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**STATISTICS AND DATA DIRECTORATE
COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND STATISTICAL POLICY**

Working Party on International Trade in Goods and Services Statistics

Agenda

**6-8 October 2021 13h00
Paris, France**

Note that the ordering of the agenda items is tentative.
The **WPTGS** 2021 meeting will take place from Wednesday 06 October to Friday 08 October, 2021, virtually via Zoom, from 13:00 to 16:00 each day

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DAY 1 – Wednesday 06 October 2021

1. Welcome and opening

13:00 – 13:30

Item 1.a. Welcome and opening

Paul Farello, WPTGS Chair, United States Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

Item 1.b. Welcome address

Annabelle Mourougane, Head of the Trade and Productivity Statistics Division

Item 1.c. Approval of the minutes of the 2020 WPTGS meeting

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Item 1.d. Adoption of the agenda of the 2021 WPTGS meeting

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2. Digital Trade

13:30 – 16:00

Item 2.a. Introduction to the OECD/WTO/IMF Handbook on Measuring Trade – where we are, what's next, and the OECD Going Digital Toolkit

Rodolfo Ostolaza, OECD

[HANDBOOK](#)

Item 2.b. A First Approach to Measuring Digital Trade from Existing Sources: A proposal from Spain

José Antonio Isanta Foncuberta, INE (Spain)

Item 2.c. Compilation of Digital Trade Statistics, Challenges and Further Questions

Alexis Grimm, US BEA

10 minute break

Item 2.d. Informal Advisory Group on Measuring GDP in the Digital Economy, including Measurement of Crypto-assets

John Mitchell, OECD

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Item 2.e. Unified treatment of gold and cryptocurrency in International Trade Statistics and National Accounts

Richard Heys, United Kingdom Office of National Statistics (ONS)

DAY 2 – Thursday 07 October 2021

3. Update of International Standards

13:00 – 16:00

Item 3.a. Overview of the BPM6 update

Silvia Matei, IMF

<https://www.imf.org/en/Data/Statistics/BPM>**Item 3.b. Update from the United Nations on: the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics (UNCEBTS), Trade manuals, ISIC, BEC and CPC**

Markie Muryawan, UNSD

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/business-stat/uncebts/>**Item 3.c. BPM7 Guidance Note (GN) C.6. Trade in Services Classifications**

Antonella Liberatore, OECD

[FINAL NOTE](#)*10 minute break***Item 3.d. BPM7 GN C.4. Merchanting and Factoryless Producers; Clarifying Negative Exports in Merchanting; Merchanting of Services**

Jens Walters, Deutsche Bundesbank

Item 3.e. Eurostat: Modes of Supply Compilers' Guide; and Services Trade by BEC Rev 5

George Papadopoulos and Iliyana Savova, Eurostat

DAY 3 – Friday 08 October 2021

4. New Sources for Short-Term Trade Indicators

13:00 – 13:50

Item 4.a. World Bank “Trade Watch”

Cristina Constantinescu, World Bank

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/trade/brief/trade-watch>

Item 4.b. New Model of Monthly Balance of Payments Estimates

Lisa Reitbrecht, Austrian Central Bank

5. Bilateral Trade Asymmetries

13:50 – 15:50

Item 5.a. Current Work in Reducing Bilateral Trade in Services Asymmetries

John Jeremy, United Kingdom ONS

[Impact of the coronavirus on UK statistics - Trade in services practical challenges](#)

10 minute break

Item 5.b. Overview of US/Ireland Goods and Services Asymmetries

Glenn Barresse and Jennifer Bruner, US Census Bureau

Item 5.c. BPM7 GN C.11 Valuation of Imports and Exports of Goods CIF to FOB Adjustment

Michael Connelly, Central Statistics Office of Ireland (CSO)

Item 5.d. North America Trilateral Trade Asymmetries, recent Developments

Ricardo Gutiérrez, Mexico INEGI

6. Wrap-up of meeting, next meeting dates and election of Bureau Members

15:50 – 16:00

Item 6.a. Meeting wrap-up and next WPTGS meeting dates

Item 6.b. Election of Bureau Members
