



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

6. Scope and classifications.

- *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*

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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

9. Indices and performance indicators.

- *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.