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Promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars related to transport and trade facilitation and cross-divisional capacity-building



Research and Analysis



Technical assistance



Consensus building



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Trade Facilitation

Research	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building	Consensus Building
Studies on Trade Facilitation implementation, institutional setting and development	Gap analysis and advisory services to prepare for the implementation of the Bali Trade Facilitation Agreement	Multi-year and Ad-Hoc Expert Meetings
Technical Notes	Support to the creation and operation of National Trade Facilitation Committees	Hosting round tables in the preparations for the Bali Trade Facilitation Agreement
Repository on National Trade Facilitation Committees	Training workshops on Trade Facilitation and Transit	Regional collaboration for example in the Eastern African Community



Transport

Research	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building	Consensus Building
<p>Review of Maritime Transport</p> <p>Liner Shipping Connectivity Index</p> <p>Study “Closing the Distance: Partnerships for Sustainable and Resilient Transport Systems in Small Island Developing States”</p>	<p>Project “Building capacities of developing countries to shift towards sustainable freight transport.”</p> <p>Project: “Climate change impacts on coastal transport infrastructure in the Caribbean: enhancing the adaptive capacity of small island developing States”</p>	<p>Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, Samoa</p> <p>Multi-year and Ad-Hoc Expert Meetings</p> <p>Regional collaboration for example in the Caribbean</p>



A detailed overview of activities:

1 Research and analysis



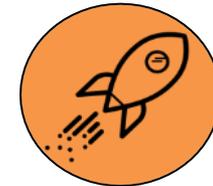
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3 Consensus building



4 Looking forward

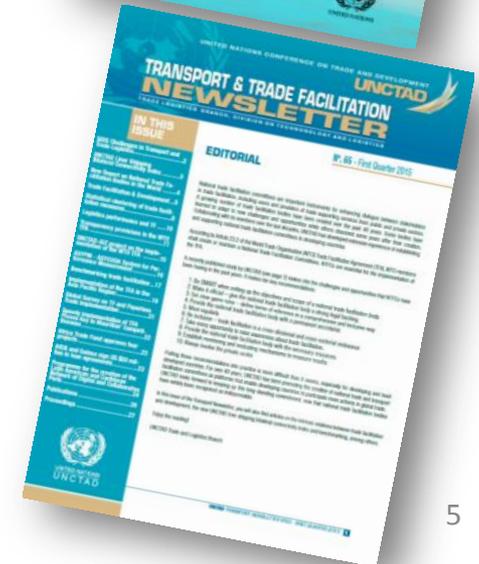
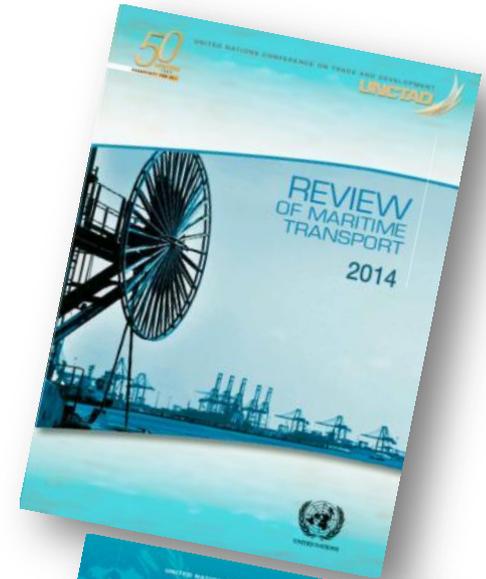


Research and Analysis



The 2014 edition of the **Review of Maritime Transport** - UNCTAD's long-established true flagship publication: Maritime transport statistics and trends. A special chapter covered the maritime transport situation in small island developing states (SIDS)

The quarterly **Transport and Trade Facilitation Newsletter** provides information on latest events and publications + it features selected topical articles.



