



Interagency consultation on international trade statistics

Wednesday, 24 February 2010

Conference Room C

Temporary North Lawn Building

9:00 - 10:00am



Forward looking activities:

- UN Comtrade upgrade
- Trade Statistics knowledgebase
- Research agenda

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1. UN Comtrade upgrade: UN comtrade

- New data items:
 - Second partner country
 - Second value for imports (FOB in addition to CIF)
 - Mode of transport
- Possible additional identification OR metadata on
 - goods for processing
 - intra-firm trade
- UN Comtrade data request will set a new reporting standard and a standard for data dissemination
 - ← Data presentation will be discussed with EG-IMTS and TF-IMTS

2. Trade Statistics Knowledgebase

- Easy access support for compilers
 - International recommendations
 - Compilation guidance (best practices)
 - Reference materials (classifications, conversion tables etc.)
 - National practices / national metadata
- Metadata on national and international level for data users
- Access to all UNSD outputs and activities on merchandise trade

3. Research agenda (in collaboration with others)

- Asymmetries in trade data
- Linking trade and business statistics
- Trade indices
- Automated data transfer
- Other issues (trade by value added, environmental concerns, developing use of quantity information etc.)



Thank you very much for
your attention