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COMMON MARKET FOR EASTERN AND  
SOUTHERN AFRICA



**Workshop on the updated and new recommendations  
for International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS 2010)  
and their implementation in countries of the Sub-Saharan region,  
Lusaka, 1-5 November, 2010**

## **Agenda**

Morning session will be as much as possible from 9:00 to 12:30 and afternoon sessions from 14:00 to 17:00 (*Each session includes a break of 15 minutes*)

### **Monday, 1 November**

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

*Morning session*      9:00 - 12:30

1. Opening of the meeting by Assistant Secretary General, COMESA
2. Opening statement by Paul Cheung, Director, UNSD
3. Adoption of Agenda, Purpose of workshop and Administrative matters (UNSD)
4. UNSD activities in the field of International Trade Statistics
5. COMESA activities in the field of International Trade Statistics
6. SADC activities in the field of International Trade Statistics
7. Other regional organizations' perspective on International Trade Statistics
8. IMTS 2010 and its implementation
  - UNSD presentation
  - General Discussion

**Monday, 1 November**

*Afternoon session* 14:00 - 17:00

9. Scope and time of recording and Trade System– updated and new recommendations
  - UNSD presentation
  - Country presentations: *Congo, D. R.; Madagascar, South Africa; Tanzania*
  - General discussion and conclusions
  - Group discussion on implementation (incl. update of Compilers Manual)

**Tuesday, 2 November**

*Morning session* 9:00 - 12:30

10. Commodity classification and quantity measurement – updated and new recommendations
  - UNSD presentation
  - Country presentations: *Ethiopia; Seychelles; Sudan*
  - General discussion and conclusions
  - Group discussion on implementation (incl. update of Compilers Manual)
  
11. Valuation – updated recommendations
  - UNSD presentation
  - Country presentations: *Congo, D. R.; Namibia; Uganda*
  - General discussion and conclusions
  - Group discussion on implementation (incl. update of Compilers Manual)

**Tuesday, 2 November**

*Afternoon session* 14:00 - 17:00

12. Partner country, Mode of transport – updated and new recommendations
  - UNSD presentation
  - Country presentations: *Burundi; Seychelles; Sudan; Zimbabwe*
  - General discussion and conclusions
  - Group discussion on implementation (incl. update of Compilers Manual)

### **Wednesday, 3 November**

*Morning session* 9:00 - 12:30

13. Data compilation strategies, institutional arrangements – new recommendations

UNSD presentation

Country presentations: *Botswana; Burundi; Kenya; Lesotho; Mauritius; Mozambique; Namibia; Rwanda; Uganda; Zimbabwe*

General discussion and conclusions

Group discussion on implementation (incl. update of Compilers Manual)

### **Wednesday, 3 November**

*Afternoon session* 14:00 - 17:00

13. Data compilation strategies, institutional arrangements – new recommendations (continued)

### **Thursday, 4 November**

*Morning session* 9:00 - 12:30

14. Data quality and metadata – new recommendations

UNSD presentation

Country presentations: *Comoros; Egypt; Ethiopia; Kenya; Malawi; Mozambique; Rwanda; South Africa; Swaziland*

Identification of quantity outliers in Trade Map (International Trade Center)

General discussion and conclusions

Group discussion on implementation (incl. update of Compilers Manual)

15. Additional topics and tools

- ITC Market Analysis Tools (International Trade Center)
- Eurotrace (COMESA)

**Thursday, 4 November**

*Afternoon session* 14:00 - 17:00

16. Dissemination - updated and recommendations

UNSD presentation

Country presentations: *Botswana; Malawi; Mauritius; Tanzania*

General discussion and conclusions

Group discussion on items 14-16 - Implementation (incl. update of Compilers Manual)

17. Compilation and dissemination of regional trade statistics

- Amended Regulations for Compiling and Disseminating IMTS in the COMESA Region – COMESA presentation
- Other regional Organizations [SADC]

**Friday, 5 November**

*Morning session* 9:00 - 12:30

18. Supplementary topics – updated and new recommendations

UNSD presentation

General discussion and conclusions

Group discussion on implementation (incl. update of Compilers Manual)

19. An overview of the UN Comtrade database and IMTS Analytical Outputs; UN Comtrade enhancement programme; UN ServiceTrade: an overview of UNSD activities in trade in services

UNSD presentation

20. An overview of the COMSTAT online database

COMESA presentation

*Afternoon session* 14:00 - 17:00

21. Round Table Discussion: Identification of the important issues for the participating countries

22. Preliminary findings and conclusions (UNSD, COMESA, Others)

23. Evaluation of the Workshop and other business

## **Annotations**

### Agenda item 9: Scope and time of recording

General guidelines for IMTS; Specific guidelines: inclusions and exclusions, inter alia Goods for processing, Trade between related parties, Fish catch and bunkers;

### Agenda item 9: Trade System:

Clarification of territorial elements; General vs. Special trade system; Free zones, Recording of custom procedure codes; Re-imports and re-exports; Other concerns;

### Agenda item 10: Commodity classification

Review of recommendations; Correspondence tables;

### Agenda item 10: Quantity measurement

Recommendations regarding the recording of quantity information; Uniformity of reported quantity information, Other concerns;

### Agenda item 11: Valuation

Statistical value of imports and exports; Recommendations; Valuation in certain categories of goods, i.e. electricity, gas and water; Compilation of Imports FOB in addition to Imports CIF; Currency conversion;

### Agenda item 12: Partner country

Country of origin and country of consignment for imports; Country of last known destination and country of consignment (destination) for exports; Reimports and re-exports (rules of origin); Other concerns;

### Agenda item 12: Mode of transport

Recommendation; Mode of transport - What to record; How to classify;

### Agenda item 13: Data compilation strategies, institutional arrangements

Use of Customs and non customs data sources; institutional arrangements; Informal Cross Border Trade;

### Agenda item 14: Data quality and metadata

Systematic approach to data quality; quality reports; quality measurements framework; quality measures and indicators; cross-country comparability; recommendations on metadata; list of metadata items;

Agenda item 15: Additional topics and tools

Contents of this item is partly depended on the participation of additional international organizations;

Agenda item 16: Dissemination

Statistical confidentiality; data dissemination timetable, data revision; dissemination strategy;

Agenda item 17: Compilation and dissemination of regional trade statistics

Presentations by regional organizations;

Agenda item 18: Supplementary topics

External trade indices; Seasonally adjusted data; Linking business and trade statistics; Relationship and differences to national accounts and balance of payments;