



## REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS Implementing IMTS 2010 Concepts and Definitions Within a Context of African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

24-28 June 2019, Johannesburg, South Africa

Provisional Agenda – as of 20 June 2019

### Monday, 24 June 2019

08:00 – 09:00	Registration for participants
09:00 – 10:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Opening remarks Adoption of provisional agenda and administrative matters Purpose and context of the workshop</li> <li>2) Overview on activities of International/Regional Organizations in the area of IMTS</li> <li>3) IMTS within a context of African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Presentation: AUC</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00– 12:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4) Core IMTS 2010 Concepts and Definitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of IMTS scope, coverage, time of recording, trade system, classification, valuation, quantity measurement, partner country</li> <li>o Presentation: UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
12:00 – 12:45	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5) Defining and Measuring Digital Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed conceptual framework and definition of Digital Trade</li> <li>o Presentation: WTO</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 14:45	<b>Group Discussion #5:</b> Digital Trade Framework
14:45 – 16:45	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Compilation challenges in implementation of IMTS 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of compliance with IMTS 2010 data items</li> <li>• Challenges in Trade system and Customs Procedure Codes</li> <li>• Experience on implementation challenges</li> <li>• Compilation challenges in implementation of IMTS 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Presentations: Ghana, Mauritius, Zambia, COMESA, UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:45 – 17:30	<b>Group Discussion #6:</b> IMTS 2010 implementation

### Tuesday, 25 June 2019

09:00 – 10:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) Ensuring data quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UN quality framework: NQAF 2019</li> <li>• Template on IMTS indicators of quality</li> <li>o Presentations: Indonesia, UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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1 NO POVERTY



5 GENDER EQUALITY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



10:00 – 10:30	<b>Group Discussion #7:</b> Indicators of quality
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	8) Data reconciliation and bilateral trade asymmetries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade misinvoicing and bilateral trade asymmetries                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentations: Indonesia, Nigeria, SACU, UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:45	<b>Group Exercise #8:</b> Identifying and reducing bilateral asymmetries
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 14:45	9) Bridging IMTS 2010 and BPM6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conceptual differences between IMTS 2010 and BOP Trade in Goods                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation: UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14:45 – 15:30	<b>Group Exercise #9:</b> Deriving BOP Trade in Goods using IMTS data
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16:45	10) Trade SDMX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to SDMX-IMTS and its capacity building                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation: COMESA, UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
16:45 – 17:30	<b>Group Exercise #10:</b> Mapping country data to SDMX

## Wednesday, 26 June 2019

09:00 – 10:30	11) Data visualization and communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of data in trade negotiations and analysis</li> <li>• Visualizing data – good practices and examples                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentations: Malawi, WTO, UN ECA, UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	12) External trade indices compilation method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of compilation practices</li> <li>• Experiment: applying big data method of “Scanner data for CPI” in external trade indices                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentations: Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:45	<b>Group Discussion #12:</b> Challenges in compiling external trade indices
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:00	13) Emerging policy and measurement issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accounting for Global Value Chains                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation: WTO</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:30	14) Big Data for IMTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big data for IMTS                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation: UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16:45	<b>Group Discussion #14:</b> Big data sources, Customs data and IMTS

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## 15) Commodity Classification

- Overview of BEC 5 and forthcoming HS 2022 and SITC 5
- Future of HS: WCO HS Review Conference (May 2019)
  - Presentation: Indonesia, UNSD

## Thursday, 27 June 2019

09:00 – 09:45	16) Valuation and Mode of Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges in compiling an accurate valuation</li> <li>• Mode of transportation                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation: Lesotho, Morocco, UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
09:45 – 10:30	<b>Group Exercise #16:</b> Deriving imports FOB or CIF
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	17) Quantity Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to quantity information                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation: Ethiopia, Nigeria, UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:45	<b>Group Exercise #17:</b> Estimating quantity information
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 16:45	18) Trade data processing – good practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data processing in International Organizations                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation: Gambia, Seychelles, UNCTAD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:45 – 17:30	<b>Group Discussion #18:</b> Need for efficient data processing

## Friday, 28 June 2019

09:00 – 10:30	19) Institutional Arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The legal framework and institutional coordination as pillars of efficient national statistical systems                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation: Rwanda, South Africa, UNSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Group discussion #19:</b> Establishing effective institutional arrangement
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Conclusion of the workshop</b>
	<b>Evaluation of the workshop and other business</b>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:45	<b>Closing ceremony</b>