

**Project “Strengthening the Development of International Merchandise
Trade Statistics (IMTS) and the compilation of e-commerce in Member
Countries of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)”**

**Workshop on E-Commerce Statistics and External Trade Indicators
Dubai, 30/3/09 – 1/4/09**

Information Note

In the context of ESCWA Project “Strengthening the Development of International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) and the compilation of E-Commerce in Member Countries of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)”, ESCWA is organizing, the fourth Workshop that is planned within the project’s activities, and will be held during the period from 30/3/2009 to 1/4/2009 (Dubai, UAE).

A. Objectives

- 1- To discuss the importance of E-Commerce related to international merchandise trade statistics.
- 2- To present and discuss the study prepared on this subject
- 3- To discuss the production and the dissemination of international merchandise trade indicators
- 4- To discuss national experiences and to exchange expertise between the ESCWA member countries in this area.

B. Participants

- 1- Experts from National Statistical Offices, Customs Authorities, Central Banks and ministries of trade in the ESCWA Region
- 2- Expert from UNCTAD
- 3- Expert from OECD

C. Documents

- 1- Papers prepared by ESCWA Secretariat.
- 2- Papers prepared by UNCTAD.
- 3- Papers prepared by OECD.
- 4- Study prepared by the consultant .

D. Language

The language of the workshop will be in Arabic and English. Simultaneous interpretation to both languages will be made available.

E- Venue and time of the workshop

The workshop will be held during the period 30/30/2009 1/4/2009, Dubai Custom Building- UAE.

F. Administrative arrangements

ESCWA will cover the participation of one participant from the national statistical offices (NSO), Participants are required to send a copy of their passports to this following e-mail address: baltagin@un.org. Other participants are expected to attend on their expenses.

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