



# Strategy for the Harmonisation of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA)

**REGIONAL SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE STATISTICS:  
IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE STATISTICS**

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# Background



Social and economic integration of the African peoples is one of the major objectives of the creation of our continental organization (OAU/AU). Since 1963, inception of the OAU and its transformation into the AU (2000), African leaders (AL) expressed their wish for a strong united and integrated Africa. Integration is necessary to increase the volume of trade between African countries. It is clear that the volume of trade between African countries is very low, currently below 12%.



## Background (cont'd)



During the two high-level meetings held last year 2013, AL have made firm decisions to promote the establishment of the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) by 2017 and the establishment of an African Observatory for Trade (AOT).



## Background (cont'd)



Support these initiatives, within the framework of SHaSA, the Commission in collaboration with the Pan-African organizations (UNECA and AfDB), RECs and the Statistics Division of the UN, have decided to build the capacity of African countries to produce and harmonize foreign trade statistics.



## Background (cont'd)



The Commission, in collaboration with its partners, aims to provide direct support to ACs to strengthen their capacity in the use of international methodology for the production of goods and services trade statistics (IMTS 2010, MSITS 2010), also, when applicable, in the use of Eurotrace to produce international trade statistics and ASYCUDA for recording of cross border transactions.



## Background (cont'd)



The tourism sector, one of the areas of the development of Africa's economy. Clearly is that tourism statistics and the statistics of international trade in services are very related. The AUC wants to strengthen also capacity of national statistics experts in charge of tourism. The Commission, with its partners, will also build the capacity of AE on tourism statistics including the implementation of the International Recommendations for Tourism Statistics 2008 (IRTS2008).



## Background (cont'd)



The AUC, in collaboration with the UNSD, has developed a CQ to evaluate the development of ETS in African. The Q was sent to all FP of the MS. The evaluation report for the Q will be presented to you. To review and validate the report, the Commission and UNSD have organized this seminar. The seminar will allow exchange of views with country experts, RECs Experts and International Experts on the implementation and recommendations of IMTS 2010 and MSITS 2010 in Africa.





## Background (cont'd)



The linkages between trade statistics and business statistics, IMTS and BoP manual and informal cross border trade will be discussed during the meeting.

Furthermore, the meeting will provide a platform to exchange trade data between countries, RECs and the partners.



# Objectives - 1



The overall objective is to review the assessment report of the current national compilation practices of ITS in Africa, also to discuss with NE on African trade, the methodologies used in compiling ITS on goods, services and tourism.



# Specific Objectives



- Discuss the preliminary summary report on current national compilation practices on IMTS and informal cross border trade in Africa ;
- Build the capacity of NE on IMTS 2010 and the Manual on Statistics of IT in Services (MSITS 2010) ;
- Discuss relationships between IMTS 2010, MSITS 2010 and BPM6 and encourage cooperation among partners;
- Explore linkage between international trade statistics and business statistics ;
- Exchange views on the methodologies used in the compilation of informal trade in Africa;
- Discuss data exchange on trade between AC, RECs, AUC and IO;
- Present the ZD of 2014 African Yearbook on Intra-African Trade.



# Participants



The AU Statistics and UNSD have invited, among others, experts in charge of international trade statistics of the NSO, Central Banks Experts, Customs Offices Experts, Ministries of Tourism Experts of the AC, Experts from RECs and IO Experts.



# Topics to be Covered



## Day One

- International Trade Statistics and related economic statistics in Africa;
- Roadmap of Integrated Economic Statistics including trade;
- Overview of the recommendations for ITS
- Analysis of questionnaire following National Quality Assurance Framework.



# Topics to be Covered



## Day Two

- Mode of Transport and country of consignment;
- CPC and their harmonization for statistical use;
- Quantity information;
- Bridging between IMTS2010 and BMP6;
- Imports FOB and estimation of insurance and freight;
- Use of CPC to identify BOP related-transactions.



# Topics to be Covered



## Day Three

- Analysis of Q on African Informal cross border trade;
- National experiences.
- Field trip to Eastern Industrial Zone.

## Day Four

- Relationship between IMTS2010, MSITS2010 and BPM6;
- Current status on implementation of MSITS2010 in Africa;
- EBOPS2010 and link to other classifications;



## Topics to be Covered



- Construction services – FATS versus construction services;
- Operational and Financial leasing: IMTS versus MSITS/BOP;
- Transport services: passengers, freight, resident versus non-resident; mode of transport IMTS versus transport services MSITS;
- Data sources on Tourism and travel services;
- Manufacturing services: goods for processing on IMTS, etc;
- Linking customs data and enterprise statistics;
- Summary Methodology Guide on IMTS2010.





# Topics to be Covered



## Day Five

- Business registers for international trade;
- Data collection practices;
- FATS compilation practices;
- Linkage: trade statistics, FATS and FDI with business register;
- ZD of 2014 ASY on Intra-African Trade;
- Dissemination of ITS and meta-data;
- Roundtable discussion on IMTS2010 and MSITS2010; and
- Conclusions and recommendations of the regional seminar.



# Expected Outcomes



- The summary report on current national compilation practices on IMTS and informal cross border trade in Africa be produced ;
- The capacity of national experts on the implementation of IMTS 2010 and MSITS 2010 be developed ;
- A timeline to implement the compilation methodologies on international trade statistics in Africa be established; and
- The AUC summary methodology guide on IMTS 2010 be validated.



# Administrative Matters



- ✓ Every day, there will be a shuttle bus from the Hotel to AUC premises at 08.30 AM and from AUC premises to the Hotel at 5.00 PM;
- ✓ AUC sponsored participants as well as the UNSD sponsored participants receive DSA at UN Addis Ababa rate and have to cover all expenses related to their stay in Addis Ababa including Hotel accommodation;
- ✓ The sponsored AUC participants should provide to Finance Officer, Ms. Tsigerada Kassa, with copy of passport, boarding pass, original receipt of tickets for those who pre-financed their air ticket;
- ✓ The sponsored UNSD participants should submit travel claim to their corresponding UNDP local office upon arrival back home (within two weeks)
- ✓ On Wednesday, there will be a courtesy visit to **Eastern Industrial Zone, “Hujuan International Shoe Factory, Dukem**, at 2:00pm. The interested participants are invited to see Mr Jose for registration.



**Thank you for your kind  
attention!**

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