



Informal cross border trade

Preliminary analysis of results

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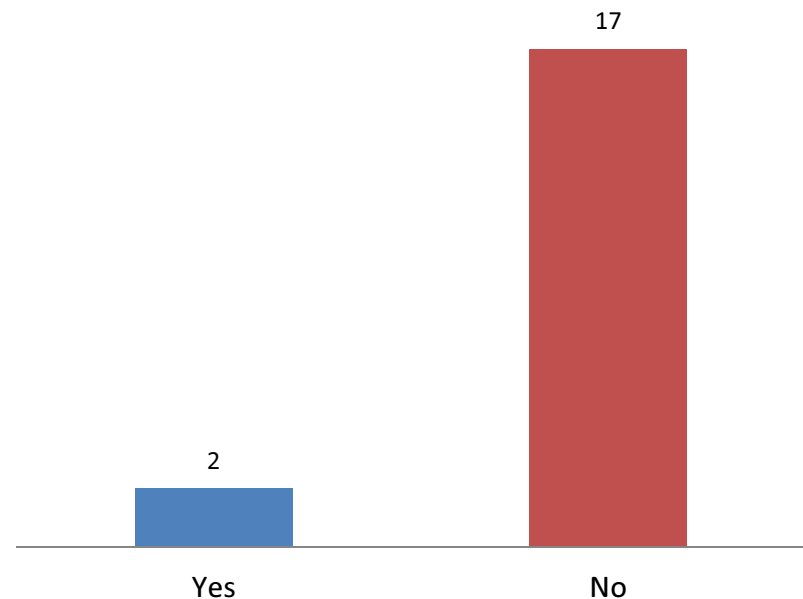
Summary

- The survey was conducted from 18 March 2014 to 5 May 2014
- A total of 22 responses was received (12 in French, 10 in English) from National Statistical Offices
- The number of answer per questions varies, due to some missing responses

Only 2 countries (Cameroon and Rwanda) compile statistics on informal trade regularly

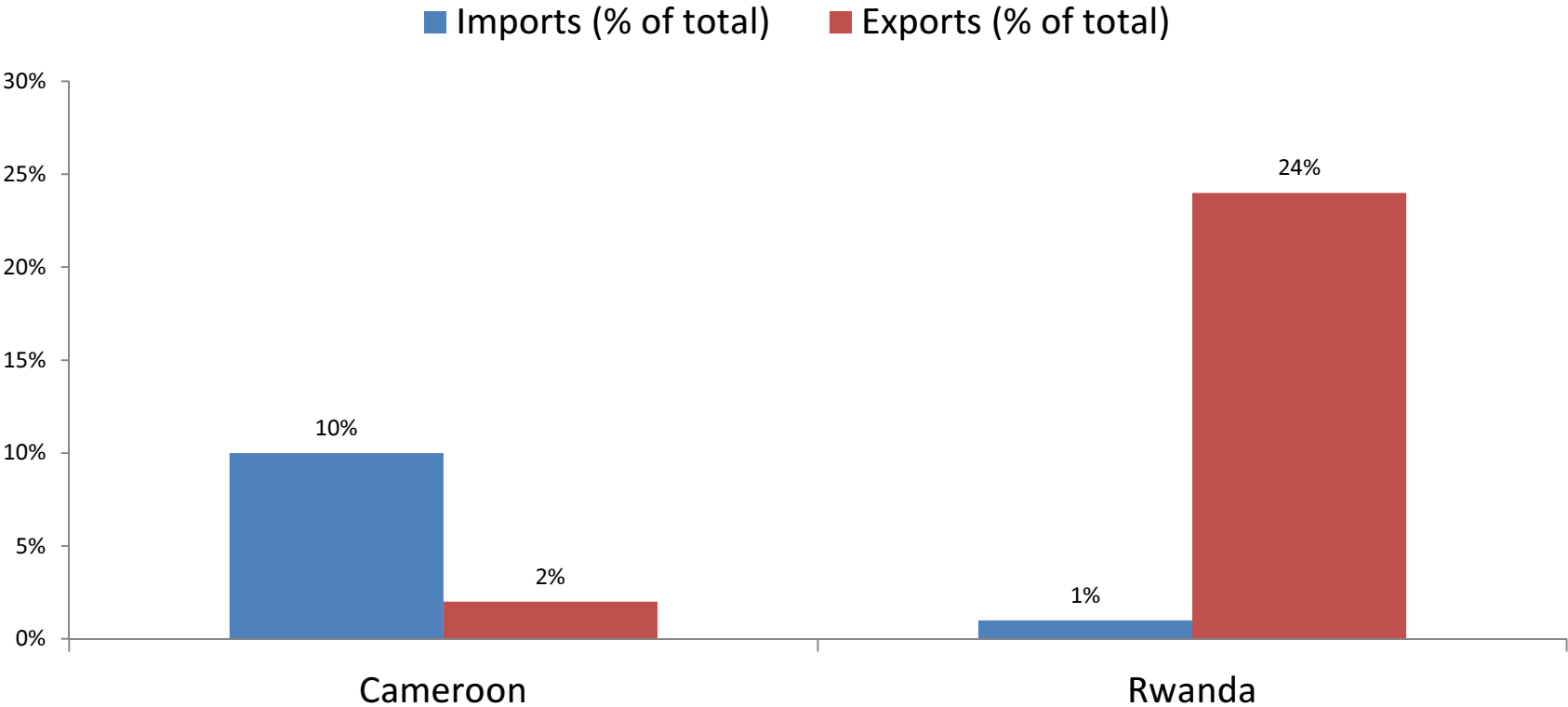
- Few conclusions can be drawn based on these two cases.
- Cameroon uses both econometric techniques and surveys (annual) to estimate, while Rwanda relies on surveys (monthly).
- One country compiles in ad-hoc basis and other just started the pilot project

