

**19 February 2026**

09:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (CET)

11.30 a.m. – 13.00 a.m. (EAT)

United Nations Trade and Development

Trade-in-Services Statistics Information System (TiSSTAT): Empowering countries to compile detailed trade-in-services data

Background

This webinar aims to raise awareness among Directors and decision-makers of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in Africa about TiSSTAT, a powerful tool designed to improve the compilation and analysis of Trade in Services statistics. TiSSTAT supports evidence-based policy making by providing:

- Integrated solutions for collecting, processing, and disseminating trade in services data.
- Alignment with international standards, ensuring comparability and quality.

The session will:

- Highlight the strategic benefits of TiSSTAT for NSOs and its role in strengthening national statistical systems.
- Demonstrate the technical functionalities for data compilers and statisticians.

Participants will hear insights from experts involved in the development and implementation of the tool, as well as experiences from countries already engaged with TiSSTAT. The session will also provide space for questions and discussion on how TiSSTAT can support ongoing statistical and institutional efforts.

Interpretation in English–French may be provided depending on availability.





Objective

To present the TiSSTAT system, demonstrate its key functionalities, and promote its adoption by countries seeking to strengthen their trade-in-services statistical systems.

Target participants

- African National statistical offices, central banks and technical experts involved in the compilation and analysis of trade-in-services statistics.
- General Directors and senior decision-makers seeking to enhance their institution's capacity in trade in services statistics.
- Data compilers and statisticians interested in understanding the technical aspects of TiSSTAT.

Modalities

Online webinar – 1h30 duration.

Languages supported

English / French (TBC)

Speakers

- Anu Peltola - Chief of Service, Economic Affairs - UNCTAD
- Nour Barnat - Chief of Methodology – UNCTAD
- Benny Salo - Statistician - UNCTAD
- Yago Namarro - UEMOA Representative
- Clément Sossou - Country experience - Bénin
- Prunela Charles - ECCB Caricom
- Diane Sayinzoga - Inter Regional Adviser - UNCTAD

Draft Agenda (1h30)

- 09:30 am – 09:40 am – Opening remarks – Anu Peltola (10 min)
- 09:40 am – 09:47 am – Introduction to the webinar – Nour Barnat (7 min)
- 09:47 am – 09:57 am – Technical features of TiSSTAT – Benny Salo (10 min)
- 09:57 am – 10:07 am – Presentation – UEMOA Representative (10 min)
- 10:07 am – 10:17 am – Country experience – Benin Representative (10 min)
- 10:17 am – 10:25 am – CARICOM perspective – Prunela Charles (8 min)
- 10:25 am – 10:55 am – Q&A and discussion (30 min)
- 10:55 am – 11:00 am – Closing remarks – Diane Sayinzoga (5min)

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