# Trade SDMX via UNGP

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### What is SDMX?

**Statistical** 

Data

&

**Metadata** 

**eXchange** 

- Full harmonization of Data
- Full automation of Data exchange

"...standardising and modernising ("industrialising") the mechanisms and processes for the exchange of statistical data and metadata among international organisations and their member countries."

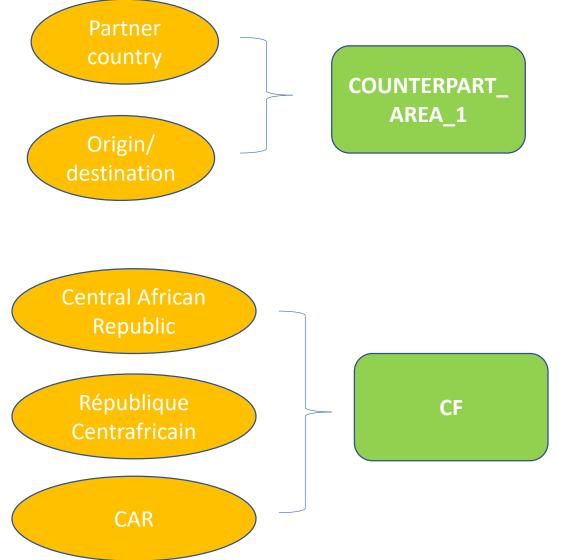
### Harmonization

 Common data set labels/ variable names/ column names

✓ Common set of "Concept"

 Common code list for each Concept (variable/ column/ label)

Common tools



### Harmonization

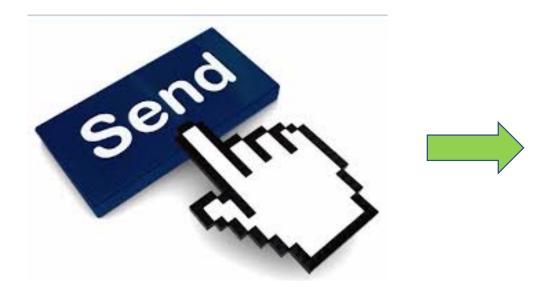
So basically from this...

To this...



### Automation

• From this...



• To this...



## Some key terminologies

#### **Concept:**

- In Statistical term  $\rightarrow$  a variable.
- In international trade data sets, often a column.
- For example:
  - Mode of transport (TRANSPORT\_MODE\_BORDER)
  - Unit of measure (UNIT MEASURE)

SDMX aims to harmonize the concept scheme (a fixed set of concepts with common names and code lists)

# Some key terminologies

Measurement: Concept denoting the key observation (FOB, CIF, Net Weight, Quantity)

**<u>Dimension:</u>** Concept which, together with other concepts uniquely identify the record.

For example: Commodity code (COMMODITY\_1)

Attribute: Concept which provide additional information about the record, but is not required to uniquely identify it.

For example: Unit multiplier (UNIT\_MULT)

**Code list:** A list of all acceptable values of a concept.

# Some key terminologies

# **Data Structure Definition:**

 A data model that specifies all concepts, their role, and their code lists or formats

Role	Id	▼ Description ▼	Presentation
Dimension	TRADE_FLOW	Trade flow or sub-flow (exports, re-exports,	CODE LIST: CL_TRADE_FLOW
		imports, re-imports, etc.)	
Dimension	COMMODITY_1	Primary commodity code or commodity group code	CODE LIST: CL_COMMODITY
		(its composition includes a prefix that identifies the	
		commodity classification).	
Dimension	COMMODITY_1_CONF	Commodity code suitable for dissemination when	CODE LIST: CL_COMMODITY (restricted to
		primary commodity code is confidential.	subset of "truncated" codes)
Measurement	OBS_VALUE	The value of a particular variable at a particular	na
		period.	
Attribute	UNIT_MEASURE	The unit in which the data values are measured.	CODE LIST: CL_UNIT_MEASURE
Attribute	COMMENT_OBS	Any comment regarding the observation may go	FREE TEXT
		here. For generic codes in CL_UNIT, such as "UT -	
		Unit described in title" use this field to fully specify	
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# Why SDMX?

