UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION OF GLOBALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

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Sub-programme 1

• Objective: "To promote economic policies and strategies at the national, regional and international levels that are supportive of sustained growth, inclusive and sustainable development" UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT Expected accomplishments:

- Increased understanding of the global economic environment and of policy choices at the national, regional and international levels
- Progress towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries by fostering better understanding at all levels of the interlay between successful development finance strategies, debt sustainability and effective debt management
- Improvement of decision-making, at the national and international levels, on economic policies and development strategies, on the basis of empirical, reliable and timely statistics and indicators highlighting the interlinklages between globalization, trade and development
- Improved policy and institutional capacities, and enhanced international cooperation for the recovery and sustained development of the Palestinian economy.

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT multifaceted Division that covers the three pillars of UNCTAD's work

- Office of the Director
- Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch
- Debt and Development Finance Branch
- Development Statistics and Information Branch
- Unit on Economic Cooperation and Integration Among Developing Countries
- Assistance to the Palestinian People Unit
- Virtual Institute

Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch

- Main product: Trade and Development Report
- Technical support to the G-20, G-24 (temporarily suspended); development account.
- Serving intergovernmental and expert bodies: documentation based on the analytical research, for GA, ECOSOC, TDB, UNCTAD Conferences, Expert Group Meetings
- Courses, conferences, seminars, discussion papers, policy briefs, etc.

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Debt and Development Finance Branch

- UNCTAD is the UN focal point on debt issues
- Prepares UN General Assembly paper on debt issues
- Project on Responsible Sovereign Lending and Borrowing
- Debt Management Conference (11-13 November)
- Observer at the Paris Club
- Debt Management and Financial Analysis System, services 69 developing countries
- Courses, contribution to TDR

Development Statistics and Information Branch

- DSIB's Statistical outputs: Handbook of Statistics (annual) Development and Globalization: Facts and Figures (every 4 years), dissemination of data and indicators through UNCTAD Stat (web platform)
- Technical assistance (IT) to other branches of UNCTAD in dissemination of data and preparation of statistical tables, statistical support in production and methodology of other branches, statistical clearance of tables and figures of UNCTAD publications and documents

Development Statistics and Information Branch

- International activities in the field of statistics: UN Statistical Commission/Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities, Inter-Agency Task Force on International Merchandise Statistics, Task Force on Inter-Agency Common Data Set (CDS) -- on trade statistics
- Technical cooperation activities to regional organizations and member states: Commission of West African Economic and Monetary Union / Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine (UEMOA), Project to establish statistical series on international trade in services

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT Unit on Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries

- Analyses trends and prospects for South-South integration.
- Organizing Multi-Year Expert Meeting on Promoting Economic Integration and Cooperation
- Organizing other meetings and workshops, participation in courses, contribution to TDR, cooperation with other divisions of UNCTAD, other UN Agencies and International Organizations such as ILO, South Centre and ADB.
- Production of reports:
 - "The rise of the South"
 - "Development-oriented Integration in South Asia"

Assistance to the Palestinian People Unit

- Prepares an annual report to the Trade and Development Board on UNCTAD Assistance to the Palestinian People
- Produces frequent studies on Palestinian economic development
- Technical cooperation: contribute to build the Palestinian public and private capacities in UNCTAD areas of competences
- Advisory services, training workshops to Palestinian government and the private sector

Virtual Institute

- Capacity building and networking programme for academic institutions (83 universities and 13 research centres in 50 countries)
- Help universities and research centres in developing and transition countries to develop local capacities in education and research
- Provides advice on the design on university courses and programmes, develops teaching materials on trade and development issues, organizes training programmes
- Supports exchanges of experiences and organises joint projects among the members