



**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS**  
**Strengthening Data Compilation and Analysis Capacity**  
3-6 April 2017, Male, Maldives

Provisional Agenda  
03 Feb 2017

**Day 1: Monday, 3 April 2017**

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*Registration for participants: 8:00-9:00*

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*Opening session*

- Opening remarks
- Adoption of provisional agenda and administrative matters
- Purpose and context of the workshop

*Data Compilation Strategies*

*Experts from South African Revenue Service (SARS) and Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India to share practices in data pre-processing, cleansing, validation, dissemination and visualization.*

- Data acquisition & Institutional Arrangement
- Data processing from raw data to produce trade statistics
- Detections of outliers; data estimation and imputation
- Ensuring quality of quantity information
- Tools and techniques for data compilation

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*Data Compilation Strategies (continued)*

*Trade data processing in UN Comtrade*

- IMTS 2010 data items
- Pre-processing of data
- Data standardization and harmonization
- Outliers detection
- Estimating quantity
- Data conversion

*Data Quality Framework*

- Overview
- Report on data quality (follow up on SACU workshop)

## **Day 2: Tuesday, 4 April 2017**

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### *Data Analysis using TradeSift*

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- Introduction to TradeSift and Principles of Trade
- Demonstration of basic TS operations
- Exercise 1: Basic TS operations based on pre-loaded data

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- Trade policy, the Sussex Framework and TradeSift's Core Indicators
- Explaining TradeSift Diagnostic Indicators
- Exercise 2: Revealed Comparative Advantage

## **Day 3: Wednesday, 5 April 2017**

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### *Data Analysis using TradeSift (continued)*

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- Data Sources: Classification Schemes & Obtaining Trade Data
- Exercise 3: Core Indicators
- Analysing RTA's with TradeSift
- Initial project work discussions

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- Exercise 4: Identifying and Downloading trade data
- Identifying possible export opportunities
- Presentation of project ideas followed by discussion

## **Day 4: Thursday, 6 April 2017**

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### *Data Analysis and Visualization*

- Data visualization to explore and analyse trade data
- Examples from UN Comtrade Labs and others

*Round table discussion: needs, challenges in data compilation and analysis*

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*Conclusion of the workshop*

*Evaluation of the workshop and any other business*

*Closing*