Fast & Easy

Data transmission is automatic, no ad-hoc transformation needed

Reduced response burden

All parties transmitting and receiving data according to same standards

**Error** minimization

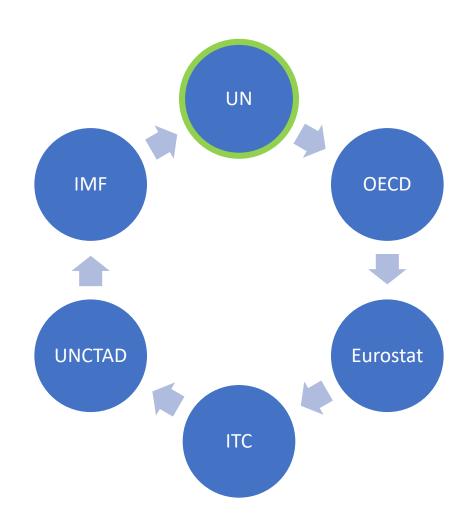
Harmonization of concepts and code lists

Improved security

Better tools to ensure security and confidentiality



# SDMX-IMTS Working Group



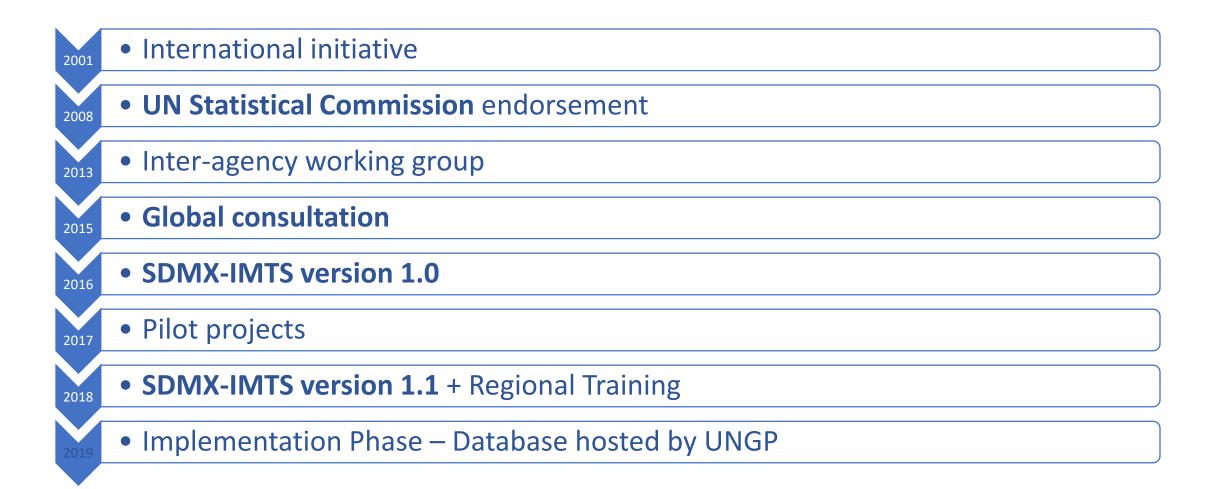
### What do we want

For the transmission of global IMTS data and metadata:

- ✓ Uniform structures/ data model;
- ✓ Common concept definitions and;
- √ Harmonized code lists

And that everyone uses it!

