



UNITED NATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
STATISTICS DIVISION

**Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics
Second meeting
New York, 16-19 July 2007**

Agenda

Monday, 16 July 2007

Morning session: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Joint session – Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics and Expert Group on Industrial Statistics - Conference Room 5

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:30 (1) Opening statement by Paul Cheung, Director UNSD
 (2) Objectives and organization of the meetings
 (3) Administrative matters and introduction of participants

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break

*Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics – Conference Room A
Chair: Mr. Clifford Lewis, Trinidad and Tobago*

10:50 – 12:30 (4) Adoption of the agenda
 (5) **Introduction** of the *International Recommendations on Distributive Trade Statistics (IRDTS)*

UNSD introduction
General discussion
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(6) **Chapter I - Scope of distributive trade statistics**

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12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

Monday, 16 July 2007

Afternoon session: 14:00 pm – 17:30 pm

Joint session – Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics and Expert Group on Industrial Statistics – Conference Room 5

Chair: Mr. Paul Sullivan, Australia

14:00 – 16:00 (7) *Chapter II - Statistical and reporting units*

UNSD introduction

General discussion

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(8) *Chapter III - Characteristics of statistical units*

UNSD introduction

General discussion

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16:00 – 16:20 *Coffee break*

Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics – Conference Room A

Chair: Mr. Hon-kwan Lam, China, Hong Kong SAR

16:20 – 17:30

(9) *Chapter II (cont.) - Treatment of entities specific to distributive trade*

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(10) *Chapter III (cont.) - Characteristics of statistical units specific to distributive trade*

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Chair: Mr. Ronald Gness, Germany

09:00 – 10:30 ***(11) Chapter IV - Data items and their definitions***

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10:30 – 10:50 ***Coffee break***

Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics – Conference Room A

Chair: Mr. Richard Evans, Canada

10:50 – 12:30 ***(12) Chapter IV (cont.) - Data items and their definitions***

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(13) Chapter V - Performance indicators

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14:00 – 16:00 ***(14) Chapter V - Data sources and data compilation methods***

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16:00 – 16:20 *Coffee break*

Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics – Conference Room A
Chair: Mr. Richard Evans, Canada

15:50 – 17:30 ***(15) Chapter V - Data sources and data compilation methods (cont.)***

General discussion

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Wednesday, 18 July 2007

Morning session: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

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Chair: Ms. Maria Eugenia Oviden, Chile

09:00 – 10:30 ***(14) Chapter X - Dissemination***

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(15) Chapter X (cont.) - Minimum data sets for international reporting

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10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics – Conference Room A
Chair: Darren Morgan, UK

10:50 – 12:30 ***(16) Chapter VII - Seasonal Adjustments***

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*Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics – Conference Room A
Chair: Darren Morgan, UK*

14:00 – 15:30 (17) *Chapter VIII - Indices of distributive trade*

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15:30 – 15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50 – 17:30 (18) *Chapter IX - Data quality and metadata*

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Thursday, 19 July 2007

Morning session: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

*Joint session – Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics and Expert Group on
Industrial Statistics – Conference Room 5
Chair: Mr. Peter Lys, Canada*

09:00 – 10:30 (19) *UNSD Knowledge Platform on Country Practices for Basic
Economic Statistics*

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10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

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10:50 – 12:30 (20) *International Recommendations on Distributive Trade Statistics –
remaining steps for finalizing the draft IRDTS*

General discussion
(21) Follow up manuals to be drafted by UNSD - Distributive Trade Statistics: Compilers Manual and Indices of Distributive Trade: A Handbook of Good Practices

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14:00 – 17:00 (22) Round table discussion on the EG conclusions
(23) Evaluation of the meeting
(24) Conclusion of the meeting