



## International Trade and Globalization Lunchtime Seminar 29 February 2012

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## Cycle of official trade statistics

- Intergovernmental Processes
- Changing Patterns of Trade
- Research and Analysis
- Policy Demands
- Changing needs for Trade Data
- Maintaining the relevance of Trade Statistics
- Intergovernmental Processes



## Keeping statistics relevant

- Official Statistics
- Academia and Research institutes
- Policy makers
- Official Statistics

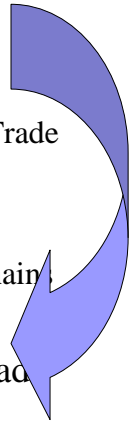


## Example: Trade in Value-Added

- Traditional Customs-based Trade Statistics
- iPad and iPhone research example –
  - Import content of Export or Value-added of Exports
- Pascal Lamy, WTO, and MiWi
- Angel Gurría, OECD
- Mainstreaming Trade in Value-Added



## Example: Trade by Business statistics

- Traditional Customs-based Trade Statistics
  - Global Value Chains Research –
    - For instance: to explain effects of Financial Crisis on Trade
  - Development Policy on Trade and Industry
    - Upgrading a country's position in the Global Value Chain
  - Recommendations to compile and disseminate Trade by Business statistics
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## International standards – current landscape

- National Accounts (2008 SNA)
- Industry Statistics (2008 IRIS)
- Classifications
  - ❖ ISIC, Rev.4
  - ❖ CPC 2.0
- Trade in Goods (IMTS 2010)
- Trade in Services (MSITS 2010)
- Guidelines for integrated economic statistics (2011)

## Financial Crisis 2008 and Trade

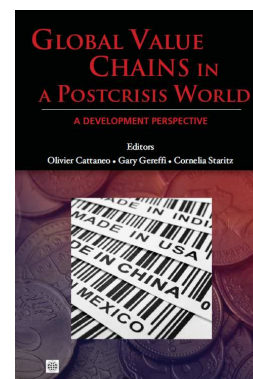
- ❖ Financial crisis caused import demand from developed countries to fall dramatically
- ❖ What were the observed effects on Trade?
  - Large contraction of Global Trade in 2009, including
    - Decrease of Exports from China
    - Decrease of Exports from South East Asia

## Research Studies – World Bank

### **Global Value Chains in a Post-crisis World: Resilience, Consolidation, and Shifting End Markets**

(Olivier Cattaneo, Gary Gereffi and Cornelia Staritz, editors – World Bank)

- ❑ Large decrease of Trade, but limited decrease of GDP
- ❑ Cascading effect – decrease in demand from US, led to decrease in demand from China for intermediate goods from its suppliers, notably in South East Asian countries



# Global value chains analysis



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Measuring success in the global economy: international trade, industrial upgrading, and business function outsourcing in global value chains

(Tim Sturgeon and Gary Gereffi, Transnational Corporations (Aug 2009) – UNCTAD)

## Data Needs –

- Trade in Intermediate Goods vs Final Goods
- Trade in Services
- Linking Trade and Business Statistics

### Measuring success in the global economy: international trade, industrial upgrading, and business function outsourcing in global value chains

An essay in memory of Sanjaya Lall  
Timothy J. Sturgeon and Gary Gereffi<sup>1</sup>

This article contributes to an assessment of the scholarly work of Sanjaya Lall, especially as it relates to improved measures of industrial upgrading and technological learning. We argue for the collection of new statistics, in addition to reworking and linking existing data sets. Changes in the global economy, especially the rise of global value chains (GVCs), have created measurement problems that require not only continued innovation in the use of existing data sources, but also the development and deployment of new measures that measure GVCs more directly. Specifically, we advocate for the collection of establishment-level economic data according to business functions. Data collected according to a standardized set of generic business functions can provide researchers and policymakers with a better range of the value chain, reveal the roles that domestic establishments, firms, and industries play within GVCs, and offer a unique type of the competitive pressures facing domestic firms and industries.

