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Tanzania’s Case
Inbound Tourism and BOP Developments

- One of the main objective of the Inbound visitor exit survey was to collect data from the tourism sector in order to improve compilation of National Account and BoP statistics.

- In this regard, since 2001, tourist earnings from the expenditure model have been used as travel receipts in balance of payments.

- This account for 90 percent of the travel receipts.
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- Prior to the surveys, the International Transactions Reporting System (ITRS) has been the main source for travel receipts.

- *Nevertheless*, the bank still record the travel receipts as reported by ITRS and use it for crosschecking mechanism.

- ITRS is the system that captures data on international transactions from the domestic banking system for compilation of BOP statement.

- The information collected under travel receipts
Inbound Tourism and BOP… Contd

- Passenger transportation is also recorded through the ITRS.

- **However,** we think there's still room for improvement on the collection of these statistics given that our country has very few resident public transportation systems. E.g. currently there are only two resident airlines and railway lines.
Inbound Tourism and BOP...Contd

Therefore, we have recently launched a pilot Survey for resident airlines requesting for the information on passenger fares earned from transporting nonresident travelers.

- Also, requested additional details on earnings from transportation of freight and expenses of resident airlines abroad

- We have started with airlines since about 90 percent of our visitors come by air, thereafter will proceed to other modes.