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International Merchandise Trade Statistics, 12-16 November 2007, Addis Ababa**

*Presentation*  
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*Item 2: Purpose of Workshop*



## Purpose of the Workshop

## Background of the Workshop

- Confirmation of the existing recommendations of International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS, Rev2, 1998)
- Building on recent Technical Cooperation
  - UNSD Workshops on Trade Statistics in Addis Ababa 2004, Abuja 2005 and Douala 2006
- 2006 NCDP Questionnaire

## Framework of the Workshop

- Changes in recommendations of
  - System of National Accounts (2008)
  - Balance of Payment Statistics (2008)
  - Statistics of International Trade in Services (2009)
- Possible adjusted recommendations of International Merchandise Trade Statistics (2010)

## Purpose of the Workshop

- Clarification of Recommendations of International Merchandise Trade Statistics
- Clarification of Measurement of
  - Goods for Processing
  - Re-exports of Foreign Goods
  - Country of Origin
  - Imports FOB

## IMTS Standards - Developments

- IMTS, Concepts and Definitions, Rev.2 (1998)
- IMTS, Compilers Manual (2004)
- IMTS, Supplement to the Compilers Manual (2008)
- IMTS, Concepts and Definitions, Rev.3 (2010)

## Supplement to Compilers Manual (2007)

The Supplement will consist of two parts, namely one part on the national compilation and dissemination practices of IMTS, and the other part on selected data compilation and reporting issues.

Part I: NCDP Questionnaire

Part II: Selected issues

Supplement to Compilers Manual –  
Selected Issues

- Kyoto 2000 and its implications for data compilation
- Boundary between IMTS and SITS
- Measurement issues on Goods for processing
- Measurement issues on Re-exports
- INTRASTAT: achievements and current challenges

IMTS, Concepts and Definitions, Rev.3

- December 2007 – Expert Group Meeting – New York  
– Establishing list of issues
- Mid-2008 – World-wide consultation on issues
- 2008-2009 electronic discussion on UNSD Expert Forum
- First half 2009 – Draft IMTS Manual
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2009 – Expert Group Meeting – New York  
– Finalizing IMTS Manual



Thank you for your  
attention