



## Regional Seminar on International Trade Statistics

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### Final Agenda

<b>DAY 1: 3 November 2014</b>	
9:00-9:30	<i>Registration</i>
<b>Inaugural Programme</b>	
9:30-10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Welcome address by Mr. Ashish Kumar, Director General, CSO</li> <li>b) Opening remarks by Mr. Ronald Jansen, Chief, Trade Statistics, UNSD</li> <li>c) Opening remarks by Ms. Marlar Aung, Deputy Director General, CSO, Myanmar and Chair of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee</li> <li>d) Inaugural Address by Dr. T.C.A. Anant, Chief Statistician of India &amp; Secretary, MOS&amp;PI</li> <li>e) Keynote Address by Mr. Praveer Kumar, Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Department of Commerce</li> <li>f) Vote of Thanks by Dr. Dipankar Sinha, Director General, DGCI&amp;S</li> </ul>
10:15-10:30	<i>Group Photo</i>
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Pre-session - Setting the stage</b>	
10:45-11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Adoption of draft agenda and administrative matters</li> <li>b) Progress report on the measurement on trade and economic globalization (UNSD)</li> </ul>
<b>Session I - Challenges of compilation of international merchandise trade statistics</b>	
11:15-12:30	<b>Part I:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Introduction to International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) 2010 Compilers Manual (UNSD)</li> <li>b) Compiling IMTS 2010 new data items: Imports-FOB, Country of Consignment, Customs Procedure Codes, Mode of Transport (Philippines)</li> <li>c) IMTS data collection at ASEAN-STAT (ASEAN)</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>Session I - Challenges of compilation of international merchandise trade statistics</b>	
14:00-14:45	<b>Part II:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) Informal Cross Border: the African experience (UNSD on behalf of African Union Commission)</li> <li>e) Ensuring quality of quantity information (Indonesia)</li> <li>f) Preliminary report and analysis on revision of BEC (UNSD)</li> </ul>

<b>Session II - External trade indices</b>	
14:45-15:30	<b>Part I:</b> a) Revision on Indian trade indices methodology (Indian Statistical Institute) b) Unit values based trade indices (ITC) c) Compilation of trade statistics including trade indices from BOP perspective (Mongolia)
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Session II - External trade indices</b>	
15:45-16:30	<b>Part II:</b> d) Forthcoming global assessment on external trade indices (UNSD) e) Unit values vs. Prices Indices (EU/ASEAN COMPASS)
<b>Group Discussion 1</b>	
16:30-17:30	<i>Implementation of IMTS 2010 and compilation of external trade indices</i>
<b>DAY 2: 4 November 2014</b>	
<b>Session III - Challenges of compilation of statistics of international trade in services</b>	
9:00-10:30	<b>Part I:</b> a) Introduction to Manual of Statistics on Trade in Services 2010 Compilers Guide (WTO) b) Compilation of other business services items (Korea) c) Data collection through direct reporting (Indonesia) d) Trade in ICT and ICT enabled services (UNCTAD)
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Session III - Statistics of international trade in services: Compilation challenges</b>	
10:45-11.45	<b>Part II:</b> e) Measuring Business Process Outsourcing (RBI, DGCIS - India) f) SITS data collection at ASEAN-STAT (ASEAN)
<b>Session IV - Travel and Tourism Statistics</b>	
11:45-12:30	<b>Part I:</b> a) Introduction to IRTS and compiling supply-side tourism statistics (UNCTAD) b) Compilation of BOP travel services (Thailand) c) Compilation of Tourism Satellite Accounts (Bangladesh)
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>Session V – Field trip to Indian enterprise providing Business Process Outsourcing</b>	
14:00-17:30	<i>Visit to Indian enterprise, New Delhi</i>
<b>DAY 3: 5 November 2014</b>	
<b>Group Discussion 2</b>	
9:00-10:30	<i>Implementation of MSITS 2010 and Tourism statistics</i>
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Session VI – Integrated Economic Statistics, Linking trade and business statistics and FATS</b>	
10:45-12:30	<b>Part I:</b> a) Integrated Economic Statistics-Business Register (UNCTAD) b) Linking trade and business statistics (UNSD) c) Indian experiences in Integrated Economic Statistics & FATS (RBI - India) d) Mode of Supply/FATS (WTO)

	e) Institutional arrangements for trade statistics in Maldives (Maldives)
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>Session VII – Improving quality of trade statistics</b>	
14:00-15:30	<b>Part I:</b> a) Asymmetry in trade in services (WTO) b) Asymmetry in merchandise trade (UNSD) c) Analysis of the consistency of trade statistics (ITC)
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45-16:30	<b>Part II:</b> d) Indicators of quality (EU-ASEAN COMPASS) e) Malaysia quality report and metadata (Malaysia)
<b>Group Discussion 3</b>	
16:30-17:30	<i>Linking trade and business statistics, and improving quality</i>
<b>DAY 4: 6 November 2014</b>	
<b>Session VIII – Dissemination and the use of international trade statistics</b>	
9:00-11:00	<b>Part I:</b> a) Trade SDMX Data Structure Definitions (UNSD/WTO) b) Exploring trade data using advanced data visualization (UNSD) c) The use of data in trade policy (ESCAP) d) TradeMap for Malawi (ITC)
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Closing session</b>	
11:30-13:00	a) Roundtable discussion: implementation of IMTS 2010, MSITS 2010, IRTS 2008 b) Conclusion and recommendations of the Regional Seminar
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>