### **Brief Timeline**



## Maintenance Agreement: Who's who

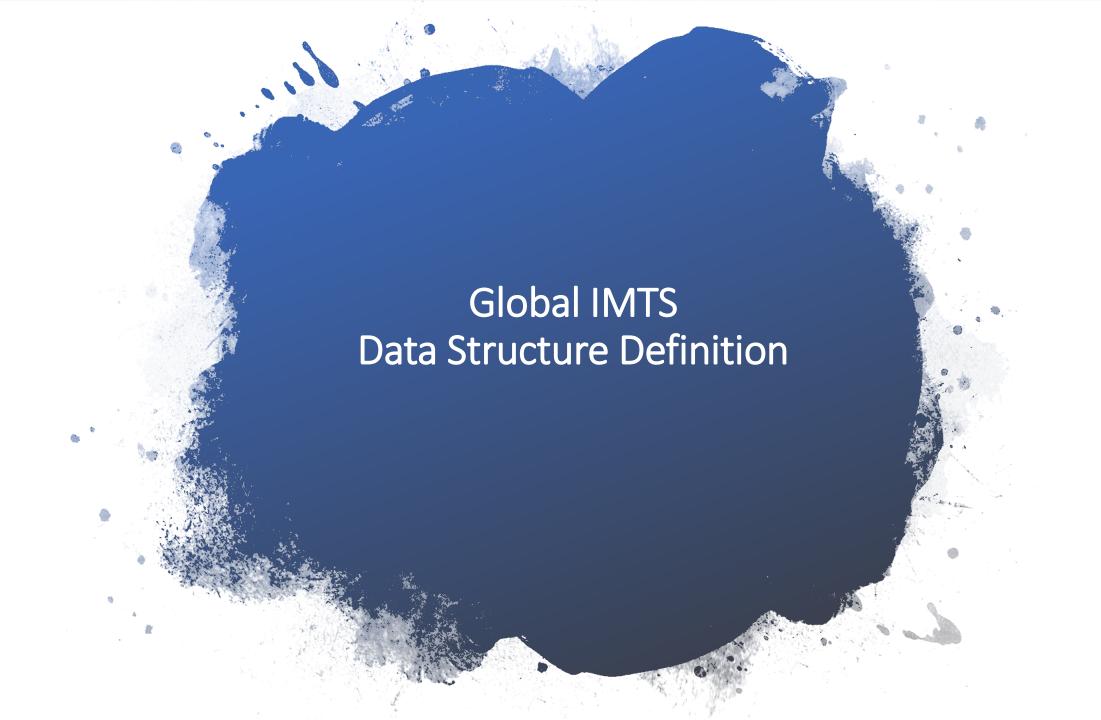
Name	Ownership	Maintenance	Major Stakeholders	Update(s)
IMTS	OG-IMTS (formerly SDMX-IMTS Working Group) (Eurostat, UNSD, OECD) Informing ITC, IMF and UNCTAD	UNSD	Task Force – International Trade Statistics	Annual and fast-track

### Maintenance Agreement: How

- Code lists split into three categories
- ✓ SDMX Cross-Domain Code Lists (CDCLs)
- ✓ Code lists based on SDMX Cross-Domain Code Lists or National Accounts (NA), Balance of Payments (BOP) and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) SDMX
- ✓ IMTS owned code lists (IMTS)

Maintenance depends on those categories

Code list ID	Concept(s)	Source/Maintenance	Туре
CL_FREQ	Frequency	SDMX.CL_FREQ (2.0)	CDCL
CL_AREA	Reference area	BoP DSD CL_AREA 1.8 + IMTS (1.1)	MES-E
CL_TRADE_FLOW	Trade flow	IMTS (1.1)	IMTS
CL_COMMODITY	Commodity code	IMTS (1.1)	IMTS
CL_COMMODITY_CUSTOM_BREAKDOWN	Custom commodity breakdown ID	IMTS (1.1)	IMTS
CL_TRANSPORT_MODE	Mode of transport at the border	IMTS (1.0)	IMTS
CL_CUSTOMS_PROC	Customs or statistical procedure	IMTS (1.0)	IMTS
CL_ACTIVITY	Economic activity	IMTS (1.0)	IMTS
CL_TRANSFORMATION	Transformation	SNA CL_TRANSFORMATION 1.2	MES
CL_MEASURE	Observation (measure) type	IMTS (1.1)	IMTS
CL_UNIT_MULT	Unit multiplier	SDMX.CL_UNIT_MULT (1.1)	CDCL
CL_UNIT	Unit of measure	BoP DSD CL_UNIT v1.9 + IMTS (1.1)	MES-E
CL_TRADE_SYSTEM	Trade System	IMTS (1.0)	IMTS
CL_PARTNER_TYPE	Type of primary partner area	IMTS (1.0)	IMTS
CL_OBS_STATUS	Observation Status	SDMX.CL_OBS_STATUS (2.1)	CDCL



### This is Seychelles monthly trade data

Year	СРС7	Transport	HS	Flow	Partner	Qty	SU	NetWeight	USDValue
2017	4000000	1		L		22.22	KG	22.22	5.77
2017	4000000	2		L		1.8	KG	1.8	95.41
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2017	4000000	2		L		12.03	KG	12.03	13.63
2017	4000422	1		I		6	KG	6	22.29
2017	4000000	1		I		259.03	KG	259.03	3151.51
2017	4000000	1		I		118.25	KG	118.25	280.72
2017	4000000	1		I		125	KG	125	545.56
2017	4000000	2		I		25	KG	25	532.42
2017	4000000	2		I		21.68	KG	21.68	507.86
2017	4000PER	2		I		290	KG	290	371.39
2017	4000000	2		I		1.62	KG	1.62	806.94
2017	4000000	2		I		12.3	KG	10.5	679.97
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2017	4000000	1		_		6	NM	7.73	82.89
2017	4000000	2		_		3	NM	9.44	4.12
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All columns in this table are **Concepts**.