Research and Analysis



Two-part report on maritime piracy:

- **An Overview of Trends, Costs and Trade-related Implications** provides figures and statistics describing overall trends in maritime piracy and related crimes
- **An Overview of the International Legal Framework and of Multilateral Cooperation to Combat Piracy** provides an overview of the contemporary international legal regime for countering piracy, and it identifies key examples of international cooperation in the area

Research and Analysis



Special report presented at Samoa conference: **“Closing the Distance: Partnerships for Sustainable and Resilient Transport Systems in Small Island Developing States”**;

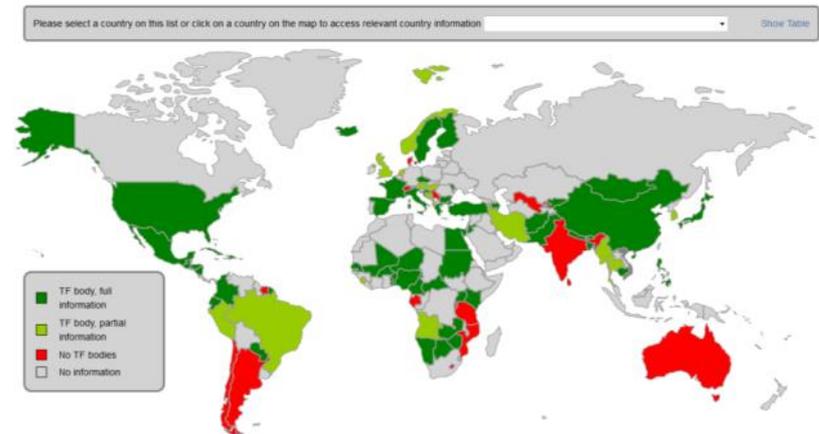
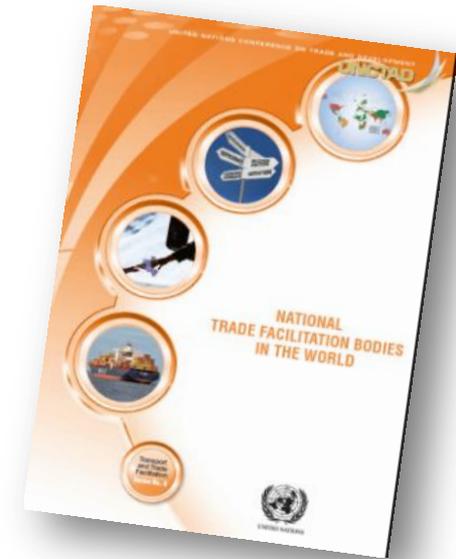
Builds on input and guidance from ad hoc expert meeting on **“Addressing the transport and trade-logistics challenges of the small island developing States: Samoa Conference and beyond”**.



Research and Analysis



- Report on **National Trade Facilitation Bodies in the World**.
- Based on an in-depth analysis of 50 trade facilitation bodies.
- First quantitative analysis of existing national trade facilitation bodies.
- **Online repository** of case studies from countries with trade facilitation bodies (interactive map)



