

UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics
Special Meeting on the Impact of COVID-19 on Business and Trade Statistics

Virtual Meeting, 16-18 June 2020

Draft Agenda

16 June 2020

7am – 9.30am NY time

Opening remarks

Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director UNSD

Mr. Stefano Menghinello, Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Business and trade Statistics (UNCEBTS)

Mr. Ivo Havinga, Assistant Director, Economic Statistics, UNSD

Objectives and organization of the meeting

Key note

“Statistical and Policy Perspective on COVID-19”

Mr. Jonathan Athow, Deputy National Statistician and Director General, Economic Statistics at Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom

Session 1: Ensuring continuity in business and trade statistics

Chair: Mr. Stefano Menghinello (Chair of UNCEBTS and ISTAT)

- Introduction of the discussion note on “Ensuring continuity”
- Country presentations
 - Ms. Daniela Ravindra (Statistics Canada)
 - Mr. Søren Schiønning Andersen (Statistics Denmark)

Open discussion

Conclusions and recommendations

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Session 2: Data solutions for business and trade statistics

Chair: Ms. Alison Pritchard (ONS-UK)

- Introduction of the discussion note on “Data solutions”
- Country presentations
 - Mr. Stefano Menghinello (ISTAT)
 - Mr. Hugo Hernandez (INEGI)

Open discussion

Conclusions and recommendations

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Session 3: Pivot Post COVID

Chair: Mr. Ivo Havinga (UNSD)

- Introduction of the discussion note on “Pivot post- COVID”
- Country presentations
 - Mr. Juan Daniel Oviedo (DANE, Colombia)
 - Mr. Saleh Al Kafri (PCBS, State of Palestine)
 - Mr. Sagaren Pillay (Statistics South Africa)

Open discussion

Conclusions and recommendations

Session 4: Closing

Closing remarks

Mr. Stefano Menghinello, Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Business and trade Statistics (UNCEBTS)