

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

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**Points for discussion:
Implementing IMTS 2010**



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IMTS 2010 new recommendations – Data quality

Q1 Quality reports: Do you have or consider to develop a standard for regular quality reports which covers the full range of statistical processes and their outputs? (para. 9.5)

- either producer-oriented with the aim to identify strengths and weaknesses of the statistical process and lead to or contain the definition of quality improvement actions

- or user-oriented with the aim to keep users informed on the methodology of the statistical process and the quality of the statistical output

Q2 What are the obstacles or difficulties for developing such quality reports for IMTS in your country?

Q3 What should be covered in the suggested IMTS-Compilers Manual chapter 9 “Data quality: assurance, measurement and reporting”?

Q4 Do you plan to conduct bilateral and multilateral reconciliations studies?

IMTS 2010 - new recommendations - Metadata

Q5 In your metadata do you cover (plan to cover in the future) the following categories? (para. 9.23) (all, most, some)

- i. description of all underlying concepts and definitions, including the trade system used, and deviations from international standards, if any;
- ii. legal framework, institutional arrangements and description of data sources;
- iii. description of data collection and data processing procedures;
- iv. description of estimation methods;
- v. data dissemination policy including release and revision schedules;
- vi. description of the all data fields/ variables
- vii. explanations and footnotes concerning the data as required, i.e. informing about revisions, break in series and application of confidentiality;
- viii. quality reporting.

Q.6 What should be covered in the suggested IMTS-Compilers Manual chapter 25 “Metadata quality”?

IMTS 2010 - new recommendations - Dissemination

Q.7 What should be covered in the suggested IMTS-Compilers Manual chapter 26 “Dissemination”?

Q8 Have you implemented / do you plan to implement the following recommendations of IMTS 2010? (all, most, some)

- 1) **Do you apply passive confidentiality? (para. 10.3)**
- 2) **When suppressing data due to confidentiality do you report this information in full detail at the next higher level of commodity and/ or partner aggregation that adequately protects confidentiality? (para. 10.3)**
- 3) **Do you have an advance release calendar to announce in advance when data will be released and revised? (para. 10.5)**
- 4) **Do you conduct routine and special revisions (10.11)?**
- 5) **Do you treat all users equally when dissemination your data (para. 10.13)?**