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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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
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 Eurotracce 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
Thank you for your kind attention