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TrainForTrade E- Learning Course on Statistics of International Trade in Services (SITS) 21 October - 29 November 2019

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Dear colleague,

Please find attached an invitation letter from Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, for the TrainForTrade E-Learning course on Statistics of International Trade in Services (SITS). Also included are the course description, agenda and registration instructions for your information. Please feel free to forward this invitation to any other agencies or ministries that might be interested in taking the course.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to your registration **by 14 October 2019.**

Regards,
Trade and Industry Statistics Section
Economic Statistics Branch, Statistics Division
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Dear Colleague,

TrainForTrade E- Learning Course on
Statistics of International Trade in Services
Organized jointly by UNSD and UNCTAD in cooperation with WTO
21 October – 29 November 2019

It is my pleasure to invite your office to nominate officials who are responsible for the compilation and analysis of Statistics of International Trade in Services (SITS) in your country to participate in a forthcoming e-learning course. The e-learning course will be conducted from 21 October to 29 November 2019. Nominated officials can self-register on https://tft-reg.unctad.org/en/ (select Trade in Services Statistics - 2019) with the access code 01WTO. Please note that the registration deadline is **14 October 2019**.

The TrainForTrade e-learning course on SITS was developed and produced jointly by UNSD, UNCTAD and WTO in close collaboration with the Inter-Agency Task Force on International Trade Statistics. The course focuses on the following topics: Main Concepts, Pre-requisites for Data Collection and Compilation, Data Sources and Collection, Data Compilation, and Dissemination and Analysis. It was designed mainly for trade data compilers; however, users of trade data can also benefit from the course.

The objective of the course is to enhance the capacity of trade statisticians to apply the most recent internationally agreed recommendations as contained in the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010 (MSITS 2010); to define best possible data sources; to set up or enforce collection systems; and to strengthen statistical production processes. Furthermore, the course would raise awareness of SITS and its concepts, enhance statisticians' capacity, and help them to better understand the MSITS 2010.

Attached are the preliminary agenda, detailed course description and instruction memo containing technical requirements, dates and contact information. Your early response will help us in making the necessary arrangements in time. Further detailed information concerning the course will be communicated to registered participant(s) in due course. The course will be conducted in English.

If you have any questions or need any assistance regarding this course, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Dominique Chantrel (E-mail: dominique.chantrel@un.org, copy to trainfortrade@un.org) or Mr. Markie Muryawan (E-mail: muryawan@un.org).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and look forward to your positive response and active participation of your nominees in the course.

Yours sincerely,

Stefan Schweinfest

Stefan Schweinfest
Director
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COURS DESCRIPTION

	Trade in Services Statistics
OBJECTIVES:	The main objectives of this course are to raise awareness of Trade in Services' Statistics and its concepts, enhance statisticians' ability to do their work, and to help them better understand the manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS 2010).
TARGET POPULATION	Primary Target : Compilers and producers of data (Statistics on 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.)
DURATION	• On-line 6 weeks (4hours a week) • Followed by a face-to-face: 4 jours
MODULES	• **Module 1 - Importance of Trade in Services Statistics** • **Module 2 - Setting up pre-requisites for data collection and compilation** • **Module 3 - Data sources and collection** • **Module 4 - Data Compilation (BOP STIS)** • **Module 5 - Data Compilation (FATS)** • **Module 6 - Dissemination and Analysis**
IMPACT	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 in particular states that WTO, inter alia, 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 theses needs.

DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE ON TRADE IN SERVICES STATISTICS

21 October to 29 November 2019

Please find below a recommended progress schedule

Week	Module	Activities
Week 1 21-25 October	1: Importance of Statistics on International Trade in Services & main concepts	Read the manual of Module 1 (21 pages) (PDF or EPUB)
		Watch the video M1 (34 slides) 31"
		Run quiz M1
		Give your feedback on module 1 (Opinion questionnaire)
Week 2 28 October 1st Nov.	2: Setting up pre-requisites for data collection and compilation	Read the manual of Module 2 (35 pages) (PDF or EPUB)
		Watch the video M2 Part 1 & Part 2 (66slides) 21"30' + 21"
		Run quiz M2
		Give your feedback on M2 (Opinion questionnaire)
Week 3 04-08 November	3: Data sources and collection	Read the manual of Module 3 (35 pages) (PDF or EPUB)
		Watch the video M3 Part 1 & Part 2 (61 slides) 23" + 19"
		Run quiz M3
		Give your feedback on M3 (Opinion questionnaire)
Week 4 11-15 November	4:Data Compilation (BOP STIS)	Read the manual of Module 4 (39 pages) (PDF or EPUB)
		Watch the video M4 (52 slides) 26"
		Run Quiz M4
		Give your feedback on M4 (Opinion questionnaire)
Week 5 18-22 November	5:Data Compilation (FATS)	Read the manual of Module 5 (39 pages) (PDF or EPUB)
		Watch the video M5 Part 1 & Part 2 (44 slides) 23" + 20"
		Run Quiz M5
		Give your feedback on M5 (Opinion questionnaire)
Week 6 25-29 November	6:Dissemination and Analysis	Read the manual of Module 6 (39 pages) (PDF or EPUB)
		Watch the video M6 (31 slides) 31"
		Run Quiz M6
		Give your feedback on M6 (Opinion questionnaire)
Week 7 1–6 December	Revision week and feedback	Revise all the modules
		Give your overall feedback on this course (Final opinio questionnaire)

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1. Course Registration Procedure

Summary:

This document will explain participants how to register on the new registration platform.

