



**WORKSHOP
ON
THE UPDATED & NEW
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE
TRADE STATISTICS(IMTS 2010)
AND
THEIR IMPLEMENTATION
IN COUNTRIES OF SUB-SAHARAN REGION**

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Country Presentation

MAURITIUS

DATA DISSEMINATION

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Data Dissemination

- As from July 2003, processing is done in-house at the CSO.
- In-house system based on Visual Basic (VB) and Structured Query Language (SQL) Server developed by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

The in-house processing has **improved** :

- Quality of trade data since basic consistency checks have been incorporated into the system.
- Timeliness of data dissemination



Dissemination

- Trade Statistics comprise mainly an annual report with detailed trade data, quarterly reports and a Monthly Bulletin giving an overview of trade. These are :
 - The annual Digest of External Trade Statistics
 - The quarterly Economic and Social Indicator and
 - The Monthly Trade Statistics



Publications

Quarterly publications

- The quarterly report on **External Trade** comprises among other things:
- Imports/exports by country
- Trade with International or Regional Organisations such as ACP, SADC, COMESA etc.
- Imports/exports by commodity/section



Other publications

- Annual Digest of Statistics
- Mauritius in figures
- Five-year series of detailed trade data by HS/country
- Quarterly trade series including the trade balance
- All these publications are posted on the CSO website.



Publications

- Publication Programme available on the C.S.O website indicating the period covered and date of release of Economic and Social Indicators.

- Monthly : 7 weeks after reference month
- Quarterly: 3 months after reference month
- Yearly : 9 months after reference year



Successes

- Timeliness
- Data quality
- Publications on website
- Working arrangements with concerned Institutions
- User satisfaction
- Connected on line with Customs Department




Constraints

- The actual system does not generate historical tables automatically (Data can be retrieved for specific period only)
- Need to convert text file format for further processing
- The forthcoming E-Business Plan and Eurotrace installation will take care of these constraints



Challenges

- Implementation of E-Business Plan as objectives of further improvement in :
 - *Data quality*
 - *Timeliness*
- Eurotrace Software as an efficient tool for data dissemination



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kind attention