ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE SERVICES SYMPOSIUM

1. At the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) held during 8th October 2009, Ministers agreed to –
   (i) Establish a Regional Services Project Steering Committee (SPSC) consisting of a high-level official from each Member State to (i) formally consider and make recommendations on the recommendation of the Regional Symposium; and (ii) oversee, at the regional level, the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the Regional Plan for Services;
   (ii) Establish a National Coordinating Committee (NCC), consisting of representatives of national services coalition, ministries and agencies dealing with Services, etc, to oversee the work at the national level;
   (iii) Identify a National Focal Point (NFP)- Ministry- in each Member State;
   (iv) Identify a National Focal Point Person (NFPP) within that Focal Point.

2. Based on the recommendations of the (SPSC), at the Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the COTED held during 8-9 February 2010, Ministers expanded from nine to eleven the elements of the Regional Plan. These are now :-
   (a) Goals;
   (b) External Environment;
   (c) Constraints and challenges to achieving the Goals
   (d) Policy Framework
   (e) Legislative Framework;
   (f) Incentives;
   (g) Human Resource Requirements;
   (h) Financial requirements;
   (i) Technological Needs;
   (j) Cross-sectoral Linkages
   (k) Other.

3. At the Thirty-First Meeting of the COTED, Ministers held during 2-3 December 2010, Ministers indentified the following as the priority sectors on which the work should begin:-
   (1) Financial Services;
   (2) Information and Communication services;
   (3) Professional Services;
   (4) Tourism Services;
   (5) Education Services;
   (6) Health and Wellness services;
   (7) Recreational, Cultural and Sporting services.