



Virtual Training Workshop on Data Collection and Analysis of Trade-in-Services among the OIC Member States

23-25 March 2021

Within the framework of the technical assistance in the field of WTO issues for the benefit of OIC Countries, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and the Department of Regional Cooperation and Integration of the IDB organized a Virtual Training Workshop on Data Collection and Analysis on Trade in Services among the OIC Member States on 23-25 March 2021.

The objective of the workshop is to support and assist National Statistical Offices executives to benefit from new methodologies for collecting, harmonizing and analyzing data on trade in services in order to exchange reliable data. And on the other hand, to help negotiators in trade services to approach new markets in this field and to diversify future partners at bilateral, regional and multilateral trade and investment agreements with a view to achieve the objectives of the OIC Ten-Year Plan 2016-2025, namely 25% of the share of intra-OIC trade by 2025.

On this occasion, Experts from OIC Institutions (ICDT, IDB, SESRIC), Regional and International Organizations (WTO, ICC, UNCTAD, ECA, League of Arab States, UNDS) and Representatives of OIC Countries exchanged experiences on Data Collection and Analysis on Trade in Services and also discussed the following topics:

- Importance of Trade in Services Statistics and Relevant Classifications
- Challenges in Measuring Trade-in-Services
- Trade in Services Data Analysis

The representatives of the following Member States benefited from this important training: Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger, Oman, Uganda, Palestine, Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia, Suriname, Togo, Tunisia and Turkey.