

Subprogramme 4 - Technology and Logistics

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Maafikiano mandate: Science, Technology and Innovation

Reflecting the central role of STI in the new global development agenda, Maafikiano includes a clear and strong endorsement of UNCTAD's work in STI:

- Continue and enhance the work programme on STI
 - Science, technology and innovation policy reviews, capacity building
 - Tech transfer and knowledge sharing; identifying policy options and best practices;
 - Promoting env. sustainable technologies
- Strengthen work on enhancing development gains from the digital economy
 - Policy analysis, capacity building and improving data/statistics
 - National ICT policy reviews
 - Inter gvt expert group on e-commerce and the digital economy
 - Development of e-Trade for All
- As secretariat to CSTD contribute to implementation of STI related SDGs
 - Contribute to the TFM, and the tech bank
 - Assist implementation of the WSIS outcome

Maafikiano mandate: Logistics and ASYCUDA

Maafikiano reiterates and reinforces the existing mandate and identifies a number of new priority areas:

- Continue work in the fields of international transport and transit, trade logistics and trade facilitation
 - Appropriate legal and regulatory frameworks, technical cooperation
 - Multimodal transport, regional connectivity
 - Research on reducing trade costs
 - Customs automation through ASYCUDA
- Assist developing countries in enhancing sustainability and climate resilience of transport systems and infrastructure
 - Coastal transport infrastructure and services, transport corridors
 - Expert meetings, policy dialogues, experience sharing on different approaches, including financing
 - Capacity building
- Support developing countries in implementation obligations at WTO and other fora
 - Implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement of the WTO
 - Aid for Trade, Enhanced Integrated Framework
 - Samoa Pathway, Vienna Programme of Action, Istanbul Programme of Action

Maafikiano mandate: Knowledge Development

- The Maafikiano reaffirms the value member States accord to the activities carried out by the Knowledge Development Branch, specifically through the TrainForTrade (TFT) programme and the Courses on Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda, also known as the P166 Courses.
- Maafikiano: "Continue capacity-building activities including TrainForTrade as reflected in paragraph 56(r) of the Doha mandate;"

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Additional outputs in 2017:

- Inter-Governmental Group of Expert on E-commerce and the Digital Economy (Nairobi Maafikiano Para 100r)
- eTrade For All initiative (Nairobi Maafikiano Para 55v)
- CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation (GA Resolution A/RES/70/125, Para 65)
- Contribution to joint outputs: multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (Addis Ababa Action Agenda Para 123)
- Sustainable freight transport web platform (Nairobi Maafikiano Para 55l)
- On-line repository on National Trade Facilitation Committees (Nairobi Maafikiano Para 55x)

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Major outputs in 2017 aligned with UNCTAD mandates:

- Multiyear expert meetings; expert group meetings will focus on mandates, including from Maafikinao
- Flagship publications to be focused on SDGs and Maafikiano
 - Technology and Innovation Report—Leveraging STI for SDGs
 - Information Economy Report—Digitalization of trade
- Technical cooperation aligned with Maafikiano
 - STIP reviews & innovation policy training
 - ICT/e-commerce reviews
 - Supporting the implementation of TFA of WTO—National trade facilitation
 - Sustainable freight transport (UN development account)
 - Climate change impacts on coastal transport (UN development account)
- RBM compliant
 - Concept notes finalised for all UNCTAD Toolbox programmes; applying RBM to technical cooperation projects

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Subprogramme 4 objective:

- To strengthen inclusive growth and development through:
 - science, technology and innovation, including information and communications technology for development;
 - efficient, resilient and sustainable trade logistics services;
 - and training and capacity-building programmes

SP4 Strategic Framework for 2018–2019

Expected accomplishments

- a) Improved **efficiency and sustainability of trade logistics** of developing countries and some countries with economies in transition
- b) Improved understanding and adoption, at the national and international levels, by developing countries and countries with economies in transition of **policy options and best practices in science, technology and innovation for development**, including information and communications technologies
- c) Enhanced capacities in developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the areas **of trade and investment and interrelated issues** with a view to enhancing their economic development and competitiveness



Indicators of achievement (a)

- (i) Number of actions (such as policies and plans) taken by developing countries, countries with economies in transition and relevant institutions, with the assistance of UNCTAD, **to improve transport, logistics, trade and port efficiency**, including by reducing transport costs, improving transit and trade facilitation, transport connectivity, strengthening sustainable and resilient transport systems, implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement of the World Trade Organization, and establishing a supportive legal framework
- (ii) Number of developing countries and countries with economies in transition **increasing the efficiency of their customs administration** (e.g., through a reduction in goods clearance time and an increase in revenue collection) with assistance from the UNCTAD Automated System for Customs Data programme
- (iii) Number of developing countries and some countries with economies in transition **having improved trade logistics performance on the basis of benchmark indicators related to logistics and business efficiency**, with the assistance of UNCTAD



Indicators of achievement (b)

Number of specific actions (such as policy or regulatory changes) taken by developing countries and countries with economies in transition to implement programmes aimed at **enhancing the contributions of science, technology and innovation and information and communications technology to development**, with the assistance of UNCTAD



Indicators of achievement (c)

Number of specific actions taken by developing countries and countries with economies in transition **to strengthen the skills and knowledge of human resources and local institutions in the areas of trade and investment and related issues**, as a result of UNCTAD assistance

SP4 Strategic Framework for 2018–2019

Changes in strategy, mandates

- More emphasis on **support to developing countries to undertake trade facilitation reforms**, including implementation of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation of the WTO, as well as their participation in transport-related and trade facilitation negotiations;
- Addressing the **special trade logistics needs of LLDCs and SIDS**
- Follow-up to the **World Summit on the Information Society**, including the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation;
- Addition of **eTrade for All** initiative, and servicing the **Inter-Governmental Expert Group on E-Commerce and the Digital Economy** - Nairobi Maafikiano para 100 (r)
- Contribution to the implementation of the **Technology Facilitation Mechanism** to support the SDGs, and operationalization of the **technology bank for the LDCs** (AAAA Paras 123 and 124);

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- Continuation of outputs that are already being added for 2016-2017 due to new mandates
- Additional capacity building through eTrade for All (including three UNCTAD ICT Policy Reviews for the biennium)
- Additional technical material, including:
 - Capacity-building materials on science, technology and innovation policy for development
 - Online platform for innovation policy learning
 - Training Course on Information Economy Statistics
- Increased number of ASYCUDA Field Projects (from 50 to 65)

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Major output categories:

- Servicing of GA (2nd Committee); UNCTAD XV; ECOSOC; CSTD (secretariat); TDB
- Investment Commission (Multiyear expert meetings on STI); Trade and Dev Commission (MYEM on transport, trade logistics/facilitation)
- IGEG on ecommerce and digital economy
- Adhoc expert group meetings
- Flagship publications
 - Information Economy Report; Technology and Innovation Report; Review of Maritime Transport
- Other publications
- Technical cooperation
 - ASYCUDA; advisory services; training, seminars and workshops

Thank you



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