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Qty, NetWeight and USDValue are Measurement.

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SU is an **attribute**, rest are **dimensions**.

### SDMX-IMTS DSD: Dimension

**FREQ** 

TIME\_PERIOD

REF AREA

TRADE\_FLOW

COMMODITY\_1

COMMODITY\_1\_CONF

COMMODITY\_2

COMMODITY\_2\_CONF

COMMODITY\_CUSTOM\_BREAKDOWN

Frequency

Reference period

Reference area

Trade flow

Commodity code

Confidentialized commodity code

Commodity code

Confidentialized commodity code

Custom commodity breakdown

### SDMX-IMTS DSD: Dimension (cont.)

COUNTERPART AREA 1 COUNTERPART\_AREA\_1\_CONF COUNTERPART AREA 2 COUNTERPART AREA 2 CONF TRANSPORT MODE BORDER TRANSPORT MODE BORDER CONF CUSTOMS\_PROC **ECONOMIC ACTIVITY TRANSFORMATION MEASURE** 

Primary partner area

Confidentialized primary partner area

Additional partner area

Confidentialized additional partner area

Mode of transport at the border

Confidentialized mode of transport at the border

Customs or statistical procedure

**Economic activity** 

**Transformation** 

Type of measure

### SDMX-IMTS DSD: Attributes

UNIT MULT Unit multiplier UNIT\_MEASURE Unit of measure **COMMENT OBS** Comments to the observation value TRADE SYSTEM Trade System COMMODITY\_CUSTOM\_BREAKDOWN\_CODE Custom commodity breakdown code COMMODITY\_CUSTOM\_BREAKDOWN\_DESC Custom commodity breakdown description COUNTERPART AREA 1 TYPE Type of primary partner area COUNTERPART\_AREA\_2\_TYPE Type of additional partner area COUNTERPART\_AREA\_1\_ANNOTATION Annotation of primary partner area COUNTERPART\_AREA\_2\_ANNOTATION Annotation of additional partner area OBS\_STATUS **Observation Status** 

### Challenges for Trade statistics

- Original commodity code may be longer than code list element.
- Need to retain multiple commodity classifications revisions.
- Multiple measures not supported properly in current version.
- DSD large in size.
- No way to "turn off" unused dimensions.

# Example

**DSD** with basic data

Role	Id	Use Case 1: FOB value				
υ	SAGE NOTES:	This record transmits the FOB value as the measure. Other measurements may also be transmitted by setting the MEASURE accordingly. Often different MEASUREs will have different natural scales, as illustrated by the changes in UNIT_MULT.				
Dimension	FREQ	A				
Dimension	TIME_PERIOD	2010				
Dimension	REF_AREA	DE				
Dimension	TRADE_FLOW	x				
Dimension	COMMODITY_1	HS12_010410				
Dimension	COMMODITY_1_CONF	HS12_010410				
Dimension	COMMODITY_2	_X				
Dimension	COMMODITY_2_CONF	_x				
Dimension	COMMODITY_CUSTOM_BREAKDOWN	209000				
Dimension	COUNTERPART_AREA_1	GH				
Dimension	COUNTERPART_AREA_1_CONF	GH				
Dimension	COUNTERPART_AREA_2	ES				
Dimension	COUNTERPART_AREA_2_CONF	ES				
Dimension	TRANSPORT_MODE_BORDER	T_3				
Dimension	TRANSPORT_MODE_BORDER_CONF	_x				
Dimension	CUSTOMS_PROC	C_TOTAL				
Dimension	ECONOMIC_ACTIVITY	_x				
Dimension	TRANSFORMATION	N				
Dimension	MEASURE	V_FOB				
Measurement	OBS_VALUE	300				
Attribute	UNIT_MULT	6				
Attribute	UNIT_MEASURE	EUR				
Attribute	COMMENT_OBS					
Attribute	TRADE_SYSTEM	S				
Attribute	COMMODITY_CUSTOM_BREAKDOWN_CODE	010410209000				
Attribute	COMMODITY_CUSTOM_BREAKDOWN_DESC	Live sheep, female				
Attribute	COUNTERPART_AREA_1_TYPE	P3				
Attribute	COUNTERPART_AREA_2_TYPE	P2				
Attribute	COUNTERPART_AREA_1_ANNOTATION					
Attribute	COUNTERPART_AREA_2_ANNOTATION					
Attribute	OBS_STATUS	А				

