



## First Meeting of the Working Group on Data for Services Trade and Development Policies

6 June 2023, 12-2 p.m. CEST

Online Meeting

### Programme

<b>12.00 – 13.00</b>	<b>Opening session of the WG</b>
	<p>Welcome remarks: Ms. Miho Shirotori, Acting Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Onno Hoffmeister, Chief of the Statistics Production Unit, UNCTAD</li><li>• Mr. Bernard Hoekman, Professor of Economics, European University Institute</li></ul> <p><b>Key questions for the interactive discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What data is available in each country? Who collects them and who uses them? How can they be accessed?</li><li>• How is trade in services data translated into policies? Which data is used? What are the challenges?</li><li>• What are the critical challenges countries face when collecting and utilising trade in services data?</li></ul>
<b>13.00 – 13.45</b>	<b>Breakout session 1: Identify data needs &amp; good practices in data supply</b>
	<p><i>This workstream seeks to promote the sharing of good practice examples in data collection and completion, drawing on the knowledge and experiences of existing initiatives. In doing so, the working group could a) conduct a mapping exercise to review the data collecting activities that are currently taking place, as well as the support activities and technical assistance to address the institutional and technical challenges faced by the member States., and b) advocate the need to enhance collection, processing, and publishing data on trade in services.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p>Mr. Onno Hoffmeister, Chief of the Statistics Production Unit, UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Key questions for the interactive discussion:</b></p>

- What are the existing initiatives and good practices that have helped address such gaps?
- What should be the deliverables of the Workstream?

**13.00 – 13.45 Breakout session 2: Showcase innovative approaches for data use**

*This workstream will identify innovative approaches to using existing datasets that could yield new insights into services trade. The Workstream can help identify country level data that is collected within countries for other purposes but not used for trade policy analysis such as including to access existing data such as data such as VAT and GST data that policymakers can potentially use to measure the implication of services. The Workstream could also investigate how policies are developed using data and how this processed can be enhanced. A menu of options where policymakers could review the available policy options and alternatives in enhancing trade in services data is also another option.*

**Moderator:**

Mr. Bernard Hoekman, Professor of Economics, European University Institute

**Key questions for the interactive discussion:**

- What are examples of good practices in utilising trade in services data to formulate effective policies?
- What are examples of data sets that exist, but are not used for trade in services? What are the hurdles to obtain and use that data?
- What should be the deliverables of the Workstream?

**13.45 – 14.00 Report from each workstream and wrap up**