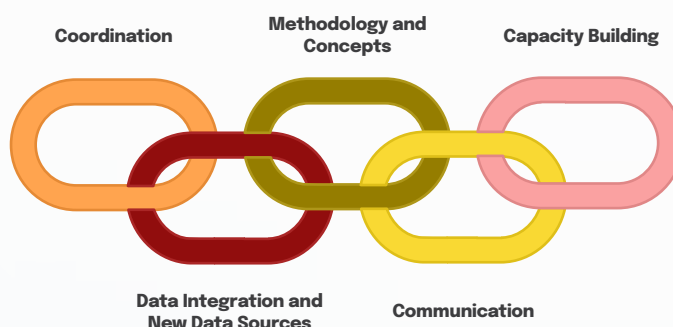


Eighth Meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics

The United Nations Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics (UNCEBTS) was established by the United Nations (UN) Statistical Commission in 2019. Since its establishment, the Committee has worked on enhancing business and trade statistics to improve overall economic statistics and address emerging data demands. Its efforts focus on five strategic areas:



The Singapore Department of Statistics (DOS) has been actively participating in the UNCEBTS's work in methodology development and capability building, such as contributions to the Handbook of Integration Business and Trade Statistics (HIBTS) and knowledge sharing through the [Global Repository of Practices for Business and Trade Statistics](#) (the Repository).

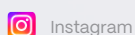


The 8th UNCEBTS Meeting in Singapore

The annual UNCEBTS meeting is organised for members to discuss emerging data needs and to review the progress and future work of various Task Teams. The Enterprise Singapore and DOS co-hosted the 8th UNCEBTS meeting [1] in Singapore from 24 to 26 June 2025, the first meeting held in Asia, which saw an attendance of over 140 representatives across countries and international organisations [2].

The Minister of State for the Ministry of Trade and Industry Mr. Alvin Tan, delivered the opening speech, highlighting Singapore's economic strategies and commended the Committee's collaborative efforts to provide statistical guidance and advocate best practices. Singapore's Chief Statistician, Dr. Koh Eng Chuan, launched the Repository and shared DOS's strategies for addressing emerging data demands.

The meeting focused on the strategy for addressing emerging data demands and the Committee's priority areas. The leads of Task Teams presented project updates and future workplans for their respective workstreams. At the meeting, the Economic Development Board and DOS shared experiences in compiling industrial and business statistics respectively.



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In 2025, DOS was honoured to be nominated as the Chair of both the Task Team of Statistical Business Register (SBR) and the Working Group on the SBR Maturity Model Toolkit. This dual leadership role underscores the recognition of DOS's expertise and contribution in the statistical domain. As the chair, DOS also led the development and management of the Repository.

The 8th UNCEBTS meeting presented an opportunity for DOS to deepen its involvement in the strategic collaboration for methodology development and capacity building. Through participation in these international fora, DOS will continue to exchange experience with its international counterparts and adopt the best statistical practices to support evidence-based decision making.

[1] Meeting materials and detailed information are available on the [UNCEBTS website](#).

[2] Representatives from the United Nations Statistics Division, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Trade Organisation, UN Industrial Development Organization, UN Tourism, Eurostat, and African Union Commission were present.