**Keywords:** global value chains, international trade, business function outsourcing, industrial upgrading, technological learning

#### 1. Introduction

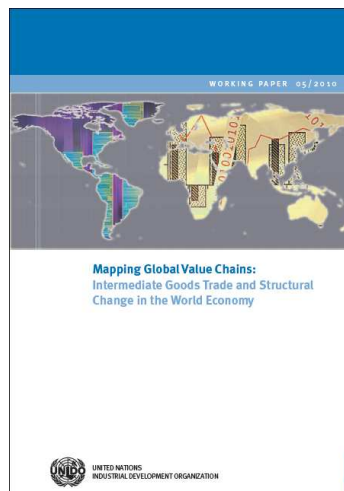
This article contributes to an assessment and celebration of the scholarly and policy work of the late Sanjaya Lall. In his 2009 book, Lall's work was at once broad, deep and intensely focused. Over his long career, Lall and his many collaborators used the lenses of the transnational corporation (TNC), competitiveness, globalization and technological learning to uncover

## Example – Trade in Intermediate Goods

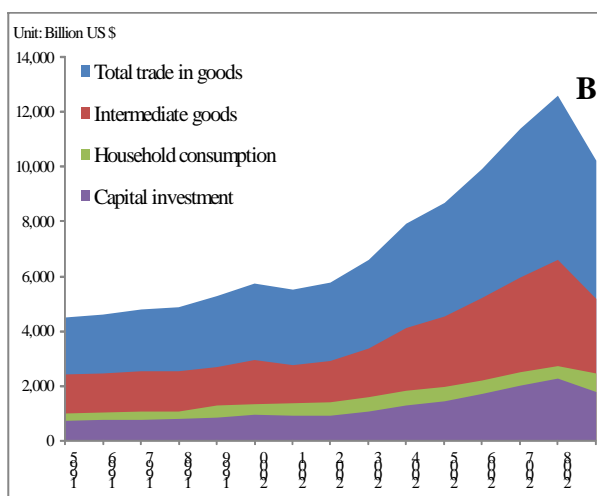
# Mapping Global Value Chains: Intermediate Goods Trade and Structural Changes in the World Economy

Tim Sturgeon (MIT) and  
Olga Memedovic (UNIDO)

UNIDO Working Papers 2011



## Contribution of trade in intermediate goods



Contribution rate  
**Before 2002 vs after 2002**

Intermediate goods:

38% → 54%

Household consumption:

34% → 19%

Capital goods:

16% → 20%

Source: calculated by Bo MENG and Norihiko YAMANO, 2011 (using OECD data, preliminary)

## Main data sources used in measuring Global Value Chains

- Firm based data ( Apple, Toyota )
  - Micro level, but lack of global viewpoint
- Bilateral trade data ( import and export )
  - Global, but no inter-industry information
- National input-output data
  - Inter-industry, but lack of global aspect
- International input-output data
  - Inter-country, inter-industry, but time lag (almost 5 years)

## Main data sources used in measuring Global Value Chains

- Firm based data (Apple, Toyota )
- Customs-based imports and exports data
  - Trade in intermediate goods
  - Goods for processing / Export processing zone
  - Intra-firm trade
- National input-output data
  - Inter-industry, but lack of global aspect
- International input-output data
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## Main data sources used in measuring Global Value Chains

### ■ Trade by Business statistics

- Linking Customs data with Business Registers
- Linking trade with other economic and social data
- Outsourcing of Business Functions

### ■ National input-output data

- Inter-industry, but lack of global aspect

### ■ International input-output data

- Inter-country, inter-industry, but time lag (almost 5 years)

## Global Forum on Trade Statistics

Measuring Global Trade - Do we have the right numbers?

organized jointly by UNSD and Eurostat in collaboration with WTO and UNCTAD

2-4 February 2011, Geneva, Switzerland

1. Measuring Global Trade
2. New Recommendations IMTS / SITS
3. Data Sources
4. Global Production and Outsourcing
- 5. Linking Trade and Business Statistics**
6. Trade in Value-Added

