



Global Forum on Trade Statistics
Measuring Global Trade - Do we have the right numbers?
organized jointly by UNSD and Eurostat in collaboration with WTO
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Provisional agenda
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Wednesday, 2 February 2011

Registration **8.30 am – 9.30 am**

Morning session **9.30 am – 12.30 pm**

1. Opening statement
2. Keynote address
3. *Panel discussion:*
 Theme: Measuring Global Trade – Do we have the right numbers?

Afternoon session **14.00 pm – 17.30 pm**

4. Implementing the improved methodological guidelines
 - a. An overview of the main recommendations of international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS 2010) and the implementation programme
 - b. An overview of the main recommendations of statistics of international trade in services (MSITS 2010) and the implementation programme
 - c. The latest EU regulations on trade statistics and their relationship with the international recommendations
 - d. *Panel discussion:*
 Theme: Country perspective on adjusting to the new recommendations

Thursday, 3 February 2011

Morning session 9.00 am – 12.30 pm

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
 - b. Compilation of trade in services statistics: Future of ITRS and enterprise surveys

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6. *Panel discussion:*
Theme: The issue of “Goods for processing abroad”
7. Commercial presence abroad - Foreign affiliates statistics, Foreign Direct Investment and Multi-national enterprise statistics

Friday, 4 February 2011

Morning session 9.00 am – 12.30 pm

8. Towards an integrated approach: institutional arrangements and the dissemination of statistics of international trade in goods and services
9. *Panel discussion:*
Theme: Broadening the horizon: Integration of statistics of trade in goods and services in data compilation; linking trade and business statistics

Afternoon session 14.00 pm – 17.30 pm

10. Findings and conclusions – Adoptions of main conclusions for the Way Forward
11. Closing of the Global Forum