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**Regional Workshop on Country Practices in Compilation of
International Merchandise Trade Statistics, 7-11 May 2007, Lima**

Agenda item No. 3: Purpose of Workshop

Presentation

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PURPOSE OF REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON COUNTRY PRACTICES IN COMPILATION OF IMTS

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IMTS Workshop, Lima,
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Purpose of the Workshop

- **Confirmation of the existing recommendations of International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS, Rev2, 1998; Compilers Manual, 2004)**
- **Part of recent Technical Cooperation**
 - **December 2006 UNSD Workshop in Bangkok**
 - **March 2007 FAO/UNSD Workshop in Fiji**
 - **October 2007 UNSD Workshop in Amman**
 - **November 2007 UNSD Workshop in Addis Ababa**

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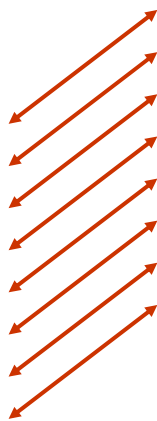
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- **Changes in recommendations of**
 - System of National Accounts (2008)
 - Balance of Payment Statistics (2008)
 - Statistics of International Trade in Services (2009)
- **Possible adjusted recommendations of International Merchandise Trade Statistics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

TYPES OF USAGE

General economic policy
Trade policy
Market analysis
Supply balances
Infrastructure planning
Input for other statistics:
 transport statistics
 SNA and BOP
 price-indices



USER CATEGORIES

Government
Parliament
Research Institutes
Education Institutes
Public Media
Private sector Businesses
General Public
International Institutions

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

IMTS Standards - Developments

- 1. IMTS, Concepts and Definitions (Rev.2, 1998)**
- 2. IMTS, Compilers Manual (2004)**
- 3. Supplement to the Compilers Manual (2007)**
- 4. IMTS, Concepts and Definitions (Rev.3, 2010)**

Schedule for revision process of IMTS

The general outline of the revision process consists of

- (1) proposal to the UN Statistical Commission (SC) in 2008,
- (2) world-wide consultation in the period 2007-2009 and
- (3) completion of the revised manual by November 2009

- (i) April 2007 Task Force IMTS meeting in Rome, where process was specified and outline of report to the SC discussed.***
- (ii) July 2007 Draft Report for the SC to be posted on the EDG for comments by TF members; Final Report to be submitted to SC in November***
- (iii) July 2007 Creation of Expert Group for the Revision of IMTS Recommendations***
- (iv) December 2007 First Expert Group meeting in New York to establish an initial list of issues***

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- (v) February 2008 Statistical Commission to approve the TF proposal**
- (vi) May 2008 Second Expert Group meeting in New York to finalize the list of issues for the revision of the manual (if necessary)**
- (vii) Jun-Dec 2008 Country consultation via survey and EDG**
- (viii) March 2009 First full draft of the IMTS, Revision 3**

Purpose of the Workshop

- (ix) April 2009 TF-IMTS meeting in Beirut**
- (x) May 2009 Third EG-IMTS meeting in New York**
- (xi) November 2009 Submission of final draft of IMTS, Rev.3 to SC**

Supplement to Compilers Manual (2007)

Workshop as Input to the Supplement:

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 – Part II: Selected Issues

- Kyoto 2000 and its implications for data compilation
- Boundary between IMTS and SITS, including compilation of data on goods for processing
- Globalization issues, linking trade and structural business statistics
- INTRASTAT: achievements and current challenges

**Supplement to Compilers Manual –
Part II: Selected Issues**

- Recording transactions between residents and nonresidents and change of ownership
- Experience in compilation of FOB imports
- Lessening country reporting burden to international organizations
- Other issues (e.g., origin of used goods including antiques; goods exported under financial lease)

**Thank you for your
attention**