**ACS/UNSD/UNCTAD REGIONAL VALIDATION WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS**
**Implementing IMTS 2010 Concepts and Definitions**

15-18 May 2018, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

Provisional Agenda

**Tuesday, 15 May 2018**

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | **Opening session**  
1) Opening remarks (ACS, UNSD, UNCTAD)  
2) Adoption of provisional agenda and administrative matters  
3) Purpose and context of the workshop  
4) Overview on activities of International/Regional Organisations in the area of IMTS |
|             | Presenters - ACS, UNSD, UNCTAD, CARICOM, Statistics Canada              |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break                                                           |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | **IMTS e-learning course**  
1) Introduction to the six modules and results of the evaluation  
   a. Conceptual Framework  
   b. Institutional Arrangements  
   c. Production and Compilation  
   d. Metadata and Quality  
   e. Dissemination and Analysis  
   f. New Areas and Analytical Topics |
|             | Presenter – Romesh Paul  
|             | PowerPoint x – Introduction to the six Modules  
|             | Document 1 – Report on the IMTS distance learning course               |
| 12:00 – 12:45 | 2) Round table discussion: Experiences of the online training course and evaluation |
|             | Facilitator - UNCTAD                                                  |
| 12:45 – 14:15 | Lunch Break                                                            |
| 14:15 – 15:30 | **Conceptual Framework**  
1) Recommendations in IMTS 2010 and related manuals  
   a. Scope and Time of Recording  
   b. Trade System  
   c. Commodity Classifications  
   d. Valuation  
   e. Quantity Measurement  
   f. Partner Country  
   g. Mode of Transport |
|             | Presenter – UNSD  
|             | PowerPoint x – IMTS 2010 recommendations                                |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee break                                                           |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | 2) Round table discussion: Experiences with implementing IMTS 2010 – sharing best practices |
|             | Facilitator - UNCTAD                                                  |

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | **Dissemination and Analysis**  
1) Best practices on data dissemination |

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a. Confidentiality
b. Revision Policy
c. Dissemination System

Presenter – Statistics Canada, Country
PowerPoint x – Best practices on data dissemination

2) Communicating trade data to users within a context of SDG monitoring

Presenter – UNCTAD
PowerPoint x – Communicating trade data

3) Data reconciliation and bilateral trade asymmetries

Presenters – Statistics Canada, Country
PowerPoint x – Bilateral trade asymmetries

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:45

4) Data visualization to explore and analyse trade data (Examples from UN Comtrade Labs)

Presenters – UNSD
PowerPoint x – Data visualisation

5) Round Table discussion: Needs and challenges in disseminating and analysing data

Presenter / Facilitator – UNSD

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch Break

14:15 – 15:30 New Areas of Work

1) Linking trade and business statistics

Presenter – Statistics Canada
PowerPoint x – Linking trade and business statistics

2) Measuring cross-border e-commerce

Presenter – UNSD
PowerPoint x – Measuring cross-border e-commerce

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 National Practices

1) Country presentations: Present and future activities in area of trade statistics

Presenter – CARICOM, Countries
PowerPoint x – Present and Future Activities

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09:00 – 10:30 Production and Compilation

1) Export/import price indices compilation method

Presenter – Statistics Canada

2) Data sources: Customs and non-Customs data

Presenter – Romesh Paul
PowerPoint x – Data sources
### 3) Data processing system in International Organizations

Presenter – UNSD, UNCTAD  
PowerPoint x – UN Comtrade  
PowerPoint x – UNCTADstat

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| 11:00 – 12:45 | 4) Presentation of the Eurotrace software suite (DBMS, Editor and the COMEXT Browser)  
Presenter – Romesh Paul  
PowerPoint x – Eurotrace software suite |
| 11:00 – 12:45 | 5) Country presentation: Implementation of Eurotrace  
Presenters – CARICOM / Trinidad and Tobago |
| 11:00 – 12:45 | 6) Round Table discussion: Need for data processing software  
Facilitator - UNCTAD |

### 14:15 – 15:30 Metadata and Quality

1) Overview of data quality checking – validity and credibility  
2) Credibility Model – regression analysis  

Presenter – Romesh Paul  
PowerPoint x – Overview of data quality checking  
PowerPoint x – Regression Analysis  
Document 3 – Credibility checking  

3) Applying data verification in practice  
Presenter – CARICOM, Country  
PowerPoint

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| 16:00 – 17:30 | 4) Magnitude of failure Indicator  
Presenter – Romesh Paul  
PowerPoint x – Magnitude of failure Indicator |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | 5) Practical Exercise: Generating credibility parameters from a sample of candles data using Microsoft excel and Access  
Facilitator – Romesh Paul |

### Friday, 17 May 2018

**Institutional Arrangements**

1) The legal framework and institutional coordination as pillars of efficient national statistical systems  
Presenter – UNCTAD  
PowerPoint x - The legal framework and institutional coordination as pillars of efficient national statistical systems

2) Institutional Arrangements among agencies compiling IMTS  
a. Legal acts regulating institutional arrangements  
b. Characteristics of effective institutional arrangements
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| 11:00 – 12:00 | 3) Group Exercise: Establishing Effective Institutional Arrangement between Customs and the National Statistical Office/Central Bank  
Facilitator – CARICOM  
PowerPoint x – Group exercise |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Wrap-up Session: Lessons learned for future IMTS training                |
|              | Conclusion of the workshop                                               |
|              | Evaluation of the workshop and any other business                        |
| Facilitator  | UNCTAD                                                                    |
| 13:00 – 14:30| Lunch Break                                                               |
| 14:30 – 15:45| Closing ceremony                                                          |