Revision of Trade Manuals

UNSC Side Event

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TT-ITS: Mandates
Mandates of the Task Team on International Trade Statistics (TT ITS):

- Revise trade statistics manual: IMTS 2010 and MSITS 2010 in collaboration with other stakeholders
- Enhance the integration between trade and business statistics
- Promote capacity building activities and collaborate on ongoing technical assistance projects
- Coordinate the Integration of work program with other entities
Enhance capacity building in the area of integrated trade and business statistics:

- **Strategic leadership and advisory role:**
  - Development and implementation of capacity building
  - Technical assistance activities in trade statistics

- **Strategic leadership and promote global trade data programmes**
TT-ITS will undertake the following activities (1/2):

• Promote capacity building programmes for countries, development of data tools and data collaboration in International Trade Statistics;

• Proactively promote technical assistance programmes for countries in order to better strengthen their capacity of data compilation;

• Promote and support improving the availability, quality, and comparability of integrated international trade statistics;

• Promote the development of national statistical systems that enable the production and dissemination of trade data of high granularity and frequency based on IMTS, SITS, TEC, STEC, and trade-related business indicators;

• Promote joint international data collections, exchanges and dissemination to reduce countries’ response burden, improve data consistency and user confidence.

• Develop and promote the use of a maturity model for SITS and possibly for IMTS that can be used to measure the capacity development of countries in the area of trade statistics compilation.
TT-ITS will undertake the following activities (2/2):

- Promote coordination, collaboration and integration of work programmes capacity building and technical assistance activities among different groups and international agencies;

- Recommend emerging topics that need special focus in capacity building and technical assistance by international organizations and countries;

- Promote and endorse e-learning training programmes on international trade statistics; particularly the linkage among trade statistics, business statistics and sustainable development;

- Promote and endorse software and data tools that are specifically developed by the international community for international trade data processing and dissemination.
Mandates of Trade Task Team

Co-leaders: Portugal and Morocco
Research Topics:
Vertical and Horizontal
Vertical and Horizontal Integration

- upstream harmonization of ITS with macroeconomic statistical frameworks, including BPM and SNA
- downstream integration with the various data sources, including customs, administrative and survey data

- Cross-cutting issues of digitalization, globalization, well-being, sustainability, gender
- Integration with business statistics
- Broader scope of international trade – FATS, GVC
Guidance Notes and Authors
Created by Vyseul Nyirongo, last modified by Teklabe Mihret on Feb 04, 2022

- v.1 Scope of IMTS and SITS
- v.2 Impact of the BPM updates
- v.3 Bilateral trade asymmetry (goods and services)
- v.4 Informal Cross Border Trade (Goods And Services)
- v.5 Recording Principle – Change Of Ownership Instead Of Cross-Border For Selected Commodities (Goods)
- v.6 Trade System – Improved Coverage By Implementing General Trade System Exclusively (Goods)
- v.7 Valuation – Utilizing Invoice Value In Addition To CIF, FOB (Goods)
- v.8 Price And Volume Measurement (Goods And Services)
- v.9 Factorless Goods Producers And Merchenting (Goods)
- v.10 Measurement Of Modes Of Supply (Services)
- v.11 SITS Classifications EBOPS (Services)
- h.1 Digital Trade Including Conceptual Framework, Price And Volume Measurement (Goods And Services)
- h.2 Global Value Chains (Goods And Services)
- h.3 Linking Trade And Business Statistics (Goods And Services)
- h.4 Impact Of Trade On Environment And Sustainability (Goods And Services)
- h.5 Impact Of Trade On Well-Being, Labor, And Productivity (Goods And Services)
- h.6 Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS) (Goods And Services)
- h.7 Classification: BEC Rev.5. Business Functions (Goods And Services)
- h.8 Impact Of ISIC And CPC Revisions (Goods And Services)
- v.12 Trade Flow, Nature Of Transactions And Customs Procedure Codes (Goods) — formerly denoted as x.1
- v.13 Valuation on specific transactions/products (Goods and Services) — formerly denoted as x.2
- v.14 Alternative data sources – high-frequency data sources (Goods and Services) — formerly denoted as x.3
- v.15 Upgrading SDMX-IMTS to Technical Specification version 3.0 (Goods) — formerly denoted as x.2
- v.16 Clarification On Cultural Products Resulting From Creative Industries — formerly denoted as x.6
- v.17 Revision Of The Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) — formerly denoted as x.7
- v.18 Indicators on Trade Statistics (Goods and Services)
## Prioritization of research topics – outcome of the 1st meeting

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Working arrangements:
Guidance notes, drafting strategies, timelines
## Timeline – overall (GN has its own timeline)

### April 2021 — Sept 2023

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| Finalization & endorsement | | | | | |
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| Manual finalization and approval by UNCEBTS | | | | UNSC endorse. | Capacity building activities on the new manuals |
Drafting strategies and timeline

• Strategies: the list of guidance notes - GNs is available, global consultation has been completed
  • Authors would work on specific guidance notes

• Timeline/milestone depends on the GNs
  • H.1. Digital Trade – Q1-2023 taking into account the update of the Handbook on measuring Digital Trade
  • H.4. Trade and Sustainability – 1st milestone May 2022 for submission to HS sub-committee
Schematic for the life cycle of Guidance Notes

GN drafted by assigned authors
⇒ peer-reviewed by TT

Draft GNs reviewed by UNCEBTS
⇒ Approval

Global consultation including experimentation and testing

Revision of GNs by original authors
⇒ Second round review
[Only if significant changes]

TT sends GN and recommendations to UNCEBTS
⇒ Approval

Endorsement by UNSC for Manual update
What constitutes a concept & definition / manual?

- Need a better separation between a Manual and a Compilation Guide
  - Conceptual Framework vs. Compilation Good Practice
  - Thin vs. Thick
  - Fixed vs. Living Documents

- It would impact drafting strategies and timeline
Guidance Notes:
Template, tracking and collaboration tools
Guidance Notes

- Standardized structure
- Focus on issues and recommendations (options)

Summary

Issues

Background

Considered options and recommendations

Questions for discussion (TT-ITS, UNCEBTS Bureau)
Plan and tracking important milestone

**Key milestones**
- A. Drafting
- B. Peer reviewing
- C. Seeking approval for consultations
- D. Global consultations
- E. Revising
- F. TT-ITS reviewing
- G. UNCEBTS reviewing
- H. Finalized

**Manage workflow**
- o how many for discussions, global consultations, approval, etc. at time?

**Share status regularly**
- o Co-leads respond to a regular survey (Verint survey tool)
- o Include dates for completed stages and anticipated dates of key milestones
- o Status report by the secretariat

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- Manual/Compilation Guide Update => Approval by UNCEBTS => Global consultations => UNSC Endorsement
Collaboration tools

- Wiki
- Online survey
- Emails
- Virtual MS Teams meetings

- Sub task teams
What you can do
How to get involved?

• Propose a new/emerging research topic which is not yet covered

• Active contribution to the drafting of Guidance Notes
  • Experts are welcome

• Reviewing outcome of Guidance Notes in Global Consultation

• Your institution becomes an official member of the Task Team

• Hosting an onsite (hybrid) meeting of the Trade Task Team

• Facilitating a regional consultation

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