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Introduction

- The usefulness of international trade statistics, like other economic statistics, is enhanced when the needs of the user community are met. These user needs include:
  - (a) Clear information on the methods used to collect and compile the data
  - (b) Timeliness
  - (c) Regularity
  - (d) Reliability
  - (e) Accuracy of the data
  - (f) Comparability
Compilation strategy

- The Statistics Act mandates KNBS to produce and disseminate IMTS in Kenya

- Further, KNBS and KRA customs department entered into a MOU on customs data so that,
  - KRA to provide data trade to KNBS on regular basis
  - Agree on the format and the fields for the data elements
  - Collaborate on data quality matters
Institutional Arrangements

In addition to MOU, KNBS spearheaded the formation of a committee on international trade and auxiliary services. The committee is mandated to:

- Monitor the production and provision of comprehensive, accurate and timely trade statistics.
- Sensitize chief executives of the member institutions on the need for quality trade data and promote the strengthening of statistical units in their institutions.
- Promote cooperation among producers and users of trade statistics.
- Promote capacity building in trade and other statistics.
- Harmonise production of similar datasets (pertaining to trade and auxiliary services) produced by different institutions.
- Monitor the implementation/observance of International Standards and codes.
Institutional Arrangements

Membership
- Kenya National Bureau of statistics – chairs
- Kenya Revenue Authority, Customs Department
- Central Bank of Kenya
- Ministry of Trade & Industry
- Ministry of Energy
- Kenya Ports Authority
- Kenya Pipeline Company Ltd.
- Kenya Power & Lighting Company Ltd.
- Kenya Petroleum Refineries Ltd.
- Kenya Railways
- Export Processing Zones Authority
- Others
Institutional Arrangements

- The committee meet on the first week of each quarter of the year
- The committee has the discretion to form working groups and task forces.
- The subcommittee will make recommendations on matters beyond its scope that contribute to the effective production of statistics to the relevant departments/institutions.
- Member institution collectively fund the operation of the committee on a rotational basis
Achievements

- Improvement in the quality of trade statistics and other statistics auxiliary to trade facilitation.
- Reduce the time lag in production of trade statistics at the customs from 6 to a maximum of 2 months.
- Improved stakeholder participation
  - Biannual workshop on trade and trade facilitation
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