



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS Implementing IMTS 2010 Concepts and Definitions

24-28 June 2019, Johannesburg, South Africa

Provisional Agenda

Monday, 24 June 2019

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

Tuesday, 25 June 2019

09:00 – 10:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7) Ensuring data quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN quality framework: NQAF 2019 • Template on IMTS indicators of quality <p>Presentation and Group Discussion: Indicators of quality</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:45	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8) Data reconciliation and bilateral trade asymmetries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guideline on identifying and reducing asymmetries • Overview on UN Task Force on Illicit Financial Flows • Country presentations on reconciliation study

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	Presentation and Group Exercise: Identifying and reducing bilateral asymmetries
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:30	9) Bridging IMTS 2010 and BPM6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual differences between IMTS 2010 and BOP Trade in Goods • Trade in services related to Goods Presentation and Group Exercise: Deriving BOP Trade in Goods using IMTS data
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	10) Trade SDMX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to SDMX-IMTS • SDMX capacity building for countries Presentation and Group Exercise: Mapping country data to SDMX

Wednesday, 26 June 2019

09:00 – 10:30	11) Data visualization and communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating trade data to users within a context of SDG monitoring • The use of data in trade negotiations • Visualizing data – examples from UN Comtrade Labs • Country presentations on data dissemination Demo and Presentation
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:45	12) Export/import price indices compilation method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRASC project (STATCAN and CARICOM - TBD) on XMPI • Country presentations on XMPI Presentation and Group Discussion: Challenges in compiling XMPI
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:30	13) Emerging policy and measurement issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking trade and business statistics • Accounting for Global Value Chains Presentation
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	14) Big Data for IMTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIS dataset for trade indicators • ADB-B dataset for cargo connectivity Presentation and Group Discussion: Big data source and IMTS

Thursday, 27 June 2019

09:00 – 09:30	15) Commodity Classification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forthcoming HS 2022 and SITC 5 • Overview of BEC 5 Presentation
09:30 – 10:30	16) Valuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations on valuation Presentation and Group Exercise: Deriving imports FOB or CIF
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break

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11:00 – 12:45	<p>17) Quantity information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to quantity information • Country presentations on compiling quantity <p>Presentation and Group Exercise: Estimating quantity information</p>
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:30	<p>18) Trade data processing systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data processing system in International Organizations • Country presentations on processing procedures <p>Presentation</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Continued...</p> <p>Group Discussion: Need for data processing software</p>

Friday, 28 June 2019

09:00 – 10:30	<p>19) Institutional Arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legal framework and institutional coordination as pillars of efficient national statistical systems • Country presentations on institutional arrangements <p>Presentation</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Continued...</p> <p>Group Discussion: Establishing effective institutional arrangement between Customs and the National Statistical Office/Central Bank</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Conclusion of the workshop</p> <p>Evaluation of the workshop and other business</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:45	Closing ceremony