

Trade and Development Commission
 Fourth session
 13 November 2012
 Item 3 - Reports of expert meetings

**Report of the
 Multi-year Expert Meeting on
 Transport and Trade Facilitation**

Trade Logistics Branch
 Division on Technology and Logistics

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The four sessions

Session 1: February 2009
Session 2: December 2009
Session 3: December 2010
Session 4: December 2011

Terms of Reference

Document TD/B/55/9:
 "Terms of reference for multi-year and single-year expert meetings"

Session 1

Terms of Reference (*inter alia*):


"Emerging challenges (...) in particular the impact of high fuel prices and high freight rates, climate change and supply-chain security imperatives (...)"

"The regulatory and legal framework (...)"

Session 1

Background document/ theme:

"Maritime transport and the climate change challenge"

 **Session 2**

Terms of Reference (*inter alia*):


“Best practices for public-private partnerships in developing infrastructure (...)”


“Support to the implementation process of the Almaty Programme of Action (...)”

 **Session 2**

Background document/ theme:

“Public and Private Partnerships for the Development of Infrastructure to Facilitate Trade and Transport”

 **Session 3**

Terms of Reference (*inter alia*):

“(...) effective implementation of trade facilitation measures (...)”

“(...) the use of information and communication technologies (...)”


“Emerging challenges affecting transport costs and connectivity (...)”

 **Session 3**

Background document/ theme:

“Emerging challenges and recent developments affecting transport and trade facilitation”





 **Session 4**

Terms of Reference (*inter alia*):

“(...) implementation of trade facilitation measures”


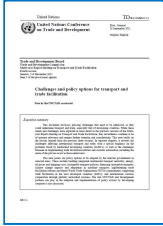
“(...) landlocked and transit developing countries”

“(...) contribution of investment, in particular private sector investment, in trade facilitation, with a particular focus on its impacts on international transport networks (...) use of information and communication technologies in logistics, trade facilitation and supply chain security”

 **Session 4**

Background document/ theme:

“Challenges and policy options for transport and trade facilitation”

