Regional Workshop on International Merchandise Trade Statistics
Strengthening Data Compilation and Analytical Capacity
11-13 September, 2017
Suzhou, China

Agenda item 2: Provisional Agenda
Day 1: Monday, 11 September 2017

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
PART I. FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

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

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)
PART III. DATA QUALITY AND SPECIFIC MEASUREMENT ISSUES

09:00 – 10:00  Agenda item (11)
Cross border e-commerce
- Introduction (UNSD),
- 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)

10:45 – 12:15  Agenda item (13)
Goods in warehousing and logistical activities
- Methodology on treatment of goods in warehousing (UNSD)
- Country experiences (China Customs, Malaysia)
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PART III. DATA QUALITY AND SPECIFIC MEASUREMENT ISSUES

13:45 – 15:00 Agenda item (14)
**Round Table discussion III**
*Data quality framework and indicators of quality*

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

16:30 – 17:30 Agenda item (16)
**Round Table discussion IV**
*Needs and challenges in compiling data*
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PART IV. MEASURING INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION

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

10:00 – 10:30  Agenda item (18)  
Bilateral trade asymmetries

10:45 – 12:30  Agenda item (19)  
Accounting for Global Value Chains
- Handbook on Accounting for Global Value Chains (UNSD)
- Constructing multi-country supply-use tables (IDE-JETRO)
- Trade in value added (WTO)
- GVCs and ICT-enabled services (UNCTAD)
- Data and empirical challenges when accounting for GVCs in trade analytical work – UNESCAP
- Example of GVC statistics in China (China Customs)
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PART V. DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION

13:45 - 14:30  
Agenda item (20)  
Data Analysis and Visualization

- Examples from UN Comtrade Labs (UNSD)  
- Examples from ITC (ITC)

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

15:15 – 16:15  
Agenda item (22)  
Round Table discussion V  
Needs and challenges in analysing data

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

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