International merchandise trade statistics workshop on compilation, analysis, dissemination, indicators and uses

5 – 10 December 2022, Nadi, Fiji

Agenda

Day 1: Monday 05 December

Time	What's on	By whom	Chair
8.00 am – 8.30	Registration of participants	Alison and Nilima	
	Session 1: Opening of the workshop and introduction of participants		Nilima
8.30 - 9.00	Opening speech by SPC Statements by - UNSD PACER Plus OCO	Mr Peter Ellis Mr Markie Muryawan Mr Luke B Marston Mr John Sam	
9.00 – 9.05	Prayer	Ms Fisiíahi T Polutele	
9.05 – 9.50	Introduction of participants	Round the table	
9.50 – 10.00	Adoption of the Agenda	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
10.00 – 10.30	Morning Tea Group Photograph		
	Session 2: Workshop overview		
10.30 – 11.00	• Progress made in the compilation of IMTS since the Workshop held by SPC in November 2012: 2012 Outcome document and the **Monitoring report** maintained by SDD for PICTs will be used. • Current workshop overview and expected outcomes	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
11.00 – 12.00	• **Each NSO in not more than 3 minutes responds to the issues raised in the monitoring report** to talk about its plans to resolve those issues		
	American Samoa	Ms Mine H Timoteo	
	Cook Islands	Mr Tuaine Junior	
	Federated States of Micronesia	Mr John Jr. Adolph	
	Fiji	Ms Shayal S Prasad	
	French Polynesia	Mr Mathieu Bolduc	
	Kiribati	Ms Niibo Iaruru	
	Marshall Islands	Mr Peter Junior	
	Nauru	Ms Trixi Thoma	
	Niue	Mr Kimray Vaha	
	Palau	Mr Aidan Benhart	
	Papua New Guinea	Ms Dorothy A Sapalojang	
	Samoa	Ms Abute I Alaiula	
	Solomon Islands	Mr Henry Risoni	
	Tokelau	Ms Celine V Iose-Sapatu	
	Tonga	Ms Ana Malia Kama	
	Tuvalu	Ms Grace Alapati	
	Vanuatu	Ms Anna W Tavoa	
	Session 3: Introduction to International Trade		Alison

Time	What's on	By whom	Chair
	This session will introduce participants to international trade, the international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS) and the **users and uses of IMTS**		
12.00 – 12.30 pm	• Introduction to international trade and IMTS	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch		
1.30 – 2.00	• Trade Statistics in Trade Policy Frameworks and Negotiations	Mr Noah Kouback, PIFS	
2.00 – 2.30	• Preferential trade agreements: PACER Plus	Ms Laisiana Tugaga	
2.30 – 3.00	• Preferential trade agreements: MSG	Mrs Sovaia Marawa	
3.00 – 3.15	Afternoon Tea		
3.15 – 3.45	• Electronic Commerce	Mr Viraaj Lad	
3.45 – 4.30	• Historic food and beverage trade data cleaning for improved Policy: The Pacific Food Trade Database	Dr Tom Brewer, UOW	
5.30 – 6.30	Cocktail		

Day 2: Tuesday 06 December

8.00 am – 8.30	Summary of Day 1	Nilima and Alison	Alison
8.30 – 4.30 [tea 10.00 – 10.15 lunch 12.30 pm – 1.30 tea 3.00 – 3.15]	• **Trade Indices**		
	Construction of food import unit value index This session will be dedicated to the construction of the International Trade Price Index: what Australia does and recommendations on what 'small' Pacific Island countries and territories can do. The session will include hands on exercises using Breakout Groups.	Mr Dick Page and Ms Kathryn Watt of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)	ABS

Day 3: Wednesday 07 December

8.00 am – 8.15	Summary of Day 2	Dick and Kathryn	Alison
8.15 – 8.45	• Imports as a driver of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the small Pacific Island countries	Dr Amerita Ravuvu, SPC	
8.45 – 9.15	• Data in the trade of Agricultural produce in the Pacific Islands region	Mr Viliami Kami, SPC	
9.15 – 9.30	• Import leakage in tourism	Mr Samisoni Makaafi, Stats NZ	
9.30 – 9.45	• Linking trade and business statistics	Mr Samisoni Makaafi, Stats NZ	
9.45 – 10.00	• Use of IMTS as inputs into other statistical compilations	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
10.00 – 10.15	Morning Tea		
10.15 – 11.00	SDGs	Ms Alison Culpin, SPC	
	Session 4: Compilation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics This session will discuss the methodology required to compile the IMTS		Samisoni
11.00 – 11.15	• **Legal framework** This session will discuss legal agreements, relevant laws and regulations that govern data-provision relations and all other aspects of data compilation and dissemination.	Nilima Lal, SPC	
	• **Data sources** Discussion on data sources will throw light on the two data sources (customs records, and/or non-customs records) used by NSOs for the compilation of IMTS		
11.15 – 11.30	✓ Customs record	Nilima Lal, SPC	