Platform address:

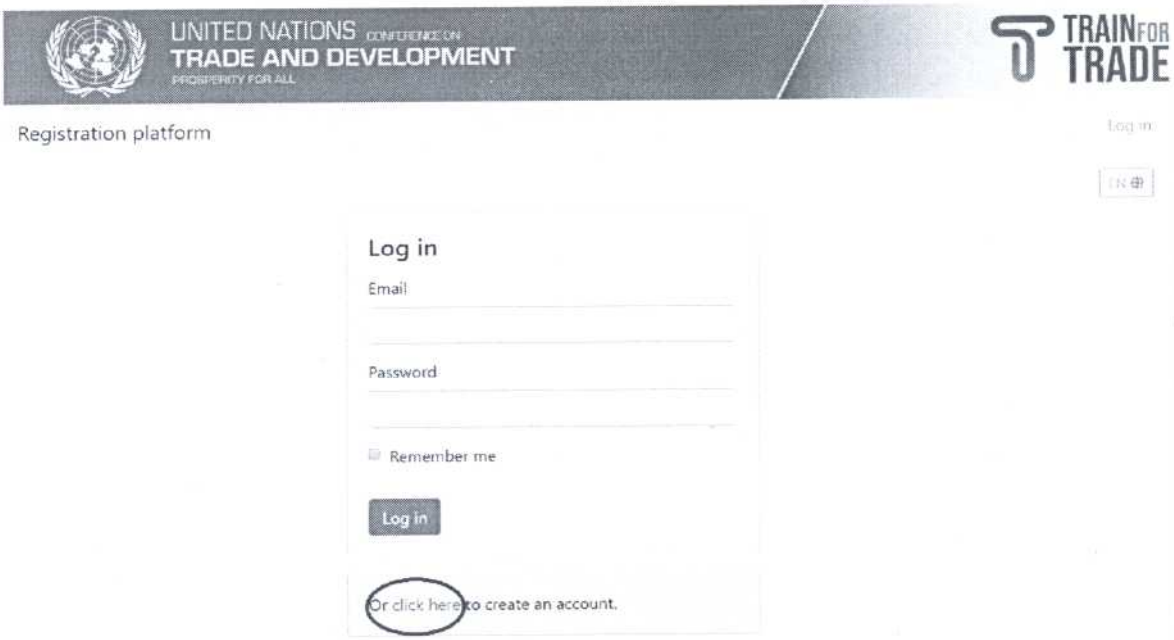
The website address for registration platform https://tft-reg.unctad.org/en/

2. Detailed Procedure

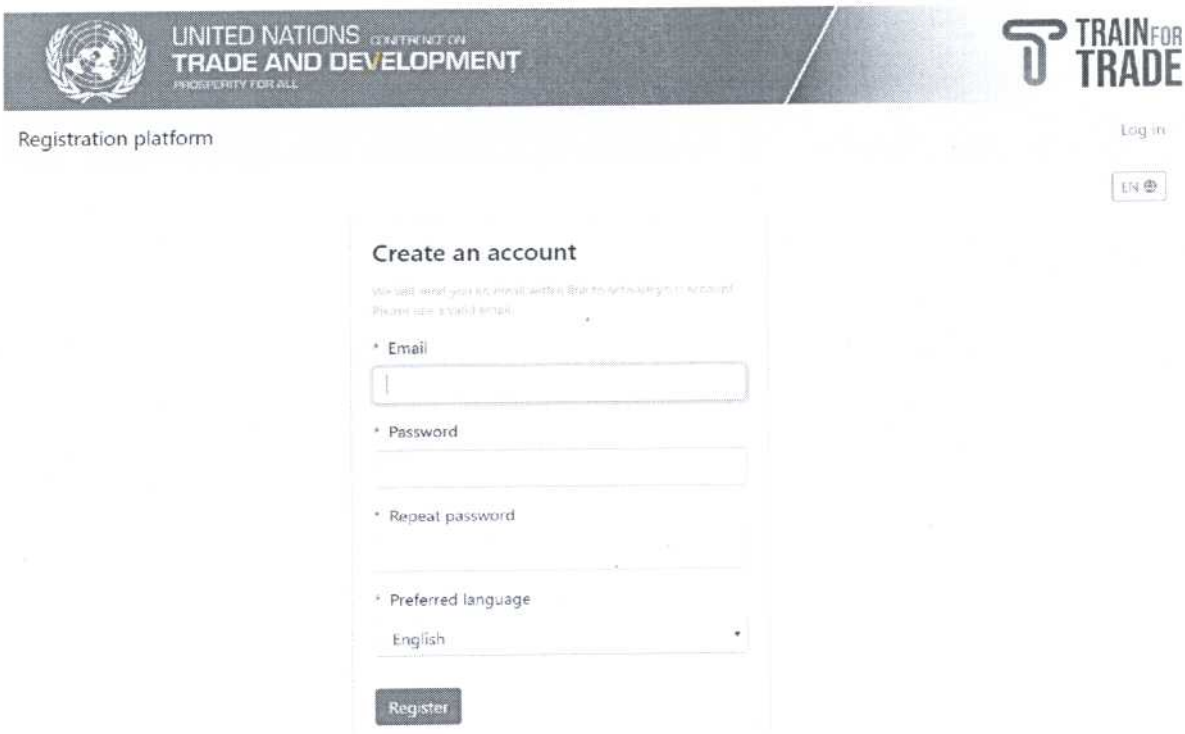
- Go to the above-mentioned internet address.