Q4. Do you compile statistics on informal cross border merchandise trade (or informal trade), as additional source for IMTS or BOP/NA?



Both countries estimate that informal trade represents a significant share of total trade

Q5. What are estimated shares of informal trade in total exports/imports?

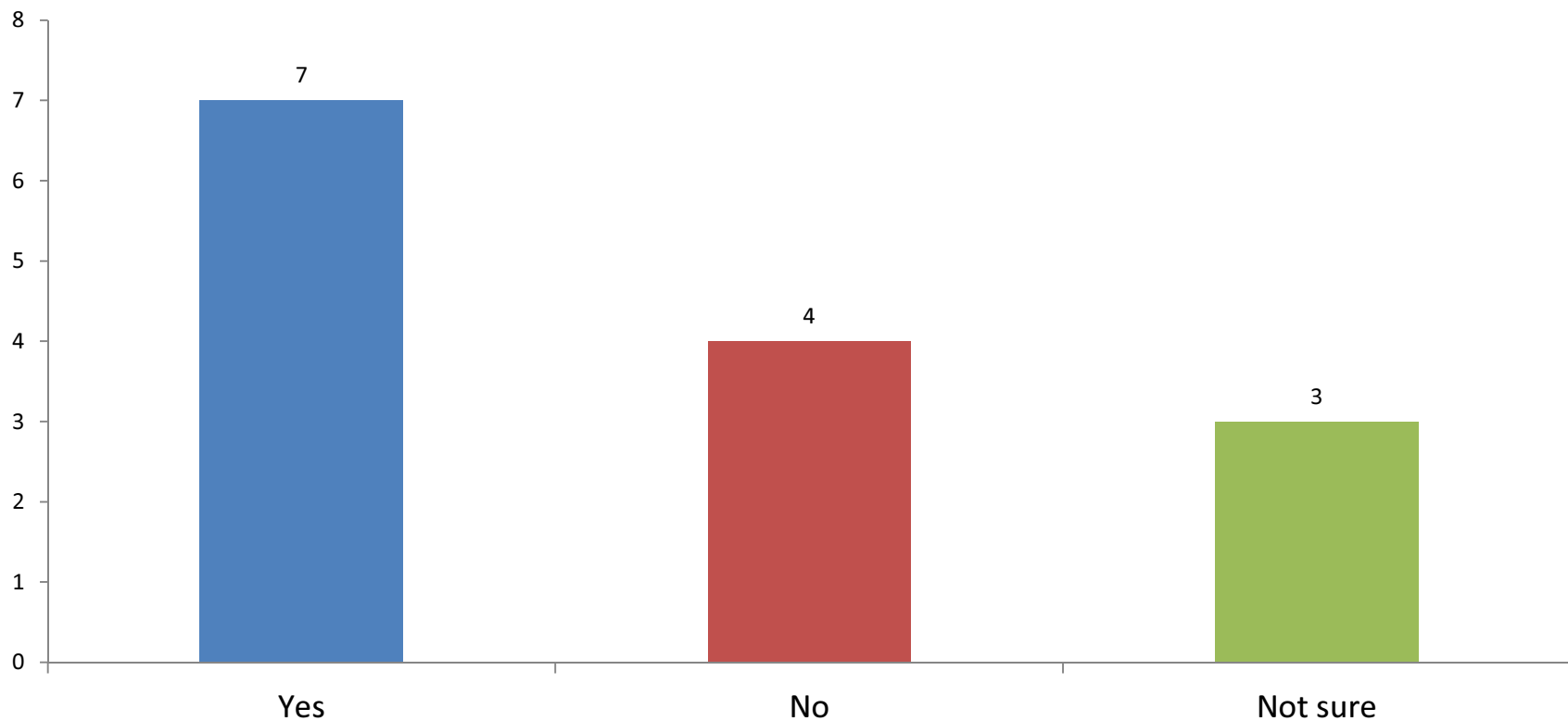


Insight from Rwanda and Cameroon

- Data on informal trade is used in both BOP and SNA compilation
