**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*** |