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Regional Seminar on International Trade Statistics
Implementation of recommendations on international trade statistics
12 – 16 May 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Final Agenda

Monday 12 May 2014

Registration for participants: 8:00-9:00

9:00 - 12:30 *Opening session*

1. Opening remarks: UNSD
2. Opening remarks: AfDB
3. Opening remarks: AUC
4. Adoption of provisional agenda
5. Purpose and context of the seminar and administrative matters
6. Roadmap for Integrated Economic Statistics including trade
7. Overview of the recommendations for international trade statistics: IMTS 2010, MSITS 2010, IRTS 2008 and related economic statistics

14:00 - 17:00 *African IMTS Quality Assessment Questionnaire*

8. Analysis of questionnaire following National Quality Assurance Framework
9. Selected items of concern

Tuesday 13 May 2014

9:00 - 12:30 *Selected items of IMTS compilation*

10. Mode of transport and country of consignment
11. Customs procedure codes and their harmonization for statistical use
12. Quantity information
13. General items of quality (timeliness, accuracy, accessibility, etc.)

14:00 - 17:00 *Selected items of bridging IMTS 2010 and BPM6; Use of IMTS for BOP purposes*

14. Bridging between IMTS 2010 and BMP6
15. Imports FOB and estimation of insurance and freight
16. Use of customs procedure codes to identify BOP related-transactions

Wednesday 14 May 2014

9:00 – 12:30 *Informal cross border trade*

17. Analysis of questionnaire on African informal cross border trade
18. National experiences on conducting informal trade survey
19. Discussion on African methodology on the compilation of informal trade statistics
20. Summary of methodology guidelines on MSITS 2010

Group discussion IMTS: Status of implementation IMTS 2010, challenging compilation practices, informal cross border trade

14:00 - 17:00 *Field trip to Ethiopian Eastern Industrial Zone (Hujuan International Shoes Factory)*

Thursday 15 May 2014

9:00 – 12:30 *Data collection for trade in services statistics; compilation practices on selected services categories*

21. Current status on the implementation of MSITS 2010 in Africa – availability and accessibility
22. EBOPS 2010 and link to other classifications
23. Construction services – items imported by construction company – FATS versus construction services
24. Tourism and travel services: items bought by tourists and travelers - IMTS versus MSITS/BOP versus Tourism statistics
25. Data sources for tourism statistics

14:00 - 17:00 *Compilation practices on selected services categories*

26. Manufacturing services – Processing zones (free zones), goods for processing IMTS, change of ownership, linking trade and business registers, enterprise surveys
27. Data collection practices: ITRS and Enterprise Surveys

Group discussion SITS: Implementation of MSITS 2010: country practices/plans: data sources and compilation of service categories

Friday 16 May 2014

9:00 – 11:00 *Business registers, Linking trade and business statistics and FATS*

28. Business registers for international trade
29. Linking customs data and enterprise statistics
30. FATS compilation practices (data sources, available guidelines, national practices) – Linkage: trade statistics, FATS and FDI with business registers

11:30 – 12:30 *Dissemination of international trade statistics*

31. Presentation of 2014 African Yearbook on Intra-African Trade (AUC)
32. Data sharing and reporting among countries, RECs and international organizations

33. Dissemination of international trade statistics and meta-data

14:00 – 15:30 Roundtable discussion: implementation of IMTS 2010 and MSITS 2010

15.30 *Conclusion and recommendations of the Regional Seminar*