- Many agencies involved in the execution of the survey: NSO, Customs, Ministry of Trade and Finance, Local municipality
- No separate publication on informal trade yet
- Eurotrace is not used to integrate the result of the survey

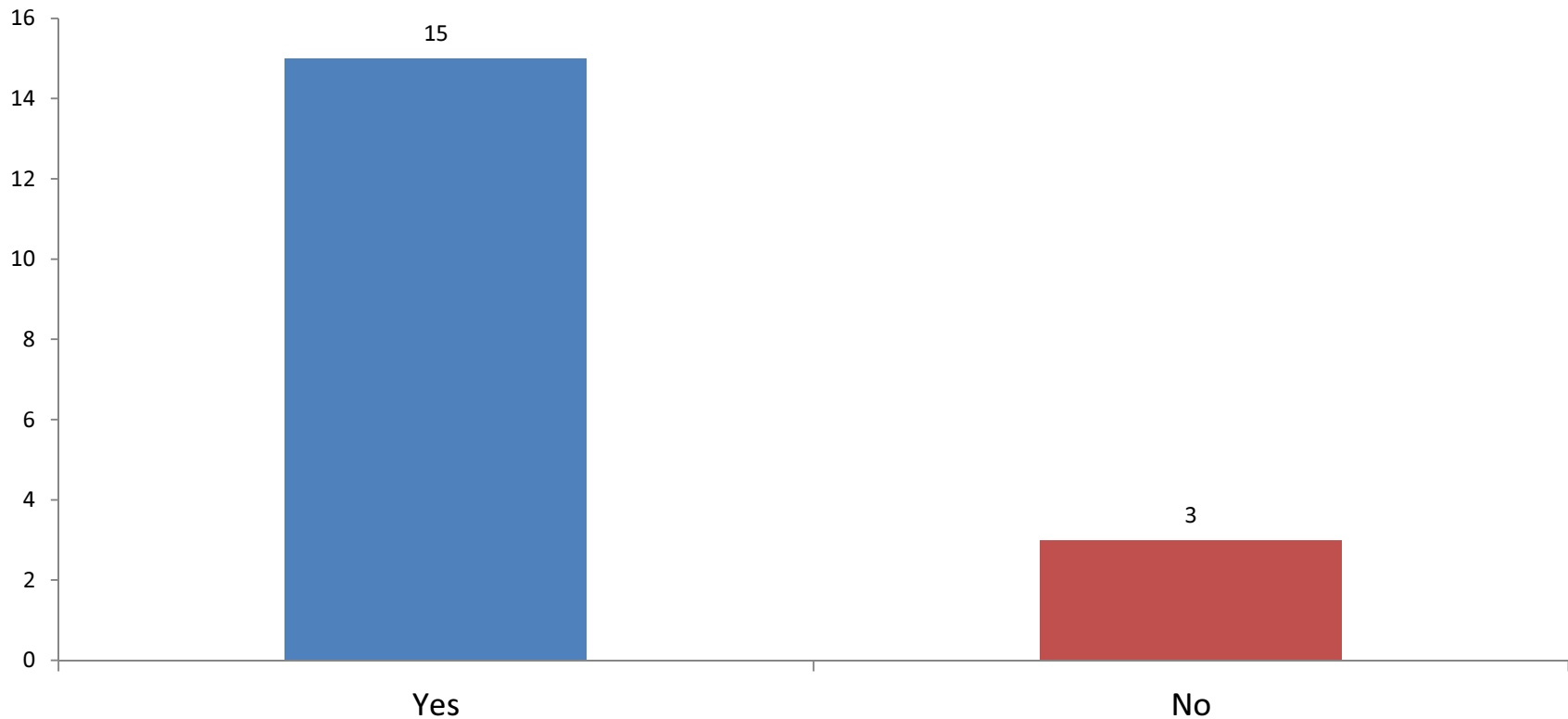
Among the countries that do not compile informal trade statistics, most countries believe that informal trade constitute a significant share of total trade

Q20. Does informal trade constitute significant share of total trade in your country?



