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16-18 November 2009, Paris, OECD Headquarters, Room CC10

Monday, 16th November, starting at 10.00 a.m.

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<td>Welcome and opening by the acting Chief Statistician of OECD</td>
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<td>Considerable work has been carried out by OECD and the accession countries to OECD to gauge the degree of suitability and conformity with international standards of these countries with respect to statistics.</td>
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<td>1. Integrating the OECD Accession countries into OECDs Statistical databases</td>
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<td>1. Overall coordination of statistical activities (OECD)</td>
<td>Oral presentation, Tim Davis, Accession coordinator STD</td>
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<td>2. Summary update of TAGS databases (OECD)</td>
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<td>The revision process of the manual MSITS 2010 and the 3rd revision of concepts and definitions for merchandise trade, IMTS Rev.3, have been completed and both frameworks will be submitted to the UNSC in February 2010 for endorsement. This agenda item updates delegates on main findings and changes. Delegates are invited to express their opinion.</td>
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<td>1. Inter-Agency Merchandise Trade Statistics Task Force TFIMTS report (WTO)</td>
<td>Andreas Maurer, WTO</td>
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<td>2. Inter-Agency Task Force on Statistics in trade in Services TFSITS report (OECD)</td>
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3. Report of the Joint Session TFIMTS and TFSITS (WTO and OECD)  
   Andreas Lindner, OECD

4. IMTS Rev. 3 and MSITS 2010: which issues will need to be addressed for compilers? (International Organisations and country delegates)
   1. IMTS Concepts and Definition, Revision 3: summary of worldwide consultation and implications for the future (UNSD)
   2. MSITS 2010: summary of worldwide consultation and implications for the future (UNSD/OECD)

3. Open discussion
   Country delegates are invited to express their views on the two summaries provided and flag their opinion from a data producer perspective.

5. International Organisations’ co-operation and its impact on data consistency in dissemination: where should users look for what? (OECD)
   Given the wealth of information disseminated by International Organisations on trade and trade-related indicators, users may be confused where to look for which data. This presentation intends to shed some light on the specific advantages or drawbacks of what IOs present.
   Oral presentation, Andreas Lindner, STD

4. Improving the data quality of merchandise trade statistics
   Delegates are invited to comment on the four presentations.
   1. ITCS: allocating data from HS 6 digit to HS 2 digit (OECD)
      Eric Gonnard/Blandine Serve, STD

   2. Eurostat report on data quality (Eurostat) [postponed to WPTGS 2010]

   3. Re-Exports and re-imports in UN COMTRADE (CEPII)
      Alix de Saint-Vaulry

   4. Promoting the use of SDMX (OECD)
      Marc Pollard, ONS, UK, OECD Consultant
      Oral presentation, Trevor Fletcher, OECD, STD
Tuesday, 17th November, starting at 9:30 a.m.

5. Linking trade with enterprise characteristics statistics (TEC)  
   This agenda item 5 showcases very significant and promising developments in OECD countries and others. OECD continues to strongly promote this “linkage exercise”, which it began several years ago. Embedded in a OECD Steering Group, Eurostat covers the EU countries, while OECD covers the other OECD countries. Countries which do not yet participate are invited to flag their interest to join. This invitation extends also to OECD accession countries and Enhanced Engagement Countries.

1. Policy applications of linked trade data – The Canadian experience using the exporter/importer register databases (Canada)  
   Philip Armstrong, Statistics Canada  
   STD/SES/WPTGS(2009)17

2. Linking business statistics to trade (Italy)  
   Carmela Pascucci, ISTAT  
   STD/SES/WPTGS(2009)12

3. Regional services exports and business registers (United Kingdom)  
   Keith Brook, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, UK  
   STD/SES/WPTGS(2009)9

4. High-tech trade by enterprise characteristics (EU/JRC)  
   Alexander Loschky, EC/JRC  
   STD/SES/WPTGS(2009)7

5. Trade in services – new evidence on linkages to business statistics and multinationals (Austria)  
   Patricia Walter, Austrian National Bank OENB  
   STD/SES/WPTGS(2009)5

6. Trade in services between enterprises of the same group (Brazil)  
   Fernando Augusto Ferreira Lemos, Brazil  
   STD/SES/WPTGS(2009)11

6. Trade in services  
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1. Software (OECD)  
   Mark Pollard, ONS, OECD consultant  
   STD/SES/WPTGS(2009)15

2. Remittances (OECD)  
   Fabiana Cerasa, STD  
   STD/SES/WPTGS(2009)6

3. SISCCOSERV and NBS – The Brazilian Effort in Measuring its Foreign Trade in Services (Brazil),  
   Jane Alcanfor de Pinho, Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade, Brazil  
   STD/SES/WPTGS(2009)6
4. International transactions of services and origin of merchandise exports (Argentina)
   
   Sergio N. Ayala, INDEC, Argentina

5. The Intrastat Services initiative (Italy)
   
   Paola Anitori, Istat, Italy

7. Implementing IMTS Rev.3, MSITS2010, 2008 SNA, BPM6, EBOPS
   
   This agenda item is intended to allow for an open roundtable discussion on both the key issues and the process of implementing the various new frameworks. Particular attention should be paid to how to concretely facilitate and – if possible – co-ordinate implementation in countries with the help of the International Organisations involved.

1. Discussion on which cross-cutting issues need to be addressed and list of priorities

2. Discussion on the process of compilation guidance

18h – 20h : Cocktail offered by OECD

Wednesday, 18th November, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Part II: Trade and Globalisation issues

8. Trade and the crisis
   
   Statistics and the crisis, broad implications – presentation of an issue paper presented to CSTAT – for information
   
   Marco Mira d’Ercole, Counsellor, STD

1. The Great Synchronization: What do high-frequency statistics tell us about the trade collapse? (OECD)
   
   Oral presentation, Sonia Araujo STD

2. Impact of the financial crisis in Canada and the aftermath in the Canadian BOP Statistics (Canada)
   
   Craig Kuntz, Statistics Canada

3. Technology exports and imports of Japanese enterprises and the impact of the financial crisis (Japan)
   
   Toshie Kori, Bank of Japan

4. Future Infrastructures: Recent developments and outlook for traffic flows and capacities (OECD/SGE/AU)
   
   Oral presentation, Barrie Stevens, Advisory Unit to the Secretary
9. **Trade & Globalisation**

1. The forthcoming Economic Globalisation Indicators 2009 and related work (OECD STI, DAF and STD)  
   *Oral presentations*

2. MEETS, the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade statistics (Eurostat)  
   *Axel Behrens, Michaela Grell, Eurostat*

3. Effects of globalisation on Singapore's trade (Singapore)  
   *Meng Chung Lee, International Enterprise, Singapore*

4. Trade, processing and value added chains
   
   1. Trade in intermediate goods (OECD/TAD)  
      *Sebastien Miroudot, Rainer Lanz, TAD*

   2. Vertical specialisation and global value chains (OECD)  
      *Sonia Araujo, STD*

   3. Goods for processing, intra-firm trade and value added value added chain (WTO)  
      *Andreas Maurer, WTO*

   4. OECD Input-Output tables and related analytical work (OECD/STI)  
      *Colin Webb, Norihiko Yamano, STI*

5. World Input-Output Database (WIOD) (OECD/University of Groningen)  
   *Robert Stehrer, WIIW, Austria*

6. FDI, external financing and globalisation- a supplemental presentation  
   *Simon Arieli, CBS, Israel*

10. **Draft conclusion of the 2nd WPTGS meeting and future work programme, date of next meeting**

11. **Closing**