

Third Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics

29 September – 1 October 2020

Draft Agenda

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The meeting will take place virtually on 29, 30 September and 1 October 2020 from 7:00am to 10:30am (NY time).

Tuesday, 29 September 2020

7:00-7:30 Session 1: Opening and objectives of the meeting

- Stefano Menghinello, Chair UNCEBTS and Director for Data Collection, ISTAT
- Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division
- Ilaria Di Matteo, Chief Business Statistics Section, UNSD

Chair: Stefano Menghinello (ISTAT)

7:30-8:20 Session 2: Review of the Strategic View of the Future of Business Statistics¹

- Stefano Menghinello, Chair UNCEBTS and Director for Data Collection, ISTAT
- Discussion

8:20-10:30 Session 3: Updates from the task teams

This session will review and discuss the progress of work of the task teams of the UNCEBTS, identify areas for further work building on the lesson learnt from the experiences during COVID-19 and explore areas of further coordination with groups working on areas of common interest.

- a. Task team on globalization and digitalization
 - Daniela Ravindra (Statistics Canada)
 - Discussion
- b. Task team on business dynamics, demography and entrepreneurship
 - Arturo Blancas (INEGI)
 - Discussion
- c. Task team on wellbeing and sustainability

¹ <https://content.iospress.com/download/statistical-journal-of-the-iaos/sji200687?id=statistical-journal-of-the-iaos%2Fsji200687>

- Alison Pritchard (UK ONS)
- Discussion

Wednesday, 30 September 2020

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7:00-7:20 Discussion of previous day's conclusions

7:20-8:00 Session 3: Updates from the task teams - continued

- d. Task team on exhaustive business registers and Task team on capacity building on SBRs
 - Hank Hermans (Netherlands CBS) and Saleh Al Kafri (PCBS)
 - Discussion

8:00-10:30 Session 4: Research agenda for international trade statistics

Given the enterprise-based approach considered by the Committee, trade statistics are of foremost interest. It is important to coordinate the research agenda of business and trade statistics. The Committee can play a role in contributing to these conceptual developments. This session will review the research agenda for international trade statistics and the update of the International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) and the Manual of Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS) to identify their impact on the work programme of the UNCEBTS.

Moderator: Markie Muryawan (UNSD)

- BPM7 revision update, Maria Borga (IMF)
- Trade in goods/services by enterprise characteristics, Rodolfo Ostolaza (OECD)
- TEC for TiVA calculations, Gerardo Durand (INEGI)
- Enhancing the use customs data beyond trade statistics, Juergen Abrams (ABRAMS Wiki)
- Measuring E-commerce, Amitabha Pradhan (Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India)
- Calculation of Trade Indices using Multilateral Method, Matthew Stansfield (StatsNZ) - recording
- Discussion

Thursday, 1 October 2020

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7:00-7:20 Discussion of previous day's conclusions

7:20-9:00 Session 5: New and emerging areas

This session will discuss progress in new areas taking into account the recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2020, the outcome of the Special meeting on the impact of COVID 19 on business and trade statistics (and its impact on the work of the Committee), and the impact on the UNCEBTS from the work undertaken by the Friends of the Chair on the future of economic statistics.

Moderator: Ilaria Di Matteo

- Update on the Global Group Register, Nancy Snyder (UNSD)
- Prototype of repository of hyperlinks to Business statistics database available in international/regional organizations, Zhiyuan Qian (UNSD)
- Task Team on Communication, Stefano Menghinello (ISTAT)
- Report from the Special UNCEBTS meeting on the impact of COVID 19 of Business statistics, Ivo Havinga (UNSD)
- Update from the Friend of the Chair on the Future of Economic Statistics, Ivo Havinga (UNSD)
- Discussion

9:00-9:40 Session 6: Programme of work, 2021-2022

This session will bring together the discussion from the previous sessions into a concrete programme of work for the UNCEBTS and its task teams for the period 2021-2022.

- Stefano Menghinello (ISTAT)
- Discussion

9:40-10:00 Session 7: Conclusions and closing

- Stefano Menghinello (ISTAT) and Ivo Havinga (UNSD)