VI**.

18. **Ms. Ying Yan, Statistician, World Trade Organization (WTO)** presented the topics of "Measuring Digital Trade and Trade in Services by Mode of Supply" and "Trends in Services Trade: Digitally Delivered Services and Bilateral Flows". While informing the participants about publication of second edition of the handbook on measuring digital trade, she explained its conceptual framework, defining and compiling digitally ordered trade, defining and compiling digitally delivered trade, digitally deliverable services, digital intermediation platforms (DIPs), trend in

digitally delivered services exports and trade in services by mode of supply.

19. **Mr. Christophe Degain, Senior Statistician, WTO** presented the topic of “Introduction to Trade in Value Added (TiVA) Data”. Under the topics of ‘Key Concepts and Trade Policy Messages’ and ‘Insights on Derived Global Value Chains (GVCs) Indicators’ he explained the main concepts behind TiVA and GVC indicators. He stated that TiVA is a statistical approach that estimates the origin (by country and industry) of the value added that is contained in the exports of goods and services. He further spoke about gross vs Value Added measures of trade flows, global value chains (GVCs) and world trade -Ins and outs, key features of trade in GVCs, schematic presentation of trade in GVCs and an illustration of GVCs 1/3.

20. He also briefed about the decomposition of gross exports into domestic and foreign VA contents, direct and indirect value added exports, GVC indicators and core messages derived from TiVA, the actual role of services in exports highlighted by TiVA and Recap on TiVA key GVC policy messages. His presentation is at **Annex-VII**.

21. **Mr. Vysaul Nyirongo, Statistician, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)**, while presenting the topic “Revision of the Trade Statistics Manuals (i.e., IMTS 2010 and MSITS 2010)”, spoke about manuals on international trade statistics, background - 52nd Statistical Commission (2021), Task Team on International Trade Statistics - UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics. He also explained about Vertical and Horizontal integration.

22. Under the topics of consultations, he comprehensively explained the definition, scope and delineation of goods and services, comprehensive review on the impact of BPM 6 updates, definition and delineation of Informal Cross Border Trade (ICBT), valuation – utilizing invoice value in addition to CIF and FOB, measurement of digital trade, linking of trade and business statistics, change of ownership in IMTS v. BOP, clarification on cultural products resulting from creative industries, impact of trade on wellbeing, labour and productivity, draft outlines for IMTS and MSITS and draft outline for the Handbook on Integrating Business and Trade Statistics (HIBTS). His presentation is at **Annex-VIII**.

23. During the Question and Answer (Q&A) session, the participants commended on the comprehensive nature of the

presentations and stated that these would be fruitful for the National Statistical Offices (NSOs).

24. The Training has been conducted in a virtual live lecture format, over a period of 3 days. Training activities within each training session presented a mixture of virtual presentations on the main topics from resource persons/presenters, interactive quizzes/polls and Question & Answer (QA) sessions. In fulfilling its objectives, the training program provided a common platform among ECO Member States for exchanging experiences, expertise, and hands-on practices with each other.

### **CLOSING REMARKS AND EVALUATION:**

25. At the conclusion of the training program, the participants expressed votes of thanks to the organizers of the training course and the presenters of the subject topics dedicated to moving toward to the International Trade Statistics and Balance of Payments.

26. After completion of the training session, certificates will be issued to the participants who have attended and completed the training sessions successfully.

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