

Regional Workshop on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS)

*Organized jointly by the Central Bank of El Salvador
and the United Nations Statistics Division
San Salvador, El Salvador
23-25 October 2023*

Provisional agenda

Day	Topic	
Monday, 23 Oct 2023	IMTS 2010 and topics of interest Morning sessions: 8:30-12:30hrs including 30 min for registration and 20 min break at around 10:30hrs Afternoon sessions: 14:00-17:30pm including 20 min break at 15:30pm	Session 1: Registration, welcome remarks and introductions (8:30am) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration (8:30-9:00am) Introduction of participants (15 mins) Welcome remarks by the United Nations – UNSD Director; UN Resident Coordinator ad interim (15 mins) Welcome remarks by BCR de El Salvador – President, Vice President and the Head of Economic Studies and Statistics (15 mins), Group photo (10 minutes) Cultural presentation/exhibition (30 mins)
		Session 2: Topics of interest on the compilation, dissemination, and use of foreign trade statistics (2hrs, including discussions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of the core IMTS 2010 concepts/definitions: scope, trade system, valuation, and classifications (Presentation by Vysaul Nyirongo — 50 minutes with discussions) UN Comtrade data processing and dissemination (Presentation by Jiayue Zeng — 35 minutes with discussions) Regional Dissemination of Merchandise Trade Statistics (Presentation by Alejandra Ovalle — 35 minutes with discussions)
		Session 3: Ways of strengthening the generation of international merchandise trade statistics; and institutional arrangements (1hr, including discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customs Clearance Model (Presentation by Luis Córdova and Alma González — 40 minutes with discussions) Institutional arrangements and the process for the generation of statistics on international merchandise trade in Mexico (Presentation by José Francisco Cuiriz — 20 minutes with discussions)
		Session 4: El Salvador's International Trade Statistics System for Goods and Services (SECIMS) (Presentation by Kevin Ramírez and Luis Eduardo Amaya — 2hrs with system navigation and discussions)

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<p>Tuesday, 24 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Case studies</p> <p>Morning sessions: 8:30-12:30hrs including 20 min break at 10:30hrs</p> <p>Afternoon sessions: 14:00-17:30pm including 20 min break at 15:30pm</p>	<p>Session 5: Case studies, national and international experiences (8:30am) (3hr 30 min, including discussions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belize: Merchandise Trade Statistics (Presentation by Tiffany Vasquez and Jair Santoya — 30 minutes with discussions) • Guatemala: Foreign Trade Statistics (Presentation by Magda Herrera and Werner Salguero — 30 minutes with discussions) • Statistics Of Foreign Trade Of Goods In Honduras (Presentation by Esther Salinas — 45 minutes with discussions) • Nicaragua: Foreign Trade Statistics (Presentation by Isbel Velásquez and David Valle — 30 minutes with discussions) • National practices and challenges in the compilation of trade statistics: Selected Caribbean Countries (Presentation by Esmond McLean — 45 minutes with discussions) • Analysis and reduction of bilateral merchandise trade asymmetries in North America (Presentation by Ricardo Gutiérrez — 30 minutes with discussions) <p>Session 6: Case studies, national and international experiences (continued) (3hrs, including discussions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of international merchandise trade statistics of Mexico (Presentation by José Francisco Cuiriz — 20 minutes with discussions) • Export of goods and its impact on the foreign trade of the Republic of Panama (Presentation by Maely Espinoza and Victor Morales — 20 minutes with discussions) • Trade Enterprise Characteristics: Costa Rican Experience (Presentation by Ana Victoria Rodríguez Ramírez and Cinthya Marín Rojas — 20 minutes with discussions) • AIS Big Data Introductory Training (Presentation by Jiayue Zeng — 50 minutes with discussions) • Metadata, quality, and dissemination of foreign trade statistical data (Presentation by Claudia Campos — 20 minutes with discussions) • Compliance on quantity information (Presentation by Vysaul Nyirongo — 20 minutes with discussions)

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Wednesday, 25 Oct 2023	Applications and global developments Morning sessions: 8:30-12:30hrs including 20 min break at 10:30hrs Afternoon sessions: 14:00-15:30pm	Session 7: Applications of IMTS 2010 and emerging topics (global developments) (3hr 30 min, including discussions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring digital trade (8:30am, virtual, UNCTAD) (Presentation by Daniel Ker — 50 minutes with discussions) • Linking business and trade statistics in practice: The Profile of Export Manufacturing Enterprises by sex and Exports by States (Presentation by José Francisco Cuiriz — 20 minutes with discussions) • Import and Export Price Indices (Presentation by Héctor Ezequiel Méndez — 50 minutes with discussions) • Price and volume indexes (10:50am, virtual) (Presentation by Herlon Brandão — 45 minutes with discussions) • Policy and tools for data quality, metadata, and dissemination (11:35am, virtual) (Presentation by Saulo Castro — 45 minutes with discussions)
		Session 8: Emerging issues regarding merchandise trade statistics (1hr, including discussions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuals revisions; (Presentation by Vysaul Nyirongo — 45 minutes with discussions) • Handbook on Integrating Business and Trade Statistics (Presentation by Jiayue Zeng — 15 minutes with discussions) • Volume 2 of the Manual on Principal Indicators for Business and Trade Statistics (to be confirmed) (Presentation by Vysaul Nyirongo — 10 minutes with discussions)
		Session 9: Closing ceremony (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by BCR de El Salvador and the United Nations • Presentation of certificates