



Interagency consultation on international trade statistics

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Conference Room C

Temporary North Lawn Building

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Implementation of
IMTS 2010:

How can
organizations help
countries to cope
with the new
challenges?

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1. IMTS 2010 contains general and concrete recommendations for compilers

- Provides important clarifications of some key concepts
- Covers the entire statistical production process:
 - Focus (new chapter) on required institutional arrangements
 - Focus (new chapter) on data sources
 - Focus (new chapter) on data quality and metadata
- Offers concrete compilation advice:
 - establish working arrangements,
 - Get customs procedure codes, etc.
- Makes foreign trade statistics more useful
 - New data items (mode of transport, imports fob, second partner country), promotes separate recording of goods for processing, intra-firm trade
 - Promotes linking trade and business statistics

2. IMTS Compilers Manual (2011) will provide further explanations and best practices

- Institutional arrangements, use of data sources, best practices in quality assurance and reporting
- Best practices in calculation of trade indices
- Reconciliation studies, confidentiality, presentation of new data items etc.

← In close cooperation with EG-IMTS and TF-IMTS

3. Technical assistance to countries

- IMTS 2010 covers entire statistical process and UNSD is developing a checklist / quality framework based on it (to be aligned with existing checklists and frameworks)
- About two regional training workshops per year
 - Focus on countries most in need
 - Cooperation with other international and regional organizations
- Providing reference materials and further advice and assistance as required (and feasible)



Thank you very much for
your attention