

ACS/UNSD/UNCTAD Regional validation workshop on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS)

Implementing IMTS 2010 Concepts and Definitions

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

I. REGISTRATION:

Due to limited number of participants in this training workshop, selection will be conducted by UNCTAD on the basis of candidates' participation in the distance learning course, candidate's work function, experience and proportional country representativeness.

UNCTAD and ACS will inform selected participants about administrative and logistic information to facilitate their participation.

II. DATES, VENUE & LANGUAGE:

The workshop will be delivered from 15 to 18 May 2018 and will be hosted at the Association of Caribbean States in its Conference Room.

The working language will be English.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTIC INFORMATION

Travel expenses:

UNCTAD and UNSD will cover the travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of participants coming from abroad of Trinidad and Tobago.

Transportation, accommodation and meals

Participants are responsible for their own booking of accommodation. A list of recommended hotels will be provided by the organizers.

Participants are responsible to cover their accommodation, local transportation and meals with the daily subsistence allowance that will receive in Port of Spain or will be transferred to participant's bank account.

IV. Equipment:

Participants should bring their own laptops comprising Microsoft Excel. Microsoft access is also desirable.

V. CONTACTS:

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Provisional Agenda

Tuesday, 15 May 2018

08:00 – 09:00	Registration for participants
09:00 – 09:45	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 Organisations in the area of IMTS
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 13:00	IMTS e-learning course 5) Introduction to the six modules a. Conceptual Framework b. Institutional Arrangements c. Production and Compilation d. Metadata and Quality e. Dissemination and Analysis f. New Areas and Analytical Topics
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:45	Module 1 Conceptual Framework 6) 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
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	7) Round table discussion: Experiences of the online training course and evaluation 8) Round table discussion: Experiences with implementing IMTS 2010 – sharing best practices

Wednesday, 16 May 2018

09:00 – 09:45	Module 2 Institutional Arrangements 1) Institutional Arrangements among agencies compiling IMTS a. Legal acts regulating institutional arrangements b. Characteristics of effective institutional arrangements
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 13:00	2) Group Exercise: Establishing Effective Institutional Arrangement between Customs and the National Statistical Office/Central Bank
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:45	Module 3 Production and Compilation 3) Data sources: Customs and non-Customs data 4) Data processing system of UN Comtrade 5) Presentation of the Eurotrace software suite (DBMS, Editor and the COMEXT Browser)
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	6) Country presentation: Implementation of Eurotrace 7) Round Table discussion: Need for data processing software

Thursday, 17 May 2018

09:00 – 09:45	Module 4 Metadata Quality 1) Overview of data quality checking – validity and credibility 2) Credibility Model – regression analysis
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 13:00	3) Magnitude of failure Indicator
13:00 – 14:30	4) Practical Exercise: Generating credibility parameters from a sample of candles data using Microsoft excel and Access
	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:45	Module 5 Dissemination and Analysis 5) Best practices in data dissemination a. Confidentiality b. Revision Policy c. Dissemination System
15:45 – 16:00	6) Understanding and reducing bilateral trade asymmetries 7) Data visualization to explore and analyse trade data d. Examples from UN Comtrade Labs and others
16:00 – 17:30	8) Round Table discussion: Needs and challenges in disseminating and analysing data

Friday, 17 May 2018

09:00 – 09:45	Module 6 New Areas of Work (1) Linking trade and business statistics (2) Accounting for Global Value Chains
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 13:00	(3) Country presentations: Future activities in area of trade statistics
13:00 – 14:30	Conclusion of the workshop Evaluation of the workshop and any other business
	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:45	Closing ceremony