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Statistics Service

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➤ **Statistics Service ToR**

- ▶ Provide **high-quality data and statistics** on trade and development
[UNCTADstat](#), [HBS](#), [SDG Pulse](#)
- ▶ **Coordinate data and statistical activities** in UNCTAD
Statistics Coordination Committee (data ethics, standards, SQAS)
- ▶ **Provide insights** from data and statistics with **innovative methods**
New thematic insights, data visualizations, [weekly nowcasts](#), etc.
- ▶ Develop **national statistical capacity** and **global statistics**
New statistics, methods, standards and data skills

➤ E-learning in trade statistics

- ▶ By **Statistics service** with **TrainForTrade, UNSD** and **WTO**
- ▶ **2 courses** on **Merchandise trade** and **Trade in services**
 - knowledge and skills to understand and compile trade statistics
 - Online lectures in EN and FR, interactive forum, a manual, quizzes, with a workshop or webinar
- ▶ Global coverage (**88% developing, 12% developed**)
Almost 14 000 trained people since 2016 with more than 2 250 in 2024 of which 46% are women
- ▶ Among **top participants**
China, Indonesia, Philippines, India, Cameroon, Mexico, Haiti, Togo

- ▶ [XB Project \(2015-2021\)](#), **UNCTAD** and **UEMOA Commission**
- ▶ **Modular IT system** to collect/process **trade in services** statistics
- ▶ **Version 1.4** deployed in several UEMOA members
Next survey in [Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Senegal](#)
- ▶ **UNDA project** started in 2024 - 7 **CARICOM** countries
With [ECLAC](#) and partners
- ▶ Strong interest among **Gulf countries**
- ▶ **At no cost** except for training, maintenance, and support

➤ Illicit financial flows (IFFs)

- ▶ UNCTAD and UNODC - Custodians of **SDG indicator 16.4.1**
[Conceptual framework](#) and [Methodological Guidelines](#)
- ▶ **22 member States on 3 continents** pilot tested IFF measurement with first official [estimates](#) available
Significant IFFs from trade misinvoicing, effective policy action
- ▶ **UNDA project** (2023-2026) supports 8 beneficiary countries
[ECA, UNCTAD, UNODC, Regional Commissions](#)
- ▶ Need for project **resources to empower** countries to track and curb IFFs
[Over 40 countries requested support](#)

➤ South-South Cooperation

- ▶ UNCTAD co-custodian of SDG indicator 17.3.1 for SSC IFT, hosted by OECD, co-custodian for North-South flows
- ▶ Voluntary **Framework** to measure South-South cooperation
By the global South, adopted by the UN Statistical Commission,
Non-financial support is essential to South-South cooperation
- ▶ **UNDA project** (2023-2026) supports 8 countries
UNCTAD, UNSD, ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA
- ▶ **60 countries asked for technical support and tools** from UNCTAD!
First-ever globally inclusive information on development support by
including data on South-South cooperation owned and reported by the
Southern countries in their own Framework

➤ **Transport cost dataset**

- ▶ Analytical dataset on transport costs for **international trade by mode of transport**, 2022-2024
By UNCTAD Statistics & DTL, World Bank, IMO
- ▶ Supports related research and analysis
 - Calculation of **emissions from transport** related to international trade in goods
 - Monitor the **resilience** of the maritime and logistical system and the **impact on the cost of trade for LDCs**

➤ Gender equality in trade

- ▶ UNCTAD's new **gender equality in trade indicators**
 - Methods developed in UNDA project in Africa and Eastern Europe
 - Women only produce between 20% and 40% of total export value
 - Services trade offers increasing potential for women's economic empowerment
- ▶ Framework and Guidelines for measuring gender in trade
Now part of global Trade and Business Statistics manuals
- ▶ Currently **no** project **funding** available to expand this work to other countries

➤ Call for partners to join efforts

- ▶ To build **better statistical data** and **digital skills**
- ▶ To measure **illicit financial flows** and **South-South cooperation**
- ▶ To help countries develop [SDG-aligned budgeting](#)
- ▶ To measure **gender equality in digital services** trade, with UNCTAD's TiSSTAT system (new project proposal)

Thank you

