



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

Provisional agenda

Wednesday, 2 February 2011

Registration **8.30 am – 9.30 am**

Morning session **9.30 am – 12.30 pm** *Chair: Mr. Walter Radermacher, Eurostat*

1. Opening statement
 Mr. Alejandro Jara, Deputy Director General of the World Trade Organization
2. Keynote addresses by
 Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General of UN/DESA

 Dr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

(break from 10.30 – 10.50)

3. *Round-table discussion:*
 Theme: Measuring Global Trade – Do we have the right numbers?

Moderator: Mr. Walter Radermacher (Chief Statistician, Eurostat)

Presenters and Panelists:

Mr. Enrico Giovannini (Chief Statistician, Italy)
Mr. Aaron Sydor, (Deputy Chief Economist, Canada)
Prof. Gary Gereffi (Duke University – GVC Initiative)

Mr. Hubert Escaith (Chief Statistician, WTO)
Mr. Ronald Jansen (Chief, Trade Statistics, UNSD)
Mr. Henri Laurencin (Chief, Statistics, UNCTAD)

Afternoon session 14.30 pm – 17.30 pm Chair: Mr. Ronald Jansen, UNSD

4. Implementing the improved methodological guidelines
 - a. An overview of the main recommendations of international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS 2010) and the implementation programme
Presenter: [UNSD](#)
 - b. An overview of the main recommendations of statistics of international trade in services (MSITS 2010) and the implementation programme
Presenter: [OECD](#)
 - c. The latest EU regulations on trade statistics and their relationship with the international recommendations
Presenter: [Eurostat](#)

(break at 15.45 – 16.00)

- d. Country perspective on adjusting to the new recommendations
Presenters: [Norway](#), [Hungary](#), [Malaysia](#), [China](#)

General discussion on implementation plans

Thursday, 3 February 2011

Morning session 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Chair: Mr. Andreas Lindner, OECD

5. Data sources -
 - a. Compilation of merchandise trade statistics: Future of customs recording and seizing the potential of non-customs administrative sources and enterprise surveys
Presenters: [UK](#), [Canada](#), [Morocco](#), [Philippines](#)

General discussion on future of customs recording

(break 10.45 – 11.00)

- b. Compilation of trade in services statistics: Future of ITRS and enterprise surveys
Presenters: [Spain](#), [Vietnam](#), [Hong Kong](#),

General discussion on trade in services statistics

Afternoon session 14.30 pm – 17.30 pm Chair: Mr. Hubert Escaith, WTO

Opening remarks: [Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director General of the World Trade Organization](#)

6. Global Manufacturing and Outsourcing of Business Functions
 - a. Global Manufacturing and the Global Value Chain approach
Presenter: [GVC Initiative, Denmark](#)
 - b. Direct Measurement of Global Manufacturing
Presenters: [Iceland, China, UNECE / Canada](#)

(break at 15.45 – 16.00)

- c. Multi-National Enterprises and Foreign Affiliates
Presenters: [Eurostat, UNCTAD, Austria, Thailand](#)

General discussion on Global Manufacturing

Friday, 4 February 2011

Morning session 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Chair: Mr. Axel Behrens, Eurostat

Towards an integrated approach of trade in goods and services and business statistics

7. Towards an integrated approach of trade in goods and services and business statistics
Presenters: [Italy, Brazil, OECD, Eurostat, Austria](#)

(break 10.45 – 11.00)

8. Towards an integrated approach: institutional arrangements and the dissemination of statistics of international trade in goods and services.
Presenters: [Netherlands, Canada, New Zealand](#)
9. Towards an integrated approach of trade in goods and services and business statistics: proposal for the Way Forward
Presenter: [UNSD](#)

Afternoon session 14.30 pm – 16.30 pm *Chair: Mr. Ronald Jansen, UNSD*

10. Trade in Value-Added: Input-Output Approach and the domestic content of Exports
Presenters: [WTO / IDE-JETRO](#), [OECD](#), [USITC](#), [WIOD](#)

General Discussion

11. Concluding remarks and closing of the Global Forum