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)

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)

1 | Page
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
### Agenda Item (20)

**Data Analysis and Visualization**
- (a) Examples from UN Comtrade Labs (UNSD)
- (b) Examples from ITC (ITC)

### Agenda Item (21)

**Examples on how trade data are used**
- In trade negotiation (WTO)

### Agenda Item (22)

**Afternoon break**

### Round Table Discussion V

**Needs and challenges in analysing data**

### Agenda Item (23)

**Closing Session**
- Conclusion and recommendations of the workshop
- Evaluation of the workshop and any other business