



**International Workshop on Country Practices in Compilation of
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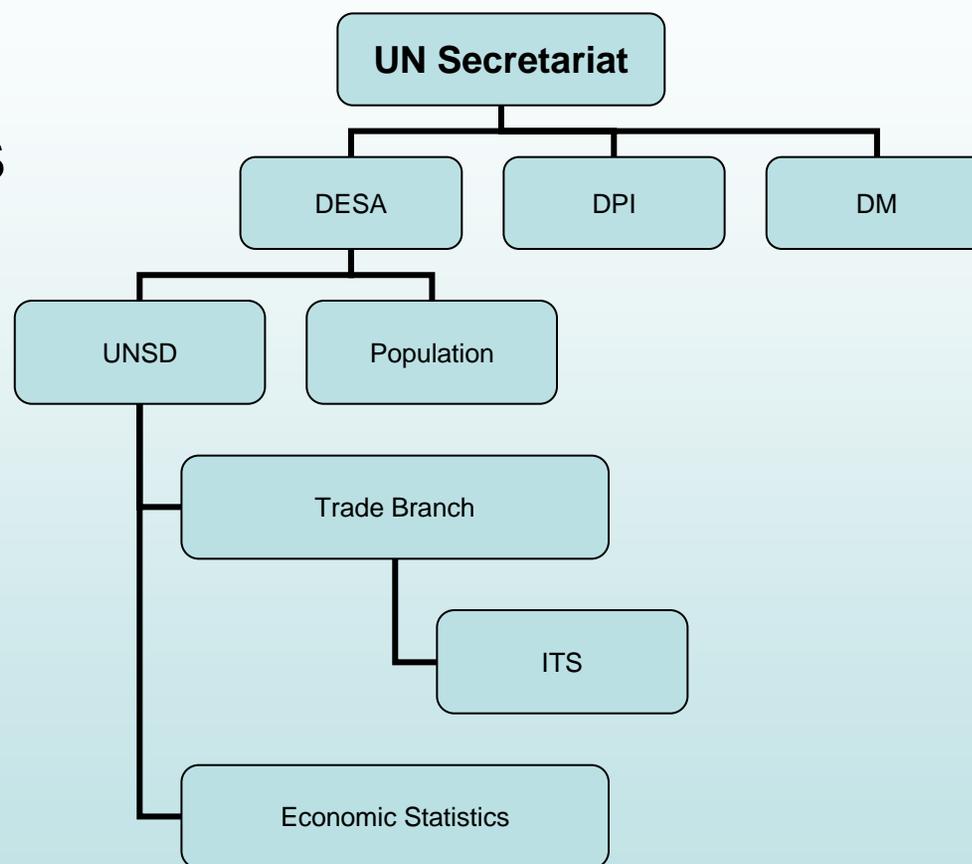
UNSD activities in International Merchandise Trade Statistics



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Structure of United Nations





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- Trade Statistics Branch
 - International Trade Statistics (ITS) Section
 - Trade in Goods (IMTS)
 - Trade in Services
 - Distributive Trade Statistics Section
 - Retail Trade
 - Wholesale Trade

ACTIVITIES of the ITS Section

- 1.) DATA collection, analysis and dissemination
- 2.) Methodology
- 3.) International coordination and collaboration
- 4.) Technical assistance and information forum for compilers and users of IMTS

1.) Data collection, analysis and dissemination

- **DATA COLLECTION**

- Trade in Goods
- Trade in Services

- **DATA PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS**

- Code and commodity normalization, USD conversion
- Unit Value Checking
- Standard Unit Value (Price) calculations
- Index calculations (Fuel Imports, Manufactured Goods Exports), regional aggregations
- Analytical tables with regional aggregations

- **DATA DISSEMINATION**

- UN COMTRADE
- International Trade Statistics Yearbook
- Monthly Bulletin of Statistics

2.) Methodology

- IMTS, Concepts & Definitions
- IMTS, Compilers Manual
- Supplement to Compilers Manual (NCDP questionnaire is part of it)
- SITC, Revision 4
- BEC, Rev.4 (in terms of HS-2002 and SITC, R3)
- Correlation tables between HS, SITC and BEC
- Statistical Territories of the World for Use in International Merchandise Trade Statistics
- Trade in Services: Manual, Rev.2