- Put the passcode **01WTO** in the "**Trade in Services Statistics – 2019**" and click "**Apply**".

- When the "Log in" page loads, click on "**Click here**" button (in the red circle) to create an account.



- Fill out the required fields with your email address, password and preferred language.



It is important to enter a valid email address because an activation link will be sent to this email to finalize your application process. Please note that your email address will be your username.

- After entering the requested information in all the fields, click on the blue button "**Register**".

Success message should appear on your screen as shown below:

> The user has been created successfully.
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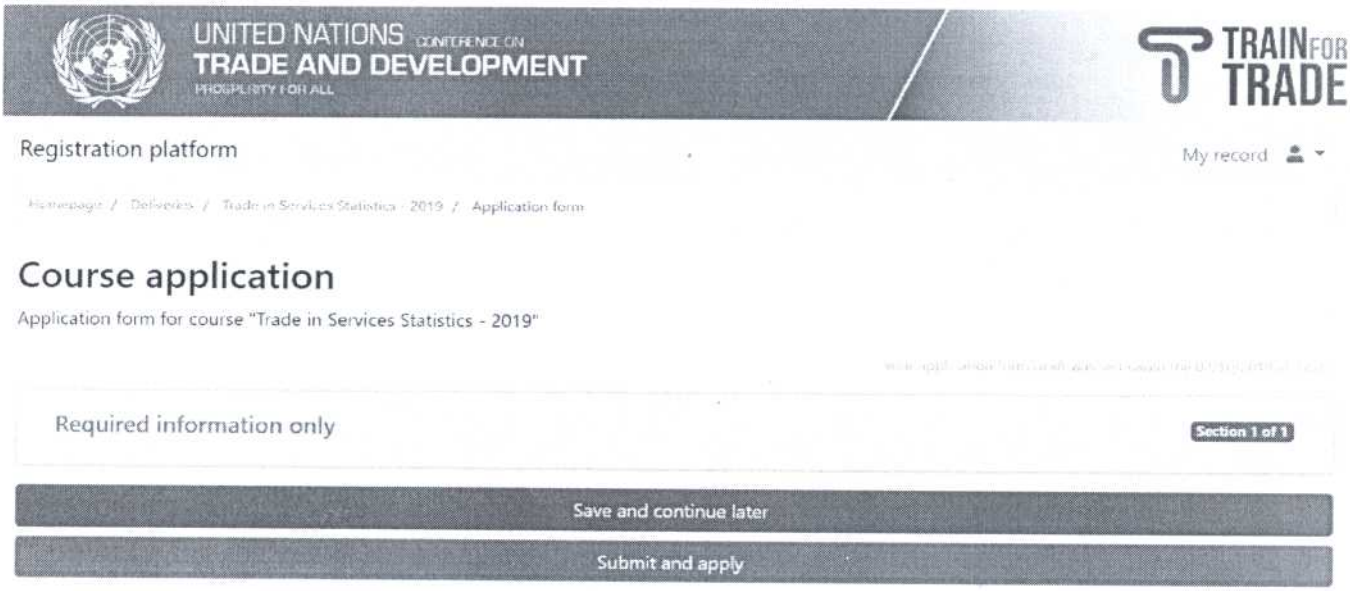
> *An email has been sent to your@email.com. It contains an activation link you must click to activate your account.*

- Go to your email inbox, you should have received an activation email from "TrainForTrade" tftreg-noreply@unctad.org, as shown below:

> *Hello your@email.com!*
>
> *To finish activating your account – please visit https://tft-reg.unctad.org/register/confirm/8LNHZFOr-WYWtN6HQS7_ExmQwjS9AuheY*
>
> *This link can only be used once to validate your account.*
>
> *Regards, the Team.*

Click on the link inside the email to finalize your account creation, you'll be presented with the page asking the password of the course, and, your account creation is finished.



- You will then have to fill out "course application forms".
- Once you have filled out all the fields, click on the "Submit and apply".

You will see following message:

Your application is successfully submitted.