

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

## **Draft Agenda**

*Updated on 6 July 2021*

*The meeting will take place virtually on 23-24 June and 7-8 July, from 7:00am to 10:30am (NY time).*

*Day 1 – Wednesday, 23 June 2021*

### **1. Opening and objectives of the meeting**

Stefano Menghinello, Chair UNCEBTS and Director for Data Collection, ISTAT  
Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division (video recording)  
Ivo Havinga, Assistant Director, United Nations Statistics Division

- *Main achievements and Future areas of work of the UNCEBTS*- Stefano Menghinello
- Open floor discussion

Adoption of the Agenda - Stefano Menghinello

### **2. Manual on the global core set of principal business and trade indicators**

This session will review the outcome of the pilot survey on the global core set of principal business and trade indicators and the progress toward the drafting of the Manual in preparation of the global consultation.

- *Presentation on the Initial draft manual on the global core set of principal business and trade indicators* – Ilaria Di Matteo (UNSD)
- *Joint Presentation on the pilot* – Gerardo Durand (INEGI) and Zhyuan Qian (UNSD)
- Open floor discussion

Background paper – Initial draft Manual on the global core set of principal business and trade indicators

*Day 2 – Thursday, 24 June 2021*

### ***Summary of day 1***

### **3. Follow-up to UNSC decision, Integration of trade activities into the UNCEBTS**

This session will explore the options in integrating trade activities related to coordination, methodology, data, and capacity building into the work programme of the UNCEBTS, taking into account the new trade task team and existing thematically organized task teams. The options range from centralizing the trade activities in the trade task team to

distributing them through a thematic approach to existing task teams. The terms of reference of the new task team will be discussed. In the middle of July, the Bureau will evaluate candidates from the committee's members for the role of task team leader of trade statistics and appoint him/her in order to start the revision process of the trade statistics manuals.

- *Options for integrating international trade statistics* - Markie Muryawan (UNSD)

Background papers – Integration options for international trade statistics

*Break*

#### **4. Future programme of the UNCEBTS and task teams**

This session will discuss the future work programme of the UNCEBTS and the future arrangements of its task teams and their deliverables taking into consideration priorities and initiatives of international/regional organizations and countries in the area of business and trade statistics.

-*Task team on globalization and digitalization*, Daniela Ravindra (Statistics Canada)

-*Task team on well-being and Sustainability*, Soren Andersen (Statistics Denmark)

-*Task team on business dynamics, demography and entrepreneurship* – Arturo Blancas and Gerardo Durand (INEGI)

-*Task teams on exhaustive business registers and capacity building* – Hank Hermans (statistics Netherlands) and Saleh AL Kafri (Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics)

*Day 3 – Wednesday, 7 July 2021*

*Summary of day 2*

#### **5. Manual on the Maturity Model for Statistical Business Registers**

This session will review the progress of work on the Manual on the maturity model for Statistical Business Registers, the development of a questionnaire and the plan to initiate a regular global assessment on the status of implementation of SBR in countries.

- *Update on the work on the Manual on the Maturity Model for Statistical Business Registers* - Hank Hermans (statistics Netherlands) and Saleh AL Kafri (Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics)

- *Joint SIAP-ADB and UNSD e-learning on SBRs* – Pinar Ucar (SIAP)

- *Prototype for the interactive self-assessment* – Zhiyuan Qian (UNSD)

#### **6. The revision of the trade statistics manuals**

In connection with the discussion in session 3 of the agenda, this session will review and discuss the proposed timeline, working methods, and the initial list of issues of the research agenda for trade statistics. The other relevant discussion point would be managing and organizing cross-cutting thematic topics between merchandise and services trade statistics and trade and business statistics.

- *Proposed revision process of the trade statistics manuals*, Vysaul Nyirongo (UNSD)

Background document – Proposal for the research agenda

*Day 4 – Thursday, 8 July 2021*

### ***Summary of day 3***

#### **7. Coordination - New and emerging areas/initiatives in Business Statistics**

This session will present new and emerging areas and initiatives in business statistics from countries and international/regional organizations covering methodological work, capacity building and data collection activities. The objective of this session is to identify possible synergies among the various initiatives.

- *Eurostat's priorities in the years to come on business and trade statistics* – Sophie Limpach (Eurostat)
- *Review of the communication on progress of the UN Global Compact*- Bernhard Frey (UN Global Compact)
- *Update from UNCTAD second meeting of its Working Group on Measuring E-Commerce and the Digital Economy* – Scarlett Fondeur Gil (UNCTAD)
- *GGR-ADIMA cooperation* – Nancy Snyder (UNSD) and Rodolfo Ostolaza (OECD)
- *Proposal for a global initiative on unique identifiers* – Ilaria Di Matteo (UNSD) and Ricco Dunn (GLEIF)
- Open floor discussion

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- *Markie on paper 3*
- *IMF tentative*
- *project on trade data tools UNSD-Eurostat*
- *Eurostat initiative on mode of supply*
- *UNCTAD – WTO Update on e-learning*

- Open floor discussion

background paper No. 3

**Conclusions of the meeting and way forward**