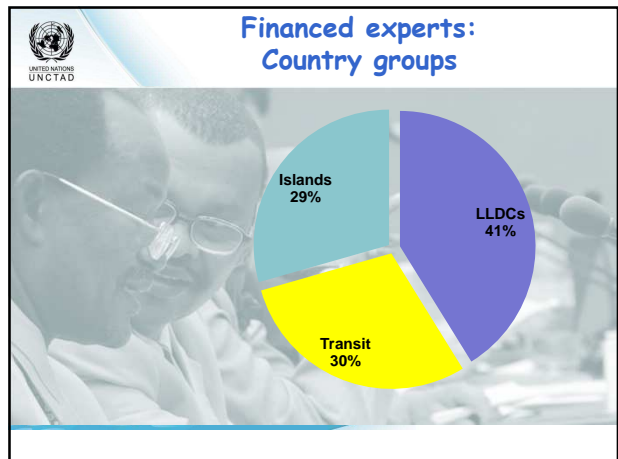
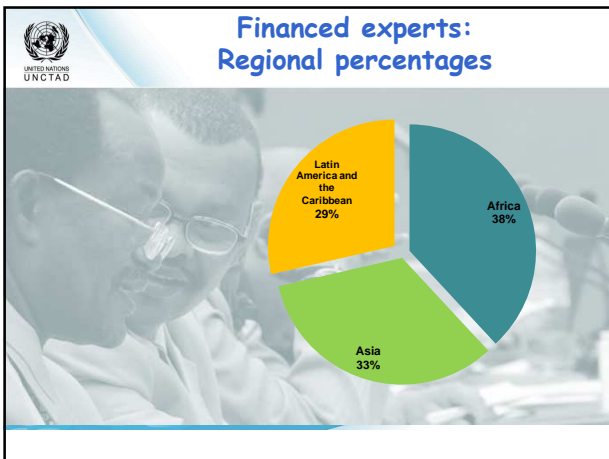
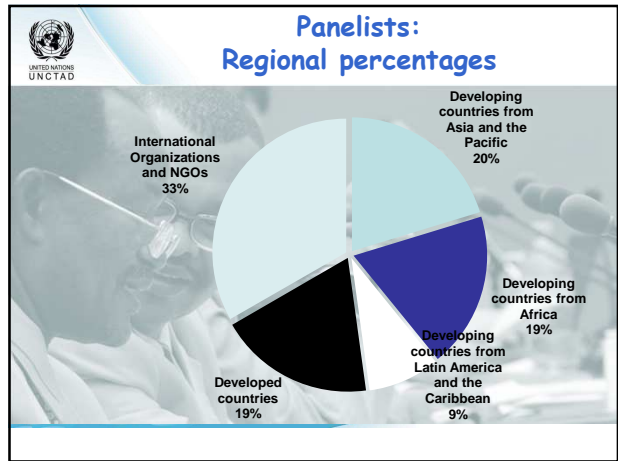
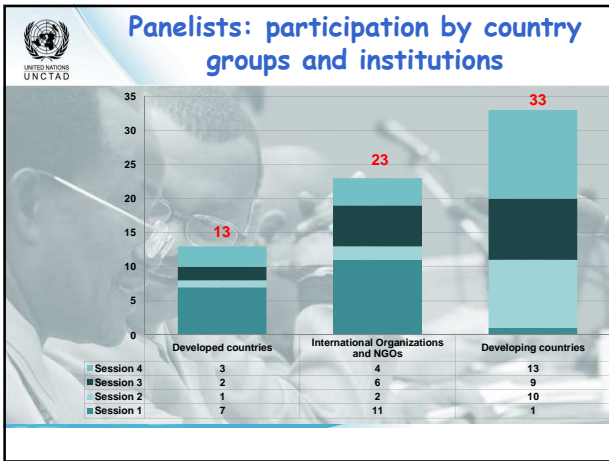
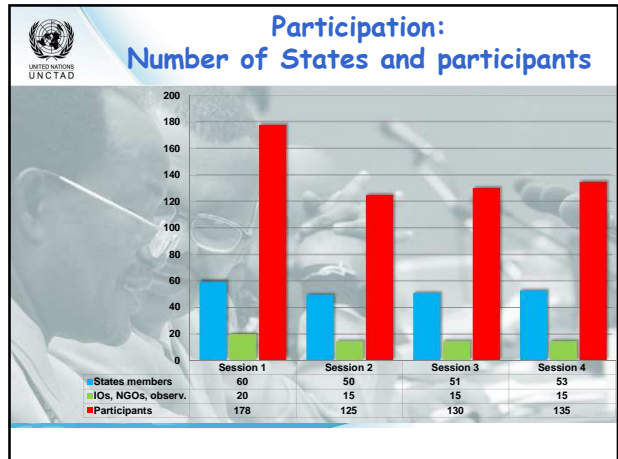



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Chairs, Vice Chairs

- Greece
- Indonesia
- Uruguay
- St. Lucia
- United States
- Nepal
- Oman
- Paraguay



Experts' contributions

- Active participation in discussions
- More than 100 states participated in at least one of the sessions
- Linking the discussions to UNCTAD's research and technical assistance



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Transport

- Promoting greater collaboration between transit and land-locked developing countries
- Promoting increased focus on sustainable freight transport and addressing the required financing needs



Transport

- Addressing the challenge of high transport costs
- Promoting access to efficient multi-modal transport systems and services
- Key role of ports and transport connectivity for developing countries' competitiveness




Trade Facilitation

- Inclusion of trade facilitation commitments in regional and multilateral agreements
- Benefits of regional collaboration in the implementation of trade facilitation reforms
- Need to create or strengthen national trade facilitation committees




Customs Automation

- Increased revenue collection and facilitation of trade
- Technological advances and possibilities for developing countries towards e-Government and Single Windows
- ASYCUDA Programme shown to expand and enhance its impact



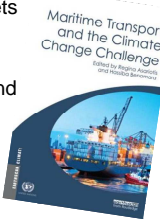
Legal and regulatory framework

- Importance of a supportive legal and regulatory framework
- Policymakers to consider the benefits of ratifying recent international legal instruments e.g. in relation to ship-source pollution, wreck-removal and seafarers



Emerging issues affecting transport and trade: security, energy, environment

- Mandatory supply-chain security requirements: new challenges, particularly for developing countries
- High oil prices affect maritime freight rates; impacts differ across cargo types and geographical markets
- Climate change: the dual challenge of reducing emissions and of adapting ports and other infrastructure, as well as services and operations to the impacts of climate change



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