

# SADC TIS Template Validation Day 1 Summary

# Morning

- Reminder of WTO/UNSD Workshop in Gaborone January 2014
- Recommendation of development of a Common tool for collection and compilation of trade in services and FATS in SADC – A statistical template
- To address national and SADC needs for information
- Overview of Template – meeting request for a roadmap for implementation – SADC will address this when template is accepted
- EBOPS items and BPM6 components were presented.
  - Countries preferred to stay with the international MSITS 2010/BPM6 classification levels and identify priority items within that
  - Those who have implemented BPM6 found it acceptable, those who are implementing BPM6 thought it was a reasonable working proposal but the exact SADC list may need review – in due course.

# Afternoon

- Presentation of partner country/grouping list
- Presentation of Malawi and Mauritius tourism stats. Discussion revealed a number of countries who could estimate expenditure by country of visitor (more for inward than outward)
- Discussion of partner country list – meeting wanted a comprehensive partner country list for compilation – For reporting to SADC (to meet trade policy needs) the minimum requirement is SADC total, COMESA total, EAC total, Tripartite total, EU total and World.
- Brainstorming on partner country compilation – many ideas including identifying Travel and maybe Transport as easier sectors to start with, need for survey data in some areas of business services, ITRS information could possibly be adjusted to facilitate partner information.