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:**

- **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