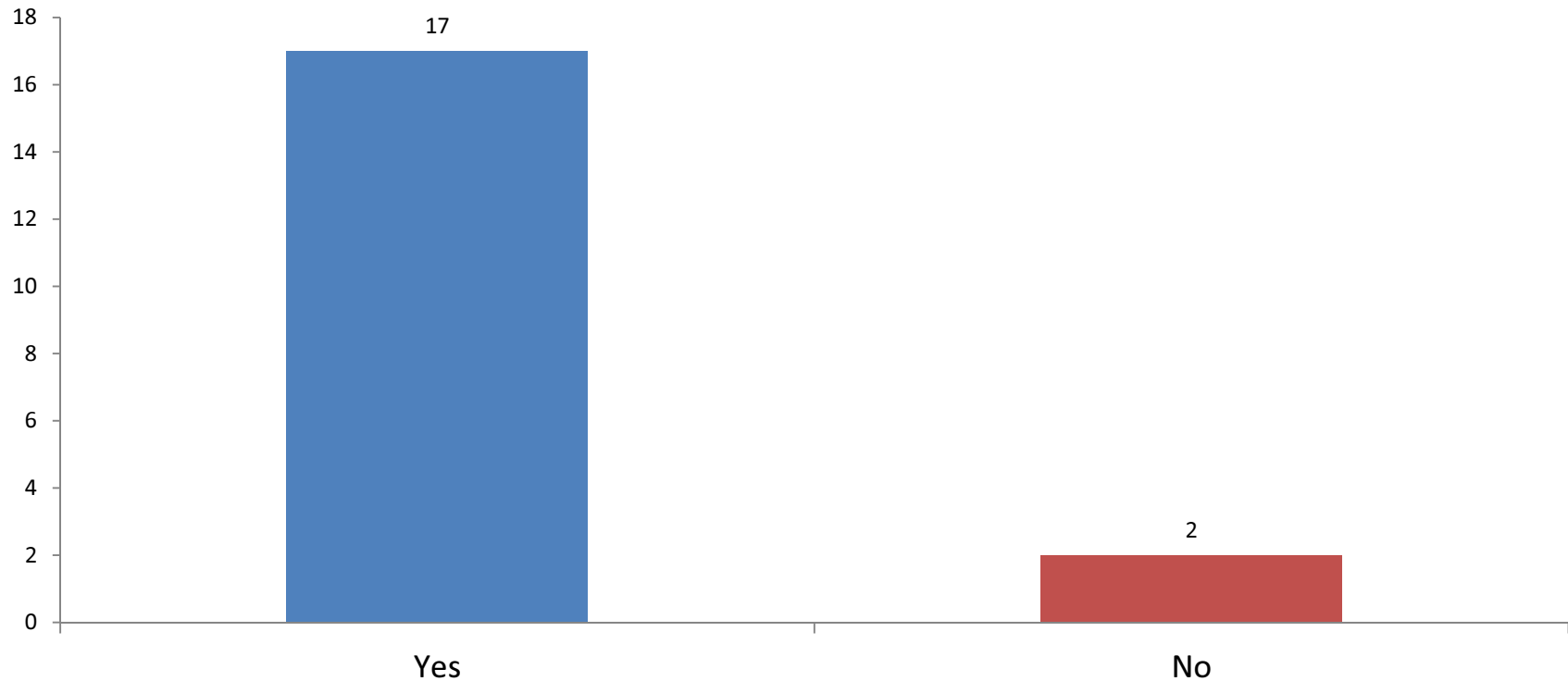
The majority of countries believe they need assistance to start the compilation of informal trade statistics. The kind of assistance required includes financial and methodological/technical assistance

Q21. Do you need technical assistance to start the compilation of statistics on the informal trade?



Among the countries surveyed, 17 of 19 expressed an interest in participating in the African technical committee on informal trade statistics

Q22. Do you or your office wish to participate in African technical committee responsible for the development of methodology on informal cross border merchandise trade?



Thank you - Merci