DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

First meeting of the Specialised Technical Groups STG on Trade & on Balance of Payment (BoP) Statistics

Monday 5 July

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.30 Session 1: Opening ceremony
Chair: AUC
- Welcome address: Central Statistics Office (Mauritius)
- Opening remarks: AfDB/ UNECA
- Opening speech: AUC

Strategy for the Harmonisation of Statistics (SHaSA)
- Strategic lines, objectives and initiatives: AUC
- Implementation mechanism and ToRs of implementation bodies: AUC
- Discussions

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/tea break

Session 2: International initiatives & best practices in the compilation and dissemination of IMTS
Chair: UNSD
- Recommendations of the EG-IMTS: UNSD
- Quality IMTS for Trade Negotiations: WTO
- Harnessing Data from Customs Administration: WCO
- Trade in Agricultural Products: FAO
- Harmonisation of IMTS within the European Union: Eurostat
- Discussions

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30 Regional/continental initiatives in the area of IMTS
Chair: COMESA
- Harmonisation of IMTS within COMESA zone: COMESA
• Unregistered cross-border trade within ECOWAS
• Discussions

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee/tea break

16.00 – 17.30 Country practices: compilation and dissemination of IMTS

*Chair:* Zambia
- Summary of African National Practices, based on UNSD Worldwide Consultation: UNSD
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Cameroon
- South Africa
- Algeria
- Discussions

**Tuesday 6 July**

9.00 – 10.15 Action plan for the STG on trade and BOP

*Chair:* AUC

- Term of reference of the STGs

10:15 – 10.45 Coffee/tea break

10.45 – 13:00 Drafting of way forward / action plan

- Recommendation and closing of the 1st STG meeting
Seminar on Economic Statistics
Port Louis, Mauritius
6-9 July 2010


Tuesday 6 July

Afternoon session, 14.30 pm-17:30 pm

Session 1: Opening ceremony

14.30 – 15.30  Objectives and organization of the workshop (ECA/UNSD)
               Administrative matters and introduction of participants
               Adoption of the agenda

       UNSD programme on economic statistics for African countries

15.30 – 16.00  Coffee/tea break

16:00-17:45   An overview of recent activities
               Main findings and conclusions from previous workshops
               Challenges and good practices in compilation of economic statistics by
               African countries
               Result of the questionnaire on implementation (ECA)
               UNSD
               General discussion
Wednesday 7 July

Session II: Revision and main changes in the international statistical standards pertinent to the compilation of economic statistics
Chair: South Africa
9:00-10.30 Classification of economic activities and products – ISIC, Rev.4 and CPC, Ver. 2
   International Recommendations for Industrial Statistics – IRIS 2008
   International recommendations on compilation of Index of Industrial Production – IRIIP 2010
   International Recommendations for Distributive Trade Statistics – IRDTS 2008
   System of National Accounts 2008
   UNSD

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/tea break

11:00-13.00 Challenges faced by African countries in implementing the international statistical standards and building capacity in economic statistics and the ways to improve them
   General discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

Session III: Establishment of a statistical business register – a necessary precondition for an effective programme on economic statistics in African countries
Chair: Senegal
14.30-15.30 Business register – experience of Statistics South Africa
   – Design and maintenance
   – Data sources
   – Coverage
   – Units and indicators
   – Problems and future developments

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee/tea break

16:00-17:45 Country practices in the establishment and maintenance of a business register
   Challenges encountered by African countries in establishing a business register
   Institutional arrangements
   Use of administrative data sources
   Maintenance and update of the register
   Revision of classifications and the business register
   Other survey frames
   Prospects of establishing register based economic statistics programmes in African countries
   UNSD
Country presentations

Thursday 8 July

Session IV: Institutional Issues
9.00-10.30 Administrative data sources, accessibility and collaboration between national agencies: Chair Botswana.
Presentations 1: VAT data base and financial statements
Base des données Financières (Cote d’Ivoire)
VAT data base (South Africa)
Mini Centrale des bilans (Sénégal/Madagascar/Togo)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/tea break

11.00-13.00 Administrative data sources, accessibility and collaboration between national agencies: Chair Botswana.
Présentations2 : VAT data base and financial statements
VAT Database : The case of Malawi
Central Banks : Bank of Uganda and Bank of Mauritius
Grille de Passage SYSCOA-SCN (AFRISTAT)

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30 Presentations 3: Other administrative data
Social security and VAT Database (Ghana Statistical Service)
Agricultural Statistics (Kenya)

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee/tea break

16.00 – 17.45 Presentations 4: strengthening economic statistics function at NSO, reserve banks and line ministries:
- Lesson learned from the recent establishment of National Accounts Division (Djibouti/Burundi)
- From National Accounts Unit to department (Morocco/ Cameroon)
- Challenges and practices on economic Statistics at CSA (Ethiopia)
- Collaboration with CSA and challenges of SNA at MOFED (ECA)

Friday 8 July

9.00 – 10.30 Chair:
Presentations 5: Capacity building, advocacy and resource mobilization
- From banque des données (BDE) to INSTAT (Madagascar)
- Mainstreaming economic statistics into NSDS (Uganda/Zambia)
- Capacity Building and Training (InWent)
- Taxes Statistiques (Congo)
- IPPTE fund (Madagascar)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/tea break

Session V: Statistical operations and surveys
11:00 – 13:00 Chair: Uganda
Integrated Surveys (National Agencies) South Africa
- Informal sector (ECA): concepts of the informal economy and SNA (ECA), ways of developing the central framework to measure the Informal economy,

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30– 15.30: Presentations:
African examples of the incorporation of survey results into the SNA, using integrated method (Labor Input Matrix) and specific informal production function (ECA)

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee/tea break

Session VI: Recommendations and Closing ceremony
16.30– 17.45 Chair: Mauritius
Presentations of Future work:
- Draft guidelines for implementation of Economic Statistics in Africa (ECA)
- NA components in the ICP-Program (AfDB)
- Draft Recommendation of the meeting (ECA/UNSD)

Closing of the meeting:
- Closing remarks by ECA/UNSD
- Closing remarks by CSO/Ministry of Finance and Budget.