11.30 - 12.15 pm	✓ UNCTAD's role in assisting Customs capture trade data followed by *not more than* **3 minutes** by Custom administrations to highlight issues they face and their plans to resolve those issues.	Mr Jayvee Santos, UNCTAD	
12.15 – 12.45	✓ **Each Custom Administration in not more than 3 minutes** talks about issues they have with their system and their plans to resolve those issues		
	o American Samoa	Ms Sialasa Hunkin	
	o Fiji	Mr Anasa Matakece	
	o Kiribati	Mr Tabuaka Naititi	
	o Papua New Guinea	Mr David Riu	
	o Samoa	Mr Semo R Fepuleai	
	o Solomon Islands	Mr Doudan Vunagi	
	o Tonga	Ms Fisiíahi T Polutele	
	o Tuvalu	Mrs Leilani Melei	
	o Vanuatu	Mr Kalory Sope	
12.45 – 1.30	Lunch		
1.30 – 2.00	o Assistance provided by Oceania Customs Organisation to Customs administrations	Mr John Sam, OCO	
2.00 – 2.15	✓ Non-customs records	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
2.15 – 3.00	• **Scope and coverage** This session is going to talk about the recommended coverage (scope) and the actual coverage which is the trade flows actually recorded by countries or territories.	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN	
3.00 – 3.15	Afternoon Tea		
3.15 – 3.30	✓ Shuttle trade	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
3.30 – 4.30	Breakout Group hands on exercises Inclusions and exclusion in IMTS	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN assisted by Nilima	

Day 4 Thursday 08 December

8.00 am – 8.30	**Summary of Day 3**	**Nilima and Alison**	**Samisoni**
8.30 – 8.45	• **Time of recording** This session is going to throw light on the time of recording of goods to be approximated by the date of lodgement of the customs declaration.	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	Markie
8.45 – 9.15	• **Trade systems** This session is going to discuss, depending on what parts of the economic territory are included in the statistical territory, the trade data compilation system adopted by a country (its trade system) which may be referred to as general or special.	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN	
	• **Commodity classifications** This session will discuss commodity classifications used for identifying and compiling details of commodities in an internationally consistent way for customs, statistical and analytical purposes and trade negotiations.		
9.15 - 9.45	✓ Importance of classification and linkages of HS to other statistical classifications	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
9.45 – 10.00	✓ Standard International Trade Classification	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN	
10.00 – 10.15	Morning Tea		
10.00 – 10.15	✓ Broad Economic Categories	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN	
10.15 – 11.00	✓ PACHS System	Mr John Sam, OCO	
11.00 – 11.30	• **Valuation** This session will talk about recording a statistical value for all goods covered in IMTS whether sold, exchanged or provided without payment.	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN	

11.30 – 12.30 pm	Breakout Group exercises Valuation of goods	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN assisted by Nilima	
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch		
1.30 – 2.00	• **Quantity measurement** This session will talk about quantity being an important dimension of international trade statistics that is critical for various policy and analytical purposes.	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
2.00 – 3.00	• **Partner country** This session will talk about trade statistics by partner countries, both for the total value of trade in goods and for the quantity and value of trade in individual commodities being of significant analytical value.	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN	
3.00 – 3.15	Afternoon tea		
3.15 – 4.30	Breakout Group exercises Partner country attributes	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN assisted by Nilima	

Day 5: Friday 09 December

8.00 am – 8.30	**Summary of Day 4**	**Nilima and Markie**	**Markie**
8.30 – 9.00	• **Mode of transport** This session will discuss the importance of recording the means of transport used when goods enter or leave the economic territory of a country.	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	John
9.00 – 10.00	• **Importance of data processing and database management** This session will throw light on the importance of data processing and database management which are important to both customs and NSOs.	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN	
10.00 – 10.15	Morning Tea		
10.15 – 11.30	Breakout Group discussion and presentation of results of Systems used at NSOs	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN assisted by Nilima	
11.30 – 12.30 pm	• **Data quality and metadata** This session will discuss the multidimensional concept of quality focussing on enhancing the quality of IMTS, the dimensions of quality, quality measures and indicators, cross-country data comparability and metadata.	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch		Laisiana
	Session 5: Dissemination This session will discuss the need for IMTS to comply with the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and be made available on an impartial basis to honour the entitlement of citizens to public information, while at the same time ensuring adequate confidentiality of data providers.		
1.30 – 2.30	• United Nations best practices in IMTS data and metadata dissemination.	Mr Markie Muryawan, UN	
	• Selected country presentations		
2.30 – 3.00	o French Polynesia	Mr Mathieu Bolduc	
3.00 – 3.15	Afternoon tea		
3.15 – 3.45	o Fiji	Mr Abdul Sahib	
3.45 – 4.15	o Federated States of Micronesia	Mr John Jr. Adolph	

Day 6: Saturday 10 December

8.00 am – 8.30	**Summary of Day 5**	**Nilima and Markie**	**Markie**
8.30 – 9.00	• Using .Stat	Ms Alison Culpin, SPC	Laisiana
9.00 am – 10.00	• Pacific Data Hub	Mr Sioeli Tonga	
10.00 – 10.15	Morning Tea		

10.15 – 10.30	Turning data into information	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
	Session 6: The way forward This session will look at what's to come		Alison
10.30 – 11.00	Pacific Customs commodity trade database	Ms Nilima Lal, SPC	
11.00 – 11.30 pm	IMTS 2025	Mr Markie Muryawan	
11.30 – 12.00	Open forum on the way forward ⬇ *Regional publication – trade in the Pacific*	Discussion led by Nilima and Markie	
12.30 pm – 1.30	Lunch		
1.30 – 2.00	Completion of Evaluation forms	Alison	
2.00 – 3.00	Closing and award of certificates	UN, PACER Plus, OCO and SPC	
3.00 – 3.15	Afternoon tea		