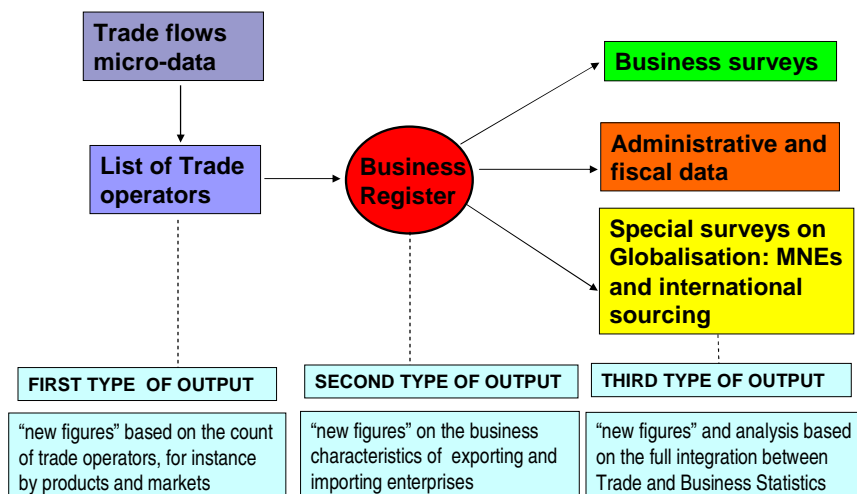


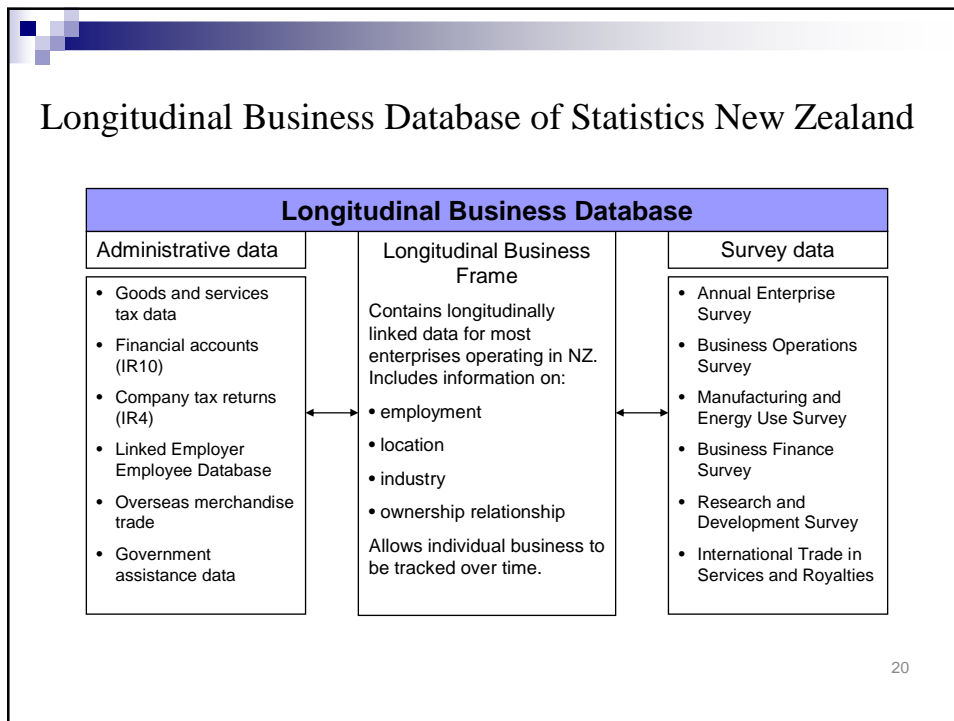
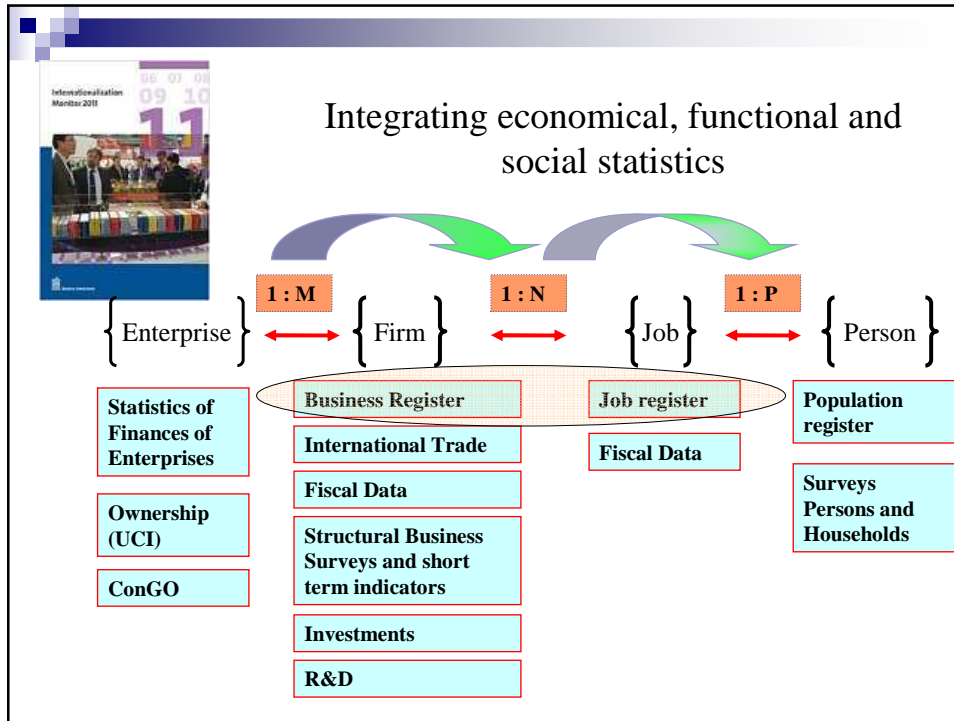
## Linking Trade and Business Statistics