3.) International Coordination and Collaboration

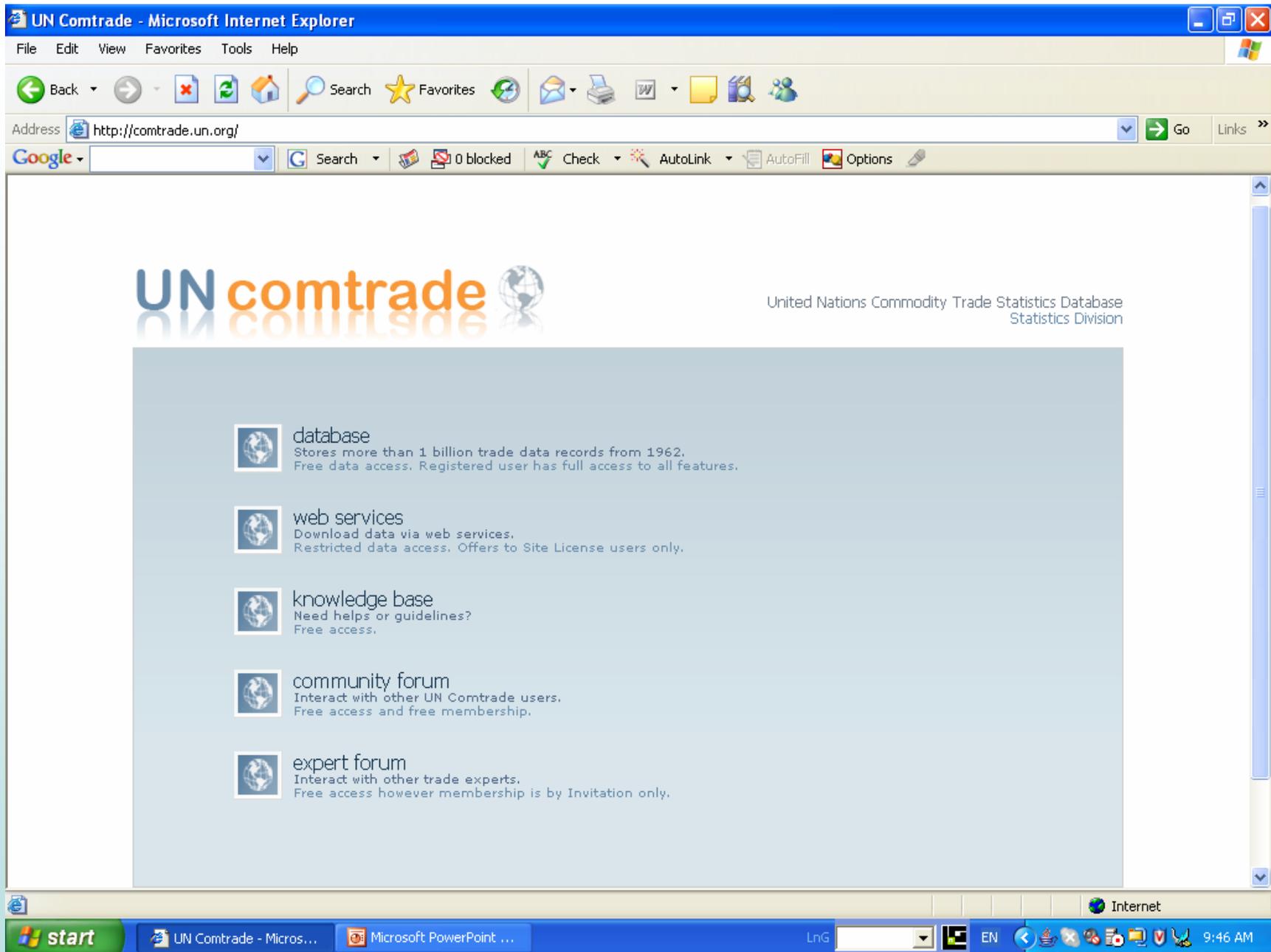
- UN Statistical Commission
- Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics
- WCO HS Committee
- Interagency Task Force on International Trade in Services
- Joint data collection and processing with OECD
- Cooperation in data collection with other international and regional organizations

4.) Technical assistance and information forum for compilers and users of IMTS

- Workshops on IMTS in Addis 2004, Abuja 2005, Duoula 2006, Bangkok 2006..
- Participation in ESCWA -Project on IMTS
- Access to manuals, classifications and correspondence tables, workshop materials, UN comtrade database documentation, etc.

Present and future WORK

- Supplement to the Compilers Manual
 - Part I: Questionnaire on National Compilation and Reporting Practices
 - Part II: Special topics
- Singling out areas of increasing importance (Export Processing Zones/ Customs unions/ Affiliated trade/ Business Surveys)
- Database on National Compilation and Reporting Practices
- New trade statistics yearbook, additional online publication
- Writing IMTS, Rev.3 (2010)
- UN Comtrade Portal



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