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***Regional Workshop on International Trade Statistics***  
**Implementation of IMTS 2010 and a new vision for trade statistics**  
**1 – 5 October 2012, San Jose, Costa Rica**

## **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 October**

*Registration for participants: 8:00-9:00*

*Morning session*      9:00 - 12:30

1. Opening of the seminar by Ms. Floribel Méndez, Director of the Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas y Censos (INEC) of Costa Rica
2. Opening statement by Mr. Paul Cheung, Director, UNSD
3. Opening statement by ECLAC
4. Adoption of agenda, purpose of seminar and administrative matters (*UNSD*)
5. UNSD activities in the field of International Trade Statistics
6. ECLAC activities in the field of International Trade Statistics
7. Other regional organizations' perspective on International Trade Statistics
8. Overview of IMTS 2010 recommendations and encouragements (*UNSD*)
9. Brief introduction of the IMTS Compilers Manual (*UNSD*)

*Afternoon session* 14:00 - 17:00

10. Scope and time of recording and trade system– updated and new recommendations, compilation guidance

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Country presentations (Argentina and Paraguay)*

***Round table: Discussion and conclusions***

**Tuesday, 2 October**

*Morning session* 9:00 - 12:30

11. Commodity classification and quantity measurement – updated and new recommendations, compilation guidance

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Country presentation (Dominican Republic)*

12. Valuation – updated recommendations, compilation guidance

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Country presentation (Colombia)*

*Afternoon session* 14:00 - 17:00

13. Partner country – updated and new recommendations, compilation guidance

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Country presentation (Ecuador)*

14. New data fields: mode of transport and customs procedure code– updated and new recommendations, compilation guidance

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Country presentation (Panamá)*

***Small group discussion and conclusions***

**Wednesday, 3 October***Morning session* 9:00 - 12:30*Presentation via Web (WTO): Globalization of industrial value chains and measurement of international trade in terms of value added*

15. Data compilation strategies, institutional arrangements – new recommendations, compilation guidance

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Country presentation (Mexico)*

16. Integrating Trade and Business Statistics – selected topics – part 1

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Country presentation (Brazil)*

*Afternoon session* 14:00 - 17:00

17. Integrating Trade and Business Statistics – selected topics – part 2

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Country presentation (Costa Rica)*

***Small group discussion and conclusions*****Thursday, 4 October***Morning session* 9:00 - 12:30

18. Data quality and metadata – new recommendations, compilation guidance

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Country presentation (El Salvador)*

*Afternoon session* 14:00 - 17:00

19. Dissemination - updated and new recommendations, compilation guidance

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Country presentations (Venezuela and Guatemala)*

20. Compilation and dissemination of regional trade statistics (as applicable)

- *ECLAC presentation*
- *ALADI presentation*
- *IADB presentation*

***Round table: Discussion and conclusions***

**Friday, 5 October**

*Morning session*      9:00 - 12:30

21. Supplementary topics – updated and new recommendations, compilation guidance

- *Introduction (UNSD)*
- *Presentation (CAPTAC-DR, IMF)*
- *Country presentations (Peru and Uruguay)*

22. An overview of the UN Comtrade database and IMTS Analytical Outputs; UN Comtrade enhancement programme (*UNSD*);

- *Introduction (UNSD)*

*Afternoon session*      14:00 - 17:00

23. Round Table Discussion: Identification of the important issues for the participating countries

24. Preliminary findings and conclusions (*UNSD, ECLAC, Others*)

25. Evaluation of the seminar and other business

## **Annotations**

### Agenda item 10: Scope and time of recording

General guidelines; Specific guidelines: inclusions and exclusions, inter alia Goods for processing, Trade between related parties, Fish catch and bunkers;

### Agenda item 10: 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 11: Commodity classification

Review of recommendations; Correspondence tables;

### Agenda item 11: Quantity measurement

Recommendations regarding the recording of quantity information; Uniformity of compiled and disseminated quantity information, Other concerns;

### Agenda item 12: 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 13: Partner country

Country of origin and country of consignment for imports; Country of last known destination and country of consignment (destination) for exports; Reimports and re-exports (use of rules of origin); Other concerns;

### Agenda item 14: Mode of transport

Recommendation; Mode of transport - What to record; How to classify;

### Agenda item 14: Customs procedure code

Recommendation; Importance; Country practices;

### Agenda item 15: Data compilation strategies, institutional arrangements

Use of Customs and non customs data sources; institutional arrangements; Informal Cross Border Trade;

### Agenda item 16: Integrating Trade and Business Statistics – selected topics – part 1:

Use of Enterprise ID, link to the business register, multi-nationals, enterprise surveys and other surveys; integration of data from different sources;

Agenda item 17: Integrating Trade and Business Statistics – selected topics – part 2:

Compilation of data for selected categories of goods such as inward (and outward) processing, via use of customs procedure (nature of transactions) codes and other means; intra-firm trade, trade by enterprise characteristics;

Agenda item 18: 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 19: Dissemination

Statistical confidentiality; data dissemination timetable; data revision; dissemination strategy;

Agenda item 20: Compilation and dissemination of regional trade statistics

Presentations by regional organizations;

Agenda item 21: Supplementary topics

External trade indices; Seasonally adjusted data; Relationship and differences to national accounts and balance of payments;