2010 Annual Exports of HS 010410 (according to HS 2012) from Germany to Ghana (Last Known Destination) with Spain as the Second Partner (Country of Consignment). The transmitted value is FOB and the amount is 300 million Euros. Mode of Transport is by land.

### Data transformation for SDMX

REFERENCE	PERIOD	FREQ	FLOW	PARTNER	COMMODITY	MODE_TR	QTY	QTY_UNIT	NET_WEIGHT		CIF
Turkey	201701	М	M	Netherlands	970000	Road	500	items	200	kg	2624

- QTY, NET\_WEIGHT and CIF are all Primary Measures.
- As per SDMX standard, each of them will have to be specified by their values
   (OBS\_VALUE), nature of that value (MEASURE, e.g. CIF), and unit of the measure
   (UNIT\_MEASURE, e.g. Turkish Lira), in addition to all other dimensions and
   mandatory attributes.
- So in this case, we create 3 rows from this one row.

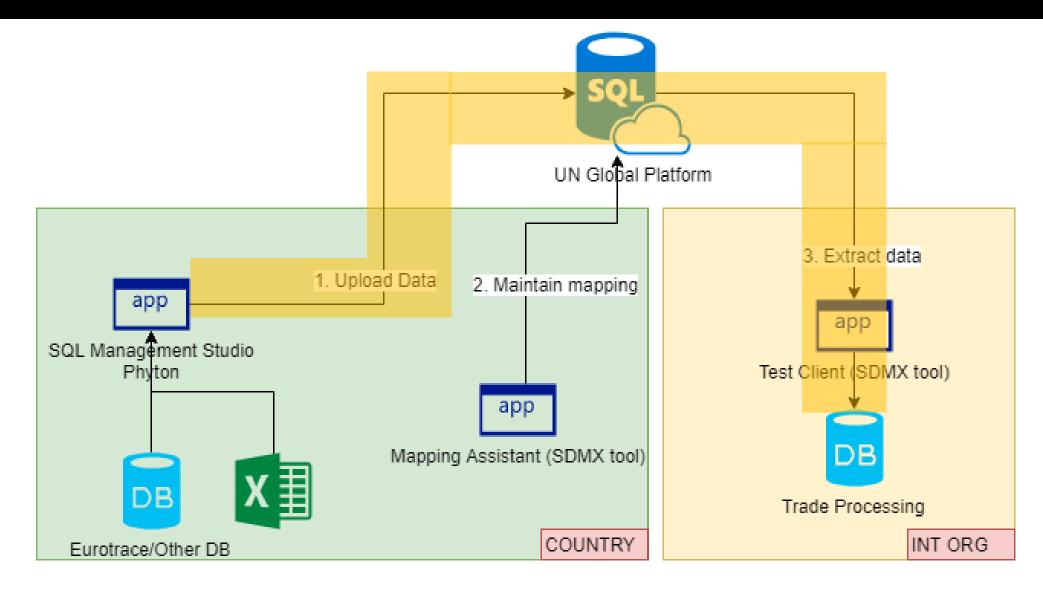
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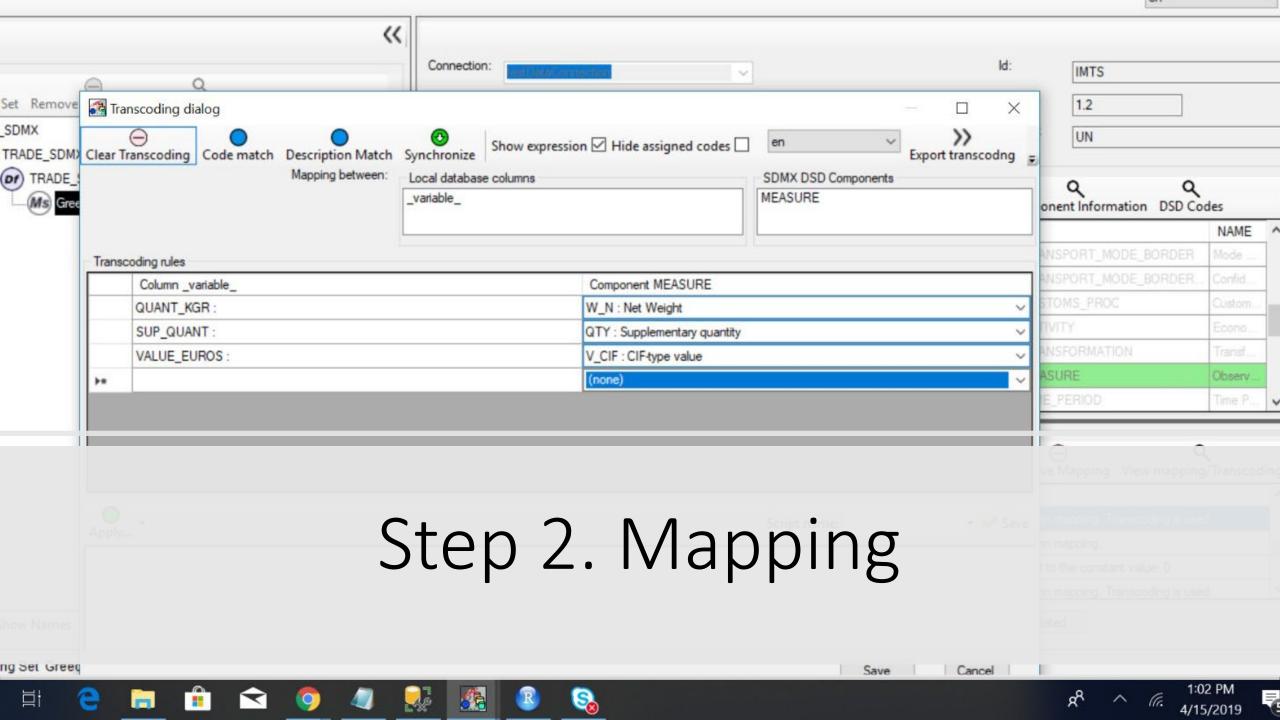
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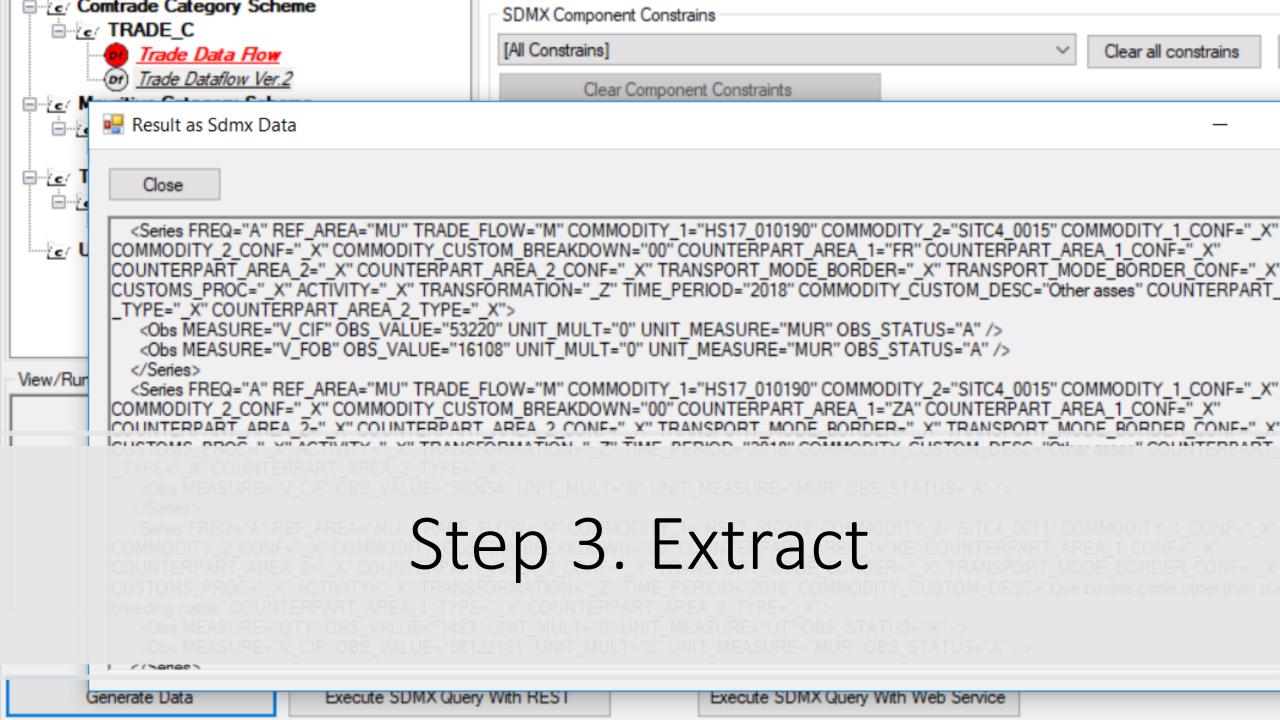


