

**1st MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS AND
TRADE IN SERVICES STATISTICS - WPTGS**

Draft Agenda

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Beginning at 10 a.m. on the first day

Monday, 22nd September, starting at 10.00

Merchandise Trade

1.	Welcome and adoption of the agenda	Administration STD/SES/WPTGS/A(2008)1 STD/SES/WPTGS/M(2008)1
2.	Opening a. Election of Chair WPTGS b. Election of the WPTGS Bureau c. For information and comments: Terms of Reference of the WPTGS	Administration CE(2007)9
3.	New developments at OECD (<i>oral report</i>) a. OECD summary update on recent events b. Enlargement and Enhanced Engagement: the impact on OECDs trade statistics (STD)	Information
4.	New Developments in OECD Member Countries, Accession Countries and Enhanced Engagement Countries (summary by the Chair or by the Secretariat)	Information
5.	Inter-Agency Co-operation and coordination a. Report from the Inter-Agency Merchandise Trade Statistics Task Force and Joint session of TFIMTS and TFITS (WTO) b. Update from UNSD on IMTS Concepts and definitions Manual Revision 3 and status of world-wide consultation (UNSD) c. New ExtraStat Regulations (Eurostat)	Information and discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)1 Information and discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)2 Information and discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)3

	d. OECD and the future of Inter-Agency co-operation on Trade Statistics (OECD)	Discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)4 Delegates will be asked to advise the Secretariat in its reflection on future strategy
6.	Improving data quality and analysis	
	a. Canadian export undercoverage to non-US destinations (Canada)	Discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)5
	b. Country report on specific achievements regarding quality or better understanding (Country report)	Discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)6
	c. Country report on specific achievements regarding quality or better understanding- (Country report)	Discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)7
7.	Methodological Research and Analysis	
	a. Towards a better statistical measurement of re-exports (Country report)	Discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)8
	b. Harmonising international bilateral trade data for inter-country input-output analysis (OECD/STI)	Information and discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)9
	c. Increasing the relevance of trade statistics: Trade by High-Tech products (OECD)	Information And discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)10
	d. What explains Germany's rebounding export market share? (IMF - to be confirmed)	Information and discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)11
8.	Linking Trade with Structural Business Statistics	
	a. OECD progress report (OECD/STD) – what is the scope for additional Non-EU countries of OECD to join in?	Information and reaction, in particular from Non-EU countries' delegates STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)12 Information
	b. Eurostat progress report (EUROSTAT)	STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)13
9.	a) Provisional conclusions and future Programme of Work on Merchandise Trade Statistics – developing a longer term strategy for IMTS compilation	Discussion and proposals from OECD countries, Accession countries and Enhanced Engagement countries' delegates
	b) Other business	

Tuesday 23rd September, starting at 9.30

Globalisation and Cross-cutting Issues

<p>10.</p>	<p><i>Welcome and opening by E. Giovannini, Chief Statistician of OECD and Director of the Statistics Directorate</i></p> <p>Globalisation and Trade</p> <p>a. Pulling it all together: The “Globalisation Cube” – Presentation by the Secretariat</p> <p>b. OECDs Economic Globalisation Indicators Publication 2008: state of play of the 2nd EGI publication (OECD/STI and STD)</p> <p>c. Trading tasks in a global world: Towards a unified classification of trade in goods and trade in services (OECD/STD)</p> <p>d. Building up a Maritime Transport Costs database (OECD/TAD)</p> <p>e. Rising fuel prices and trade: A macro-economic impact analysis for big traders (Germany)</p>	<p>Discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)14</p> <p>Information and discussion. Delegates are invited to comment and suggest additional indicators STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)15</p> <p>Information and discussion. Delegates are invited to express their views on the approach outlined STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)16</p> <p>Information and discussion</p> <p>Information and discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)17</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Revision of the Balance of Payments Manual</p> <p>a. Progress report (IMF)</p> <p>b. Goods for Processing</p> <p>i. Draft chapter of the forthcoming IMTS Concepts and Definitions Manual (UNSD)</p> <p>ii. Implications from SNA 2008/BPM6 for trade data compilers: Country presentation (Hong Kong, China)</p> <p>iii. Other boundary issues (e.g. software, merchanting, repairs, etc.) - (WTO/OECD)</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Discussion and reaction from data compilers on outlined consequences STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)18</p> <p>STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)19</p> <p>STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)20</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Implementation of BPM6</p> <p>i. Australian experience in implementing BPM6 (Australia)</p>	<p>Information and discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)21</p>

	ii. Impact of BPM6 implementation regarding merchanting and goods for processing in Japan	STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)22
13	Recommendations on reconciling merchandise trade statistics and balance of payments trade in goods (Eurostat)	Discussion STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)23
14.	Implementation of the new Benchmark definition of FDI and the research agenda (OECD/DAF)	Information
15.	Provisional conclusions and future Programme of Work on Globalisation Statistics and Cross-cutting issues – can we design a medium-term strategy?	Information and discussion

Cocktail reception: 18h-20h

Wednesday 24th September, starting at 9.30

Trade in Services

16.	Progress reports on Trade in Services	
	<p>a. Eurostat progress on trade in services and related balance of payments areas (Eurostat)</p> <p>b. Report of TFSITS and Joint Session April 2008 (OECD)</p>	<p>STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)24 Information</p> <p>STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)25 Information</p>
17	<p>Services Trade Restrictiveness Index</p> <p>Progress report on analytical work on a services trade restrictiveness index (OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate)</p> <p><i>(Delegates will be invited to comment on the statistics component of the project and consider any implications for the future collection of statistics)</i></p>	STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)26 Discussion
18.	Revising the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services	
	<p>a. Progress report and timetable</p> <p>b. Presentation of Draft Chapters of the Revised Manual with main proposed changes and questions for discussion on:</p> <p>i. EBOPS</p> <p>ii. FATS</p> <p>iii. Chapter on modes of supply</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)27 STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)28 Discussion</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. A new analytical annex v. An annex on cross-cutting issues vi. SNA proposals on trade in intellectual property products vii. Trade in health services <p><i>(The Secretariat will seek delegates advice on questions raised)</i></p>	STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)29
19	OECD Data Collection and Dissemination	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. OECD Progress in expansion of partner country data. (Eurostat and UNSD are invited to provide news on any developments). 	STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)30 Information
20	Research:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Globalisation and services revisited, an estimated dataset by modes of supply(OECD/STD) b. A harmonised trade in services by partner database? – France/CEPII c. Estimating bilateral flows in remittances (OECD/STD) 	<p>STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)31 Information and discussion</p> <p>Information</p> <p>STD/SES/WPTGS(2008)32 Information and discussion</p>
21.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provisional conclusions and future Programme of Work on Trade in Services Statistics– developing a longer term strategy for TIS compilation b. Draft Conclusions of the WPTGS Meeting 2008 	
22.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Other business and date of next meeting b. Close 	