

**Meeting on compilation issues of IMTS 2010**  
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**Agenda item 20:  
Implementation of IMTS2010 and  
the EG-IMTS work programme**



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# IMT 2010 Implementation

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### 1. Increasing the usefulness of IMTS by

1. Implementing the new data fields
2. Linking trade and business statistics
3. Integration of statistics on trade in goods and services

#### Background:

Global Forum on trade statistics with the background note on trade statistics in the year 2020

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### 2. Completion of IMTS Compilers manual and its further development

1. Completion in 2012
2. Establishment of website for further information/ examples and updates to individual chapters
3. Considered to establish a hotline for conceptual and compilation issues and an e-learning module
4. Development of further guidance on trade indices

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### 3. Upgrade and enhancement of UN Comtrade

1. Inclusion of new data variables recommended in IMTS 2010
  1. Mode of transport
  2. Country of consignment as second partner country
  3. FOB-type value for imports
  4. Customs procedure Codes / Identifier for special transactions (intra-firm trade, goods for processing etc.)
2. Adding monthly trade data
3. Significant enhancement of metadata
  1. New Trade Statistics Knowledgebase has been established: Metadata reference pages for 187 countries have been added
  2. Further steps

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### 4. Technical assistance

- Tentatively planned to hold two workshops per year
- In collaboration with other international organizations
- Possible development of E-Learning, Knowledgebase etc.

### 5. Research agenda

- To address imbalances in partner statistics
- Quality of quantity information and quantity estimation
- **Finding innovative methods of linking trade and business statistics in the context of an integrated approach to economic statistics,**
- Trade in terms of value added and to clarify the international production chain,
- Good practices in the compilation of the trade indices and various analytical indicators
- Efficient ways of automated data transfer between countries and international organizations.

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### General statement

To accomplish further progress on the implementation programme, UNSD relies on continued involvement and contributions of EG-IMTS.

→ Report to Statistical Commission 2012 contains updated Terms of References of the EG-IMTS

## EG-IMTS work programme

### Updated Terms of reference of the United Nations Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics

1. The United Nations Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics has been established to:
  - a) Provide guidance on the implementation of the revised recommendations contained in IMTS 2010 after their adoption by the Statistical Commission.
  - b) Assist in the development of further compilation guidance.
2. The United Nations Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics will be convened by the United Nations Statistics Division.
3. The United Nations Statistics Division, in its capacity as the convener of the United Nations Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics, will submit to the Statistical Commission periodic progress reports on the revision process and the implementation of the revised recommendations.

Thank you for your attention!