Developed Countries want Informed Trade Negotiation Partners

Developing Countries Need Better Statistics for Trade-in-Services and FDI

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If you are a developing country official, you don't need to be told that you need this kind of data, or be advised of the lacunae. Rather, you need advice on how to solve the problem. We'd like to work with you to help you to find a solution unique to your national government needs. Your government is the entity most capable of collecting comprehensive trade-in-services, FDI or other globalization data. What we'd like to do is help you to achieve this capacity. Training can be provided on the basics of new data frameworks, such that objectives and benefits are clear.

To read more about ISTIA large and small-scale capacity building solutions for developing countries requiring assistance in the collection, publication and policymaking use of:
- Trade-in-services statistics
- Foreign direct investment (FDI) statistics
- Globalization statistics
- UN Millennium Goal Statistics (under Goal 8)

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Developing countries have asked for services trade statistics capacity building in over 75 official and WTO and GATT meetings. Prior to ISTIA, the mandate for such work was not owned by any of the international organizations. Far from being a duplication, this work is a long-awaited response to an unmet need of almost every developing country or LDC, particularly countries which are WTO Members.

To assist developing countries in an area where a great need is evident, and a strong impact is possible, please consider services trade statistics capacity building as a constructive and under-addressed area of capacity building, which will provide a visible return on investment.