UNITED NATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
STATISTICS DIVISION

Expert Group on Distributive Trade Statistics
New York, 22-25 August 2005

Provisional agenda

Monday, 22 August

Morning session: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Chair: Mr. Vladimir Markhonko, UNSD

1. Opening statement by Mr. Paul Cheung, the UNSD Director.

2. Administrative matters and introduction of participants.

3. Adoption of the agenda.

4. A summary of country practices in distributive trade statistics and the UNSD work programme in this area.

   • UNSD presentation
   • Open discussion
[Monday] Afternoon session: 1:30pm – 5:00pm

Chair: Mr. Prahlad Kumar, India

5. Current country practices

• Country presentations:
  
  Canada  
  China  
  UK  
  Philippines  
  India

• Open discussion

Tuesday, 23 August

Morning session: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Chair: Mr. Prahlad Kumar, India


• Scope of distributive trade statistics – UNSD presentation
• Treatment of distributive trade statistics in ISIC and CPC - UNSD presentation
• Country discussants:
  
  Mexico  
  Iran  
  Ukraine

• Open discussion

7. Statistical and reporting units

• UNSD Presentation
• Country discussants:
  
  Ghana  
  South Africa  
  Trinidad and Tobago

• Open discussion
[Tuesday] Afternoon session: 1:30pm – 5:00pm

Chair: Mr. Prahlad Kumar, India

8. Data items, data sources and data collection methods.

- **Country presentations:**
  
  USA
  Poland
  The Russian Federation

- **Open discussion**

- **Data items and their definitions – UNSD**
  **Open discussion**

- **Data sources and data collection methods – UNSD**
  **Open discussion**

Wednesday, 24 August

Morning session: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Chair: Mr. Lyndon Morgan, United Kingdom


- **UNSD Introduction**
- **Country presentations:**

  Retail Trade Index, Denmark
  Index of Sales of Consumption goods, Chile

- **Country discussants:**

  USA
  Canada
  France
  Denmark

- **Open discussion**
Afternoon session: 1:30pm – 5:00pm

Chair: Mr. Lyndon Morgan, United Kingdom

10. Distributive trade statistics and compilation of the national accounts.
   • Country presentation
     
     Trade Satellite Accounts, France
   • Country discussants:
     Mexico
     Philippines
     Peru
   • Open discussion
   • UNSD presentation
   • Open discussion

Thursday, 25 August

Morning session: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Chair: Mr. Lyndon Morgan, United Kingdom

11. A round table discussion – good practices and problem areas specific to distributive trade statistics.
   • Country discussants:
     USA
     India
     Poland
   • Open discussion
12. A round table discussion – linkages with other basic economic statistics/sectoral statistics
   
   • Country discussants:
     
     Canada  
     Philippines  
     France  
   
   • Open discussion

Afternoon session: 1:30pm – 5:00pm

   Chair: Mr. Lyndon Morgan, United Kingdom

13. Towards the revised UN recommendations: preliminary conclusions and future activities.
   
   • UNSD Introduction
   • Open discussion

14. Evaluation of the meeting.

15. Conclusion of the meeting.