Research and Analysis



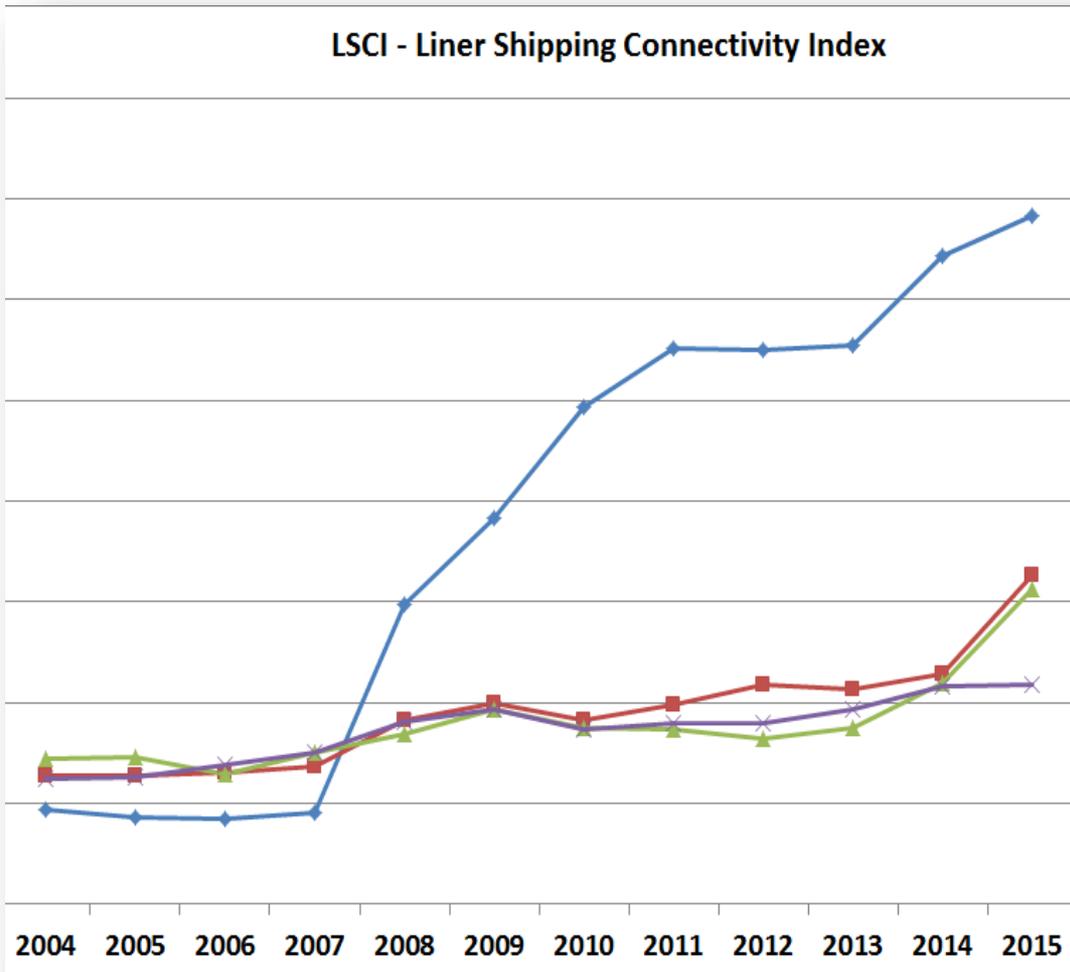
UNCTAD has continued and expanded its **on-line databases on maritime transport**, aimed at supporting evidence-based research, technical cooperation and capacity-building in the area of transport and trade facilitation



Research and Analysis



LSCI - Liner Shipping Connectivity Index



UNCTAD's country-level Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (**LSCI**) 2015 has just been published in its 12th year. The Index provides an indicator of a country's access to the global liner shipping network and thus to overseas markets for most manufactured goods.

In 2015, UNCTAD has also developed a new bilateral index: the **LSCBI**

A detailed overview of activities:



Technical Assistance



UNCTAD contributed to several international **teaching** programmes, including universities, private sector conferences, regional programmes, as well as UNCTAD's own training programmes such as the P166 and the Port Training programme



Technical Assistance



UNCTAD assisted numerous member countries in preparing for **implementation of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation of the WTO.**

With financing provided by the Government of Sweden and the European Union, UNCTAD supported developing countries and least developed countries in the preparation of national trade facilitation implementation plans and programmes.



UNCTAD and the German aid agency GIZ collaborate to provide assistance for the Agreement on Trade Facilitation in the **East African Community** (EAC).

Technical Assistance



Overall, UNCTAD trade facilitation projects have an impact on the development of member States in two major ways.

- First, their contribution to development is through the easing of **trade**. This impact is straightforward and has long been recognized.
- Second – a more **direct link to development** – the reforms themselves help to generate better quality employment, get small traders into the formal sector, make economic activities more transparent and accountable, promote good governance, strengthen information technology capabilities and generally help modernize societies.

Technical Assistance



Two new technical assistance projects supported by the United Nations Development Account are currently being implemented:

- **Climate change impacts** on coastal transport infrastructure in the Caribbean: enhancing the adaptive capacity of small island developing States.
- Building capacities of developing countries to shift towards **sustainable freight transport**.