#### Use UNGP as Secured Storage of Data and Mapping



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	HS Code	SITC	Description	Country	Unit	Quantity	Free on board (in Mauritian I
1	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	BE - Belgium	Unit - Unit	2	194488
2	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	BE - Belgium	Unit - Unit	2	277840
3	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	BE - Belgium	Unit - Unit	2	222272
4	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	BE - Belgium	Unit - Unit	1	139230
5	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	BE - Belgium	Unit - Unit	2	222272
6	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	BE - Belgium	Unit - Unit	2	139230
7	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	BE - Belgium	Unit - Unit	3	194922
8	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	GB - United Kingdom	Unit - Unit	1	101256
9	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	GB - United Kingdom	Unit - Unit	1	13783
10	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	GB - United Kingdom	Unit - Unit	2	177198
11	01012900	0015029	Other pure bred animals	GB - United Kingdom	Unit - Unit	2	177198
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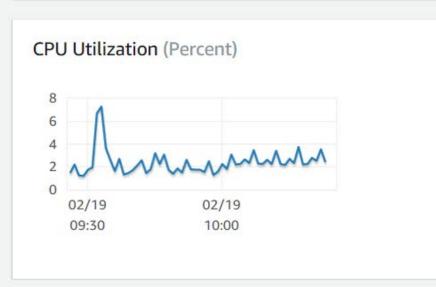


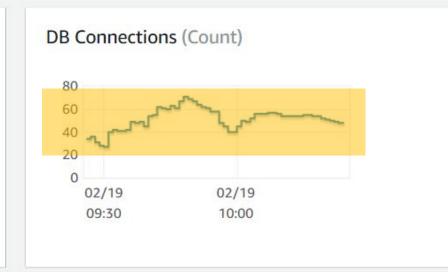
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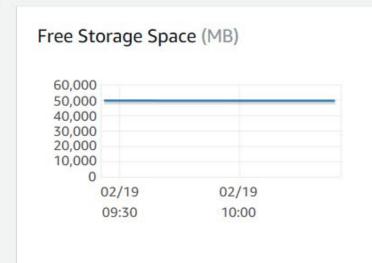
- a) DSD Wizard for generating DSD in XML format
- b) Mapping Assistant for connecting input database (hosted by UN Global Platform) and global DSD by applying mapping rules
- c) SQL Server Management Studio for running queries against the input database
  - d) Python to prepare and upload new / revised data
- e) Test Client and SDMX Web Services for integrating Mapping Assistant for windows and web output, respectively
  - f) Eurotrace for testing generic SDMX output modules
  - g) XML Explorer for opening/viewing large XML files (DSD)
  - h) Fusion Registry Community Edition to manage large trade DSDs

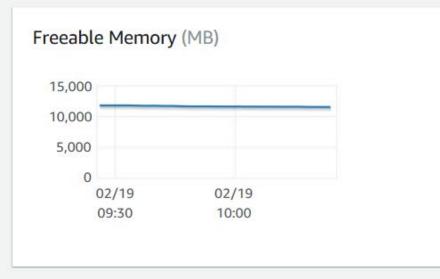
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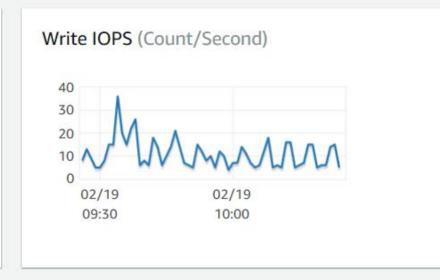


