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**Workshop on the Methodology and Data Compilation of  
International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS),  
Phnom Penh, 2 -5 February, 2010**

## **Agenda**

Morning session will be as much as possible from 9:00 to 12:00 and afternoon sessions from 13:30 to 16:30 (*Each 3 hour session includes a break of 15 minutes*)

### **Tuesday, 2 February**

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

*Morning session*      9:00 -12:00

1. Report by Mr. Khin Song, Deputy Director General of NIS, Cambodia
2. Opening statement by Paul Cheung, Director, UNSD
3. Opening of the meeting by H.E Gne Chhay Leang, Secretary of State, Ministry of Planning, Cambodia
4. Adoption of Agenda, Purpose of workshop and Administrative matters (UNSD)
5. UNSD activities in the field of International Trade Statistics (UNSD presentation)
6. ESCAP activities in the field of International Trade Statistics (ESCAP presentation)
7. ASEAN activities in the field of International Trade Statistics (UNSD presentation)
8. Revision of the international recommendations for IMTS (IMTS2010); updated and new recommendations, implementation plan (UNSD presentation followed by General Discussion)
9. Results of Initial Assessment Questionnaire of National Practices on IMTS Compilation and Dissemination (UNSD presentation followed by General Discussion)

*Afternoon session* 13:30-16:30

10. Country presentations on current practices in the collection, compilation and dissemination of international merchandise trade statistics

Cambodia presentation  
Lao PDR presentation  
Timor-Leste presentation  
General discussion

11. Country presentations on current practices in the collection, compilation and dissemination of international merchandise trade statistics – cont.

Myanmar presentation  
Vietnam presentation  
General discussion

### **Wednesday, 3 February**

*Morning session* 9:00 -12:00

12. Data compilation strategies: Customs and non customs data sources; institutional arrangements

UNSD introduction  
Country presentations (*Cambodia, Lao PDR, Timor-Leste*)  
General discussion and conclusions for country specific action plans

13. Data compilation and data quality assurance at customs and NSO: data processing, use of technology, customs procedure codes, classification, valuation, partner country and quantity measurement

UNSD introduction  
Country presentations (*Myanmar, Vietnam*)  
General discussion and conclusions for country specific action plans

### **Wednesday, 3 February**

*Afternoon session* 13:30-16:30

14. Data quality at the NSO: data quality strategy and data quality reporting

UNSD introduction  
Country presentations  
General discussion and conclusions for country specific action plans

15. Scope and time of recording (General guideline of IMTS; Goods for processing; Trade between affiliated enterprises, Inclusions and exclusions)

UNSD introduction

Country presentations (*Cambodia, Lao PDR, Timor-Leste*)

General discussion and conclusions for country specific action plans

#### **Thursday, 4 February**

*Morning session*      9:00 -12:00

16. Trade system (Clarification of territorial elements; General vs. Special trade system; Free zones, Other concerns) and Mode of transport (What to record; How to classify)

UNSD introduction

Country presentations (*Cambodia, Vietnam*)

General discussion and conclusions for country specific action plans

17. Commodity classification and quantity measurement (Review of recommendations; Other concerns)

UNSD introduction

Country presentations (*Myanmar, Lao PDR, Timor-Leste*)

General discussion and conclusions for country specific action plans

*Afternoon session*      13:30-16:30

18. Valuation (Valuation reviewed, i.e. value components, estimation methods, valuation and time of recording in case of non-customs sources; Valuation in certain special cases, i.e. electricity, gas and water, used goods etc.; Compilation of Imports FOB in addition to Imports CIF)

UNSD introduction

Country presentations (*Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar*)

General discussion and conclusions for country specific action plans

19. Partner country (Country of origin and country of consignment for imports; Country of last know destination and country of consignment (destination) for exports; Issues concerning the determination of the country of origin and re-exports (rules of origin); Other concerns)

UNSD introduction

Country presentations (*Timor-Leste, Vietnam*)

General discussion and conclusions for country specific action plans

**Friday, 5 February**

*Morning session* 9:00 -12:00

20. An overview of the UN Comtrade database and IMTS Analytical Outputs  
UNSD presentation
21. Metadata and data dissemination (Review of existing and updated recommendations; confidentiality; Data revision; Use of new technologies)  
UNSD introduction  
Country presentations (*Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Timor-Leste*)  
General discussion and conclusions for country specific action plans
22. Supplementary topics (External trade indices; Relationship and differences to national accounts and balance of payments statistics - bridge table between IMTS2010 and BPM6; Linking business and trade statistics)  
UNSD introduction  
Country presentations (*Vietnam*)  
General discussion and conclusions for country specific action plans

*Afternoon session* 13:30-16:30

23. Round Table Discussion: Identification of the important issues for the participating countries
24. Preliminary findings and conclusions (UNSD, ESCAP)
25. Evaluation of the Workshop and other business