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Unit G4: International transactions

Seminar on International Trade Statistics
**Implementation of IMTS 2010 and follow-up to the Global Forum,
26 – 30 September 2011, Vilnius, Lithuania**

Provisional Agenda
(as of 25 September 2011)

Morning session will be as much as possible from 9:00 to 12:30 and afternoon sessions from 14:00 to 17:00 (*Each session includes a break of 15 minutes*)

Monday, 26 September

Registration for participants: 8:00-9:00

Morning session 9:00 - 12:30

1. Opening of the seminar by Mr. Jonas Markelevicius, Statistics Lithuania
First Deputy General Director
2. Opening statement by Paul Cheung, Director, UNSD
3. Opening statement by Eurostat
4. Adoption of agenda, purpose of seminar and administrative matters (*UNSD*)
5. UNSD activities in the field of International Trade Statistics
6. Eurostat activities in the field of International Trade Statistics
7. Other regional organizations' perspective on International Trade Statistics
8. IMTS 2010 and its implementation (*UNSD*)

Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:00

9. Scope and time of recording and trade system– updated and new recommendations

Introduction, Country Presentations (Poland, Ukraine), Discussion and conclusions

10. Commodity classification and quantity measurement – updated and new recommendations

Introduction, Country Presentations (Lithuania), Discussion and conclusions

Tuesday, 27 September

Morning session 9:00 - 12:30

11. Valuation – updated recommendations

Introduction, Country Presentations, Discussion and conclusions

12. Partner country, Mode of transport – updated and new recommendations

Introduction, Country Presentations (Azerbaijan), Discussion and conclusions

Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:00

13. Data compilation strategies, institutional arrangements – new recommendations

Introduction, Country Presentations (Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Russia, Tajikistan), Discussion and conclusions

Wednesday, 28 September

Morning session 9:00 - 12:30

14. Integrating Trade and Business Statistics – selected topics – part 1

Introduction, Country Presentations (Belarus, Latvia, Serbia, Turkey, Uzbekistan), Discussion and conclusions

Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:00

15. Integrating Trade and Business Statistics – selected topics – part 2
Introduction, Country Presentations, Discussion and conclusions

Thursday, 29 September

Morning session 9:00 - 12:30

16. Data quality and metadata – new recommendations
Introduction, Country Presentation (Hungary), Discussion and conclusions

17. Additional topics and tools (*N.N.*)

Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:00

18. Dissemination - updated and recommendations
Introduction, Country Presentations (Armenia, Estonia, Moldova, Montenegro), Discussion and conclusions

19. Compilation and dissemination of regional trade statistics (as applicable)
CISSTAT presentation

Friday, 30 September

Morning session 9:00 - 12:30

20. Supplementary topics – updated and new recommendations
Introduction, Country Presentations, Discussion and conclusions

21. An overview of the UN Comtrade database and IMTS Analytical Outputs; UN Comtrade enhancement programme (*UNSD*);

22. An overview of the Comext database (*Eurostat*)

Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:00

23. Round Table Discussion: Identification of the important issues for the participating countries

24. Preliminary findings and conclusions (*UNSD, Eurostat, CISSTAT, Others*)

25. Evaluation of the seminar and other business

Annotations

Agenda item 9: Scope and time of recording

General guidelines; Specific guidelines: inclusions and exclusions, inter alia
Goods for processing, Trade between related parties, Fish catch and bunkers;

Agenda item 9: Trade System:

Clarification of territorial elements; General vs. Special trade system; Free zones,
Recording of custom procedure codes; Re-imports and re-exports; Other concerns;

Agenda item 10: Commodity classification

Review of recommendations; Correspondence tables;

Agenda item 10: Quantity measurement

Recommendations regarding the recording of quantity information; Uniformity of
compiled and disseminated quantity information, Other concerns;

Agenda item 11: Valuation

Statistical value of imports and exports; Recommendations; Valuation in certain
categories of goods, i.e. electricity, gas and water; Compilation of Imports FOB in
addition to Imports CIF; Currency conversion;

Agenda item 12: Partner country

Country of origin and country of consignment for imports; Country of last know
destination and country of consignment (destination) for exports; Reimports and
re-exports (use of rules of origin); Other concerns;

Agenda item 12: Mode of transport

Recommendation; Mode of transport - What to record; How to classify;

Agenda item 13: Data compilation strategies, institutional arrangements

Use of Customs and non customs data sources; institutional arrangements;
Informal Cross Border Trade;

Agenda item 14: Integrating Trade and Business Statistics – selected topics – part 1:

Use of Enterprise ID, link to the business register, multi-nationals, enterprise
surveys and other surveys; integration of data from different sources;

Agenda item 15: Integrating Trade and Business Statistics – selected topics – part 2:

Compilation of data for selected categories of goods such as inward (and outward) processing, via use of customs procedure (nature of transactions) codes and other means; intra-firm trade, trade by enterprise characteristics;

Agenda item 16: Data quality and metadata

Systematic approach to data quality; quality reports; quality measurements framework; quality measures and indicators; cross-country comparability; recommendations on metadata; list of metadata items;

Agenda item 17: Additional topics and tools

Contents of this item is partly depended on the participation of additional regional and international organizations;

Agenda item 18: Dissemination

Statistical confidentiality; data dissemination timetable; data revision; dissemination strategy;

Agenda item 19: Compilation and dissemination of regional trade statistics

Presentations by regional organizations;

Agenda item 20: Supplementary topics

External trade indices; Seasonally adjusted data; Relationship and differences to national accounts and balance of payments;