



Regional Workshop on International Merchandise Trade Statistics

Strengthening Data Compilation and Analytical Capacity

11-13 September, 2017

Suzhou, China

Provisional Agenda

Day 1: Monday, 11 September 2017

08:30 – 09:00 *Registration for participants*

INAUGURAL PROGRAMME

09:00 – 10:15 *Opening session*

- Agenda item (1)* Opening remarks (UNSD and GACC)
- Agenda item (2)* Adoption of provisional agenda and administrative matters (UNSD)
- Agenda item (3)* Purpose and context of the workshop (UNSD)
- Agenda item (4)* Overview on activities of International Organisations in the area of IMTS (UNSD, ITC, UNCTAD, ASEAN, WTO)

10:15 – 10:30 *AM Break*

PART I. FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

10:30 – 11:30 *Agenda item (5)*
Recommendations in IMTS 2010, MSITS 2010 and the 6th edition of the Balance of Payments Manual

11:30 – 12:15 *Agenda item (6)*

Round Table discussion I

Experiences with implementing the new data elements of IMTS 2010

12:15 – 13:45 *Lunch*

13:45 – 15:30 *Agenda item (7)*
Institutional Arrangements among agencies compiling IMTS, SITS and BOP, and adjusting IMTS for BOP purposes
(a) *Country experiences (Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Indonesia BPS)*

Agenda item (8)

Round Table discussion II
Disseminating IMTS and BOP Trade in Goods

15:30 – 15:45 *Afternoon break*

PART II. DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

15:45 – 17:00 **Agenda item (9)**
Data processing system; validation, consistency checking, detections of outliers and data estimation/ imputation; and ensuring quality of quantity information

- (a) *Introduction (UNSD)*
- (b) *Outliers detection (ITC)*
- (c) *Country experiences (China Customs, Cambodia)*

17:00 – 17:30 **Agenda item (10)**
Data processing system of UN Comtrade (UNSD)

- Pre-processing of data
- Data standardization and harmonization
- Outliers detection
- Estimating quantity
- Commodity conversion

Day 2: Tuesday, 12 September 2017

PART III. DATA QUALITY AND SPECIFIC MEASUREMENT ISSUES

09:00 – 10:00 **Agenda item (11)**
Cross border e-commerce

- (a) *Introduction (UNSD), incl. the use of postal records to identify Cross-border E-commerce (UPU presented by UNSD)*
- (b) *In search of Cross-Border E-commerce Trade Data (UNCTAD)*

10:00 – 10:30 **Agenda item (12)**
Identifying and recording e-commerce transactions
Country experiences (China Customs)

10:30 – 10:45 *AM break*

10:45 – 12:15 **Agenda item (13)**
Goods in warehousing and logistical activities

- (a) *Methodology on treatment of goods in warehousing (UNSD)*
- (a) *Country experiences (China Customs, Malaysia)*

12:15 – 13:45 *Lunch*

13:45 – 15:00 Agenda item (14)

Round Table discussion III
Data quality framework and indicators of quality

15:00 – 15:15 *Afternoon break*

15:15 – 16:30 Agenda item (15)
Compiling statistics of trade in services related to goods
(a) *Manufacturing services (UNSD)*
(b) *Net exports of goods under Merchanting (WTO-confirmed)*
(c) *Country experiences (China SAFE, Hong Kong SAR)*

16:30 – 17:30 Agenda item (16)

Round Table discussion IV
Needs and challenges in compiling data

Day 3: Wednesday, 13 September 2017

PART IV. MEASURING INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION

09:00 – 10:00 Agenda item (17)
Trade Classifications
(a) *Overview of the Harmonised System 2017 amendments (WCO)*
(b) *BEC, Revision 5 (UNSD)*

10:00 – 10:30 Agenda item (18)
Bilateral trade asymmetries
Understanding and reducing bilateral trade asymmetries (UNSD)

10:30 – 10:45 *AM break*

10:45 – 12:30 Agenda item (19)
Accounting for Global Value Chains
(a) *Handbook on Accounting for Global Value Chains (UNSD)*
(b) *Constructing multi-country supply-use tables (IDE-JETRO)*
(c) *Trade in value added (WTO)*
(d) *GVCs and ICT-enabled services (UNCTAD)*
(e) *Data and empirical challenges when accounting for GVCs in trade analytical work – UNESCAP*
(f) *Example of GVC statistics in China (China Customs)*

12:30 – 13:45 *Lunch*

PART V. DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION

13:45 - 14:30 **Agenda item (20)**
Data Analysis and Visualization
(a) Examples from UN Comtrade Labs (UNSD)
(b) Examples from ITC (ITC)

14:30 – 15:00 **Agenda item (21)**
Examples on how trade data are used
In trade negotiation (WTO)

15:00 – 15:15 *Afternoon break*

15:15 – 16:15 **Agenda item (22)**

<p style="text-align: center;">Round Table discussion V <i>Needs and challenges in analysing data</i></p>

16:15 – 17:00 **Agenda item (23)**
Closing session

- Conclusion and recommendations of the workshop
- Evaluation of the workshop and any other business