**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON**

 **INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS**

**Implementing IMTS 2010 Concepts and Definitions**

24-28 June 2019, Pretoria, South Africa

Provisional Agenda

**Tuesday, 18 June 2019**

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| 08:00 – 09:00  | Registration for participants |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | ***Opening session***1. Opening remarks (SARS, UNSD, AUC)
2. Adoption of provisional agenda and administrative matters
3. Purpose and context of the workshop
4. Overview on activities of International/Regional Organisations in the area of IMTS

 Presenters - <TBD> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00– 12:00 | ***IMTS e-learning course***1. Introduction to the six modules and results of the evaluation
	1. Conceptual Framework
	2. Institutional Arrangements
	3. Production and Compilation
	4. Metadata and Quality
	5. Dissemination and Analysis
	6. New Areas and Analytical Topics

Presenters - <TBD> |
| 12:00 – 12:45 | 1. Round table discussion: Experiences of the online training course and evaluation

Facilitator - UNSD |
| 12:45 – 14:15  | Lunch Break |
| 14:15 – 15:30 | ***Conceptual Framework***1. Recommendations in IMTS 2010 and related manuals
2. Scope and Time of Recording
3. Trade System
4. Commodity Classifications
5. Valuation
6. Quantity Measurement
7. Partner Country
8. Mode of Transport

Presenters - <TBD> |
| 15:30 – 16:00  | Coffee break |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | 1. Round table discussion: Experiences with implementing IMTS 2010 – sharing best practices

Facilitator - UNSD |

**Wednesday, 19 June 2019**

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | ***Dissemination and Analysis***1. Best practices on data dissemination
	1. Confidentiality
	2. Revision Policy
	3. Dissemination System

Presenters - <TBD>1. Communicating trade data to users within a context of SDG monitoring

Presenters - <TBD>1. Data reconciliation and bilateral trade asymmetries

Presenters - <TBD> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 12:45 | 1. Data visualization to explore and analyse trade data (Examples from UN Comtrade Labs)

Presenters - <TBD> 1. Round Table discussion: Needs and challenges in disseminating and analysing data

Presenter / Facilitator – UNSD  |
| 12:45 – 14:15  | Lunch Break |
| 14:15 – 15:30 | ***New Areas of Work***1. Linking trade and business statistics

Presenters - <TBD>1. Measuring cross-border e-commerce

Presenters - <TBD>1. Data exchange (SDMX)

Presenters - <TBD> |
| 15:30 – 16:00  | Coffee break |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | ***National Practices***1. Country presentations: Present and future activities in area of trade statistics

Presenters - <TBD> |

**Thursday, 20 June 2019**

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | ***Production and Compilation***1. Export/import price indices compilation method

Presenters - <TBD> 1. Data sources: Customs and non-Customs data

Presenters - <TBD>1. Data processing system in International Organizations

Presenters - <TBD> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 12:45 | 1. Eurotrace: Present and Future

Presenters - <TBD>1. Country presentation: Implementation of Eurotrace

Presenters – <TBD>1. Round Table discussion: Need for data processing software

Facilitator - UNSD |
| 12:45 – 14:15 | Lunch Break |
| 14:15 – 15:30 | ***Metadata and Quality*** 1. Overview of data quality checking – validity and credibility
2. Credibility Model – regression analysis

Presenter – <TBD>1. Applying data verification in practice

Presenter – <TBD> |
| 15:30 – 16:00  | Coffee break |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | 1. Magnitude of failure Indicator

Presenter – <TBD>1. Practical Exercise: Generating credibility parameters from a sample of candles data using Microsoft excel and Access

Facilitator – <TBD>  |

**Friday, 21 June 2019**

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | ***Institutional Arrangements***1. The legal framework and institutional coordination as pillars of efficient national statistical systems

Presenter – <TBD>1. Institutional Arrangements among agencies compiling IMTS
2. Legal acts regulating institutional arrangements
3. Characteristics of effective institutional arrangements

Presenter – <TBD> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | 1. Group Exercise: Establishing Effective Institutional Arrangement between Customs and the National Statistical Office/Central Bank

Facilitator – <TBD> |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | ***Wrap-up Session: Lessons learned for future IMTS training******Conclusion of the workshop******Evaluation of the workshop and any other business***Facilitator - UNSD |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30 – 15:45 | ***Closing ceremony*** |