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**International Workshop on Country Practices in Compilation of
International Merchandise Trade Statistics, 12-16 November 2007, Addis Ababa**

Revised Agenda

Morning session will be as much as possible from 8:30 to11:30 and afternoon sessions from 13:00 to16:00 *(Each 3 hour session includes a break of 15 minutes)*

Monday, 12 November 2007

Registration for participants: *8:00-9:00*

Morning session   *9:00 -11:30*

1. Opening of the meeting (ECA) {15 minutes}

2. Adoption of Agenda, Purpose of workshop and Administrative matters – UNSD/ECA {15 minutes}

3. UNSD activities in the field of International Trade Statistics – UNSD {20 minutes}

4. ECA activities in the field of International Trade Statistics – ECA {20 minutes}

5. COMESA activities in the field of International Trade Statistics – COMESA {20 minutes}

6. Overview of the results of the NCDP Questionnaire 2006 of countries participating in the workshop (UNSD presentation followed by General Discussion) {45 minutes}

Afternoon session   13:00-16:00

Data sources

   7. Institutional arrangements in data collection; cooperation between the national statistical office (NSO) and (i) Customs and (ii) other agencies
- a. Introduction by UNSD {10 minutes}
- b. Invited country presentation
  - i. **Statistics Zimbabwe** {15 minutes}
  - ii. **Statistics Swaziland** {15 minutes}
  - iii. **Statistics Ethiopia** {15 minutes}
- c. General Discussion – Comments from Customs {15 minutes}

   8. Customs Declarations – Revised Kyoto Convention, Single Administrative Document and relation to IMTS
- a. Introduction by UNSD {10 minutes}
- b. Invited country presentation
  - i. **Customs Israel** {15 minutes}
  - ii. **Statistics Botswana** {15 minutes}
- c. Use of ASYCUDA in the COMESA region (COMESA) {15 minutes}
- d. General Discussion {15 minutes}

   9. Data validation procedures – Customs Procedure Codes, commodity nomenclature, country nomenclature, valuation, quantity units, quantity measurement
- a. Introduction by UNSD {10 minutes}
- b. Invited country presentations
  - i. **Statistics Madagascar** {15 minutes}
  - ii. **Statistics Sudan** {15 minutes}
- c. Eurotrace use in the COMESA region (COMESA) {15 minutes}
- d. General Discussion {15 minutes}

Application of methodological concepts

Tuesday, 13 November 2007

Morning session   8:30 -11:30

   10. Overview of international recommendations - Current recommendations; revision processes influencing the measurement of IMTS and the upcoming third revision of the IMTS manual (UNSD), including conceptual relationship between IMTS and SNA/BOP and additional data collection for SNA/BOP purposes. – Presentation by UNSD {30 minutes}

11. Coverage, especially goods for processing and used goods; and time of recording – lodgement of declarations, inclusions and exclusions from IMTS
    a. Introduction by UNSD {10 minutes}
    b. Goods for processing
        i. **Statistics Turkey** {20 minutes}
        ii. **Statistics Lesotho** {15 minutes}
    c. Used Goods **(Statistics Mozambique)** {15 minutes}
    d. Cross Border Trade **(Statistics Uganda)** {15 minutes}
    e. General Discussion {20 minutes}

Afternoon session   13:00-16:00

12. Trade System, re-exports and re-imports, Customs Procedure Codes and Free Zone Administration (including General trade and Special trade).
    a. Introduction by UNSD {10 minutes}
    b. Trade System and Customs Procedures **(Statistics Zambia)** {15 minutes}
    c. Re-exports **(Statistics Seychelles)** {15 minutes}
    d. Export Processing Zones **(Statistics Kenya)** {15 minutes}
    e. General Discussion {15 minutes}

13. Partner country – Country of Origin and Last known destination
    a. Introduction by UNSD {10 minutes}
    b. Determining partner countries (Imports, Exports and Re-exports) **(Statistics Israel)** {20 minutes}
    c. General discussion {15 minutes}

Wednesday, 14 November 2007

Morning session   8:30 -11:30

14. Commodity classifications (including correspondences between classifications) and Quantity measurement
    a. HS-2007 and SITC, Revision 4 (UNSD Presentation) {20 minutes}
    b. Consequences of implementation of HS-2007 **(Statistics Namibia)** {15 minutes}
    c. Quantity Measurement **(Statistics Malawi)** {15 minutes}
    d. General Discussion {15 minutes}

15. Valuation – Imports CIF and FOB, Exports FOB – and currency conversion
    a. Introduction by UNSD {15 minutes}
    b. Valuation – Imports CIF and FOB, Exports FOB **(Statistics Tanzania)** {15 minutes}
    c. General discussion {15 minutes}

Afternoon session   13:00-16:00

16. **Conclusions of previous sessions and General Discussion on IMTS, Concepts and Definitions: topics for revision** (Introduction by UNSD)

Thursday, 15 November 2007

Morning session   8:30 -11:30

17. Calculation of Export and Import Price Indices (XMPI)
    a. Introduction (**UNSD presentation**)
        i. Calculation of unit value and volume indexes {20 minutes}
        ii. Overview of the draft XMPI Manual {30 minutes}
    b. XMPI calculation using unit values
        i. **Statistics Turkey** {30 minutes}
        ii. **Statistics Mauritius** {30 minutes}
    c. General Discussion {30 minutes}

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18. Calculation of Trade indicators
    a. Trade indicators on a regional or global level
        i. UNSD presentation {20 minutes}
        ii. COMESA presentation {20 minutes}
    b. Trade indicators on National level
        i. **Statistics Angola** {20 minutes}
    c. Trade indicators for use in Market Analysis
        i. ITC presentation {45 minutes}
    d. General Discussion {20 minutes}

Friday, 16 November 2007

Morning session   8:30 -13:00

19. Conclusions and recommendations of the meeting (UNSD, ECA)

20. Evaluation of the Workshop and other business