



## Regional Seminar on International Trade Statistics

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### Draft Agenda (as of 30 Oct 2014)

<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 Director General, CSO</li><li>b) Opening remarks by UNSD by Ronald Jansen, Chief of Trade Statistics Branch</li><li>c) Opening remarks by ASEAN by Daw Malar Aung, Deputy Director General of CSO Myanmar and Chair of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee</li><li>d) Inaugural Address by Dr. T. C. Anant, Chief Statistician of India &amp; Secretary MOS&amp;PI</li><li>e) Keynote Address by Sri Rajeev Kher, Secretary Department of Commerce</li><li>f) Vote of Thanks by Dr. D. Sinha, DG, DGCIS</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Revision on Indian trade indices methodology (Indian Statistical Institute)</li> <li>b) Unit values based trade indices (ITC)</li> <li>c) Compilation of trade statistics including trade indices from BOP perspective (Mongolia)</li> </ul>
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Session II - External trade indices</b>	
15:45-16:30	<b>Part II:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) Forthcoming global assessment on external trade indices (UNSD)</li> <li>e) Unit values vs. Prices Indices (EU/ASEAN COMPASS)</li> </ul>
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Introduction to Manual of Statistics on Trade in Services 2010 Compilers Guide (WTO)</li> <li>b) Compilation of other business services items (Korea)</li> <li>c) Data collection through direct reporting (Indonesia)</li> <li>d) Trade in ICT and ICT enabled services (UNCTAD)</li> </ul>
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e) Measuring Business Process Outsourcing (RBI, DGCIS - India)</li> <li>f) Compilation of trade in services (Pakistan)</li> <li>g) SITS data collection at ASEAN-STAT (ASEAN)</li> </ul>
<b>Session IV - Travel and Tourism Statistics</b>	
11:45-12:30	<b>Part I:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Introduction to IRTS and compiling supply-side tourism statistics (UNCTAD)</li> <li>b) Compilation of BOP travel services (Thailand)</li> <li>c) Compilation of Tourism Satellite Accounts (Bangladesh)</li> </ul>
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Integrated Economic Statistics-Business Register (UNCTAD)</li> <li>b) Linking trade and business statistics (UNSD)</li> <li>c) Indian experiences in Integrated Economic Statistics &amp; FATS (RBI - India)</li> <li>d) Mode of Supply/FATS (WTO)</li> <li>e) Institutional arrangements for trade statistics in Maldives (Maldives)</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>Session VII – Improving quality of trade statistics</b>	
14:00-15:30	<b>Part I:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Asymmetry in trade in services (WTO)</li> <li>b) Asymmetry in merchandise trade (UNSD)</li> <li>c) Analysis of the consistency of trade statistics (ITC)</li> </ul>
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45-16:30	<b>Part II:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) Indicators of quality (EU-ASEAN COMPASS)</li> <li>e) Malaysia quality report and metadata (Malaysia)</li> </ul>
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Trade SDMX Data Structure Definitions (UNSD/WTO)</li> <li>b) Exploring trade data using advanced data visualization (UNSD)</li> <li>c) The use of data in trade policy (ESCAP)</li> <li>d) TradeMap for Malawi (ITC)</li> </ul>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Closing session</b>	
11:30-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Roundtable discussion: implementation of IMTS 2010, MSITS 2010, IRTS 2008</li> <li>b) Conclusion and recommendations of the Regional Seminar</li> </ul>
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>