Italy  
Netherlands  
New Zealand

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The link between the list of trade operators and the Business Register is the **GATEWAY** to any new and successful developments in trade statistics





# Summary

- Traditional Customs-based Trade Statistics
- Global Value Chain Research
- Policy needs regarding international position of National Trade and Industry
- Recommendations to compile and disseminate Trade (Goods and Services) by Business statistics



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## GLOBAL FORUM ON TRADE STATISTICS

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trade' was the main theme.

The Global Forum was unique in the sense that high-level representatives from the policy, research and statistical side (from both national and international institutes) were jointly discussing the measurement of trade statistics. Remarkably, this meeting of users and producers, of the supply and demand side, came to a general agreed vision, namely to link trade to other economic and social statistics, to improve cooperation among national agencies and to improve trade-related classifications. Statements made then are reflected on this website.

In the past year, many events took place, initiatives and processes were started and publications, studies and articles appeared. This Global Forum website is established to make all that information available in one place. This website is meant as a market place to share the latest information on the measurement and analysis of global trade. This is a meeting place for statisticians, researchers, economists, trade negotiators, trade analysts and everyone else with an interest in trade-related information.

The UN Statistics Division posted a selection of all the work at this moment. We invite you herewith to propose additional material.

Please send your proposals, comments or

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### Vision of the future of international trade statistics

Responding to demands of policy makers for more information on international trade and its relation to global value chains, employment, environment and the interdependence of economies, the participants of the Global Forum on Trade Statistics identify the following points of improvement.

- Improve the relevance of international trade statistics by connecting trade information and integrating it with its economic, social, environmental and financial dimensions while minimizing the response burden.
- Improve the statistical production process by better defining and organizing the co-operation among national stakeholders.
- Improve international classifications and correspondence tables relevant for research on international trade and globalization, such as research on trade in value added, on global value chains and on outsourcing of business functions.

**Global Forum on Trade Statistics**  
The Global Forum consisting of trade statisticians, economists, trade analysis and policy makers from all over the world, agreed on a common vision for international trade statistics.

**Intergovernmental Processes on Trade Statistics**  
The United Nations Statistical Commission brings together Chief Statisticians from around the world to set statistical standards. A number of these standards relate to trade statistics.

**Research Studies, Analytical Reports and Trade Publications**  
The Global Forum website tries to keep track of the ever changing landscape of trade analysis.

**Follow Up Events and Projects**  
The Global Forum should be the start of a

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Thank you

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/globalforum>

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