

## 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

08:00 – 09:00	Registration for participants
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Opening session</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Opening remarks (ACS, UNSD, UNCTAD)</li> <li>2) Adoption of provisional agenda and administrative matters</li> <li>3) Purpose and context of the workshop</li> <li>4) Overview on activities of International/Regional Organisations in the area of IMTS</li> </ol> <p>Presenters - ACS, UNSD, UNCTAD, CARICOM, Statistics Canada</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00– 12:00	<p><b>IMTS e-learning course</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Introduction to the six modules and results of the evaluation               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Conceptual Framework</li> <li>b. Institutional Arrangements</li> <li>c. Production and Compilation</li> <li>d. Metadata and Quality</li> <li>e. Dissemination and Analysis</li> <li>f. New Areas and Analytical Topics</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Presenter – Romesh Paul PowerPoint x – Introduction to the six Modules Document 1 – Report on the IMTS distance learning course</p>
12:00 – 12:45	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) Round table discussion: Experiences of the online training course and evaluation</li> </ol> <p>Facilitator - UNCTAD</p>
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:30	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Recommendations in IMTS 2010 and related manuals               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Scope and Time of Recording</li> <li>b. Trade System</li> <li>c. Commodity Classifications</li> <li>d. Valuation</li> <li>e. Quantity Measurement</li> <li>f. Partner Country</li> <li>g. Mode of Transport</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Presenter – UNSD PowerPoint x – IMTS 2010 recommendations</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) Round table discussion: Experiences with implementing IMTS 2010 – sharing best practices</li> </ol> <p>Facilitator - UNCTAD</p>

### Wednesday, 16 May 2018

09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Dissemination and Analysis</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Best practices on data dissemination</li> </ol>
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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:45	<p>4) Data visualization to explore and analyse trade data (Examples from UN Comtrade Labs)</p> <p>Presenters – UNSD PowerPoint x – Data visualisation</p> <p>5) Round Table discussion: Needs and challenges in disseminating and analysing data</p> <p>Presenter / Facilitator – UNSD</p>
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:30	<p><b>New Areas of Work</b></p> <p>1) Linking trade and business statistics</p> <p>Presenter – Statistics Canada PowerPoint x – Linking trade and business statistics</p> <p>2) Measuring cross-border e-commerce</p> <p>Presenter – UNSD PowerPoint x – Measuring cross-border e-commerce</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>National Practices</b></p> <p>1) Country presentations: Present and future activities in area of trade statistics</p> <p>Presenter – CARICOM, Countries PowerPoint x – Present and Future Activities</p>

## Thursday, 17 May 2018

09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Production and Compilation</b></p> <p>1) Export/import price indices compilation method</p> <p>Presenter – Statistics Canada</p> <p>2) Data sources: Customs and non-Customs data</p> <p>Presenter – Romesh Paul PowerPoint x – Data sources</p>
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	<p>3) Data processing system in International Organizations</p> <p>Presenter – UNSD, UNCTAD PowerPoint x – UN Comtrade PowerPoint x – UNCTADstat</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:45	<p>4) Presentation of the Eurotrace software suite (DBMS, Editor and the COMEXT Browser)</p> <p>Presenter – Romesh Paul PowerPoint x – Eurotrace software suite</p> <p>5) Country presentation: Implementation of Eurotrace</p> <p>Presenters – CARICOM / Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>6) Round Table discussion: Need for data processing software</p> <p>Facilitator - UNCTAD</p>
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:30	<p><b>Metadata and Quality</b></p> <p>1) Overview of data quality checking – validity and credibility 2) Credibility Model – regression analysis</p> <p>Presenter – Romesh Paul PowerPoint x – Overview of data quality checking PowerPoint x – Regression Analysis Document 3 – Credibility checking</p> <p>3) Applying data verification in practice</p> <p>Presenter – CARICOM, Country PowerPoint</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>4) Magnitude of failure Indicator</p> <p>Presenter – Romesh Paul PowerPoint x – Magnitude of failure Indicator</p> <p>5) Practical Exercise: Generating credibility parameters from a sample of candles data using Microsoft excel and Access</p> <p>Facilitator – Romesh Paul</p>

## Friday, 17 May 2018

09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Institutional Arrangements</b></p> <p>1) The legal framework and institutional coordination as pillars of efficient national statistical systems</p> <p>Presenter – UNCTAD PowerPoint x - The legal framework and institutional coordination as pillars of efficient national statistical systems</p> <p>2) Institutional Arrangements among agencies compiling IMTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal acts regulating institutional arrangements</li> <li>Characteristics of effective institutional arrangements</li> </ol>
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	<p>Presenter – CARICOM, Country PowerPoint x – Institutional Arrangements agencies compiling IMTS</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	<p>3) Group Exercise: Establishing Effective Institutional Arrangement between Customs and the National Statistical Office/Central Bank</p> <p>Facilitator –CARICOM PowerPoint x – Group exercise</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Wrap-up Session: Lessons learned for future IMTS training</b></p> <p><b>Conclusion of the workshop</b></p> <p><b>Evaluation of the workshop and any other business</b></p> <p>Facilitator - UNCTAD</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:45	<b>Closing ceremony</b>