Revising trade manuals: International Merchandise Trade Statistics and Statistics on International Trade in Services

Side Event of the 53rd session of the UN Statistical Commission 15 February 2022

Organized by UNSD and the Task Team on International Trade Statistics

Registration: https://forms.office.com/r/Vadhve5fxB

Concept Note

Background


This side event will raise awareness of the processes and issues being considered by the TT-ITS for the revision of the concepts and compilations guides for international trade statistics. It is relevant for supporting discussions regarding agenda item 3(p) of the Commission. A background document on the research agenda, processes for the revision of the international trade statistics manuals, and on TT-ITS has also been prepared in support of the agenda item.

Objectives of the event

The main objective of the event is to raise awareness of the processes and research issues for the revision of trade manuals, including:

1) Sensitizing stakeholders about the ToRs for the TT-ITS and its working modalities
2) Informing on timelines and sensitization of research issues, including their interlinkages and relevance
3) Raising awareness on global consultations, including experimentation and testing

The event will include presentations and discussions by panelists and other participants, including co-leads of the TT-ITS and UNSD as the secretariat of the task team.

Target audience

Primary audience of the event includes statisticians, compilers, producers, and users of trade data and statistics and other economic statistics, including National Accounts, BOP, Business Statistics, Foreign Direct Investment, and other socio-economic statistics.
**Organization**

This event will be in form of a Webinar and all participants will connect virtually. It will be in English only and more details about the organization as follows:

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**Draft Agenda**

I. Background and motivation (20 minutes):
   (a) The Task Team on International Trade Statistics
   (b) Working arrangement and modalities of work
       — *Presentations by UNSD*

II. Integration with Business Statistics (horizontal dimension) (20 minutes)
    — *Presentation by Cristina Neves, INE Portugal*

III. Vertical dimension of integration, including statistics of trade in merchandise, statistics of trade in services, other statistical frameworks and indicators (20 minutes)
    — *Presentation by Houssaine Ouljour, Office des Changes Morocco*

IV. Round table discussions, Q&A (30 minutes)