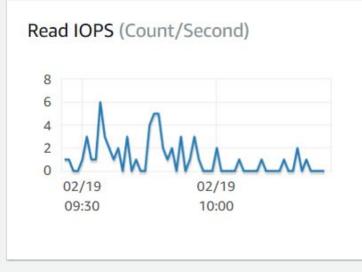














### Concerns identified in the consultation

Inconsistency

Differences with existing (national) standards

Impracticality

Huge data volumes

IT system

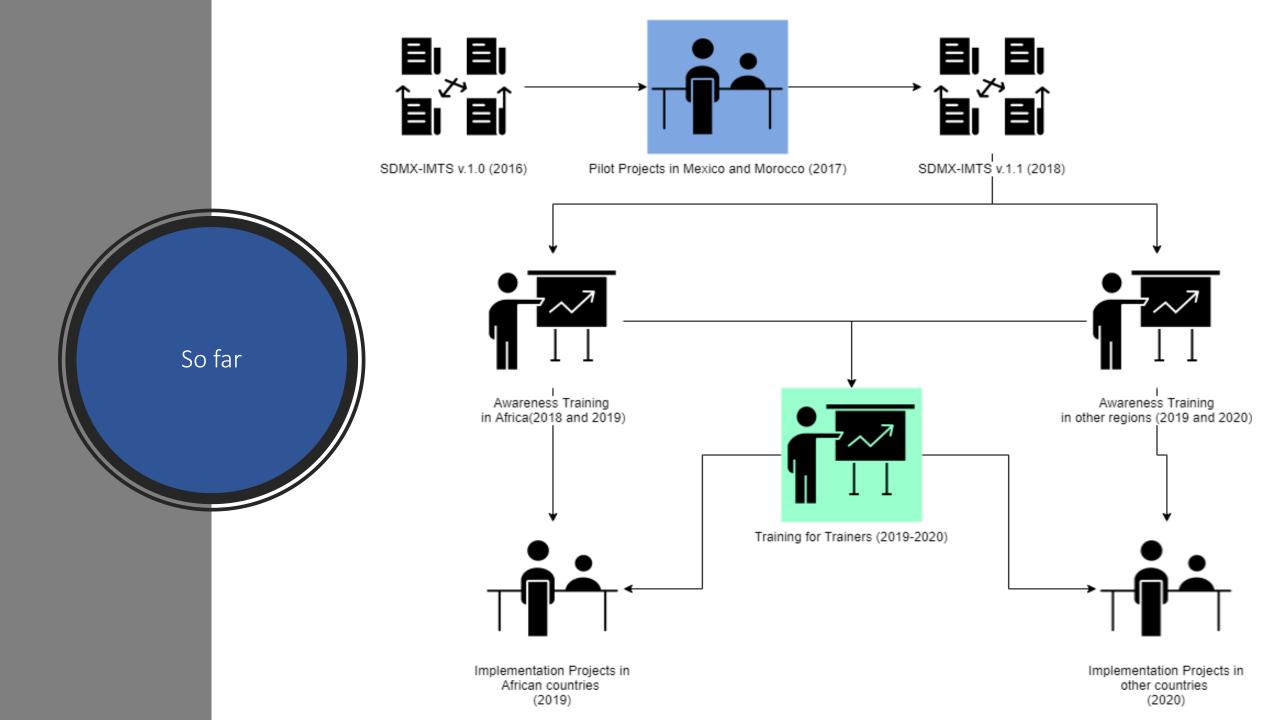
Need for investment to upgrade/build

Knowledge

Lack of understanding

Confidentiality

Capacity to make records confidential



### Finally: Capacity Building Strategies

- ✓ Awareness Training programmes
- ✓ Training for Trainers programmes
- ✓ Implementation Projects
- ✓ Legal Framework
- √ Tools Development
- √ Cross-standard Fertilization
- ✓ Manuals and Guidelines
- ✓ E-learning module

