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(a) The revised strategic view on business and trade statistics to strengthen the horizontal (across statistical domains) and vertical (between data sources and macroframeworks) integration of business and trade statistics, the new priority areas identified in section II.A and the plan to develop the detailed future work programme, as presented in section III;
   • The strategic vision on business and trade statistics to strengthen integration is of great importance in international trade and business statistics where economic indicators are extracted. Now that they are available in real time, they meet the needs of many users in the field of business and trade.

(b) The progress of work of the task team on international trade statistics, the proposed revision process and research agenda for the revision of the international trade statistics manuals, the plan to develop a maturity model and assessment tool for statistics on international trade in services and progress made on trade data tools for international merchandise trade statistics.
   • This report outlines the work the International Trade and Business Statistics team is doing to develop business indicators and set guidelines for statistical business records, which we consider to be very important, as well as review manuals on concepts, definitions and others.

(c) The manual on the global core set of principal business and trade indicators and the use of the list of indicators as a reference list for countries to develop business and trade statistics, with a view to informing users about the topics of business demography, business dynamics and entrepreneurship; globalization and digitalization; and well-being and sustainability.
   • We commend this work on identifying business and trade indicators and related guidelines.

(d) The manual on the maturity model for statistical business registers, the launch of a regular assessment on the status of implementation of statistical business registers in countries and the proposed capacity-building activities for statistical business registers;
   • The development of statistical business registers is extremely important as it is the legal framework of all data sources for calculating statistical indicators, and for the consistency of statistical data in all countries and international organizations.

(e) The establishment of an initiative aimed at improving the availability of a unique identifier in countries’ administrative data sources and the link with a global unique identifier.
   • We express our support for this idea that helps in data access and availability.

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