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 know 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;