

**Inaugural Meeting of the  
IMT-GT Trade, Investment and Tourism Database (ITITD) Task Force  
4 September 2009  
Putrajaya, Malaysia**

**Report to the IMT-GT Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI)**

1. The ITITD Task Force convened its inaugural meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Putrajaya, Malaysia.
2. The Meeting welcomed Dr. Satwiko Darmesto, the Director of International Trade Statistics, CBS, as the Task Force Member for Indonesia. Dr. Satwiko Darmesto replaces Pak Adi Lumaksono, MA.
3. The Meeting elected Malaysia as the Chairman for the ITITD Task Force, to align with the Chairmanship of the WGTI.
4. The ITITD Task Force took note of the significant economic indicators and related statistics already available on the IMT-GT Website at [www.imt.org](http://www.imt.org) and commended CIMT and ADB for their efforts. The Meeting encouraged CIMT and all relevant parties to promote the IMT-GT Website as a source for IMT-GT information.
5. Recalling ITITD's objective was to realise the Leaders directive for a more objective assessment of the socio-economic progress resulting specifically from IMT-GT cooperation, the Meeting discussed the ITITD deliverables. In this regard, on the issue of the availability and level of disaggregation of the indicators in each country, the Meeting decided:
  - i. To officially propose their version of the ITITD Data template (by reviewing and modifying the ITITD Data Template Questionnaires) by no later than 5 November 2009.
  - ii. The respective Member Countries versions of the ITITD Data Template will include proposals for appropriate definitions, formulae, and standardisation among Task Force Members; identify country sources, frequency of release/update and methodology of data collection and limitations of the data.
  - iii. The ITITD Task Force agreed to meet as and when necessary to determine consensus on issues as mentioned in 4 (ii) above. Inter-sessionally, the ITITD Task Force primary mode of communication will be via electronic mail

6. The ITITD Task Force agreed on a need for a strategy and action plan with timelines for focal points to identify and collect the necessary data from the relevant national sources. In this regard, each Member Countries will outline their respective Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for national data collection and collation. Member Countries are to submit the respective SOP together with their versions of the ITITD Data Template by 5 November 2009.

7. The Meeting agreed for a higher body, such as the WGTI, to determine if a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Statistics between the Heads of National Statistics Offices and CIMT is necessary to ensure the long-term commitment of parties, and to raise the issue with Senior Officials as and when deemed appropriate.

8. The Meeting agreed to convene its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in November 2009, soon after Member Countries submit their versions of the ITITD Data Template by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The main objective of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting is achieving a common, single ITITD Data Template for all IMT-GT countries. The Meeting thanked Indonesia, for agreeing to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ITITD Task Force in Jakarta, Indonesia.

9. The Meeting agreed to allow for the inclusion of country specific data, and encouraged Member Countries to volunteer statistics over and above the baseline information in the common ITITD Data Template.

10. The Meeting thanked CIMT and the Economic Planning Unit for hosting the Meeting and ADB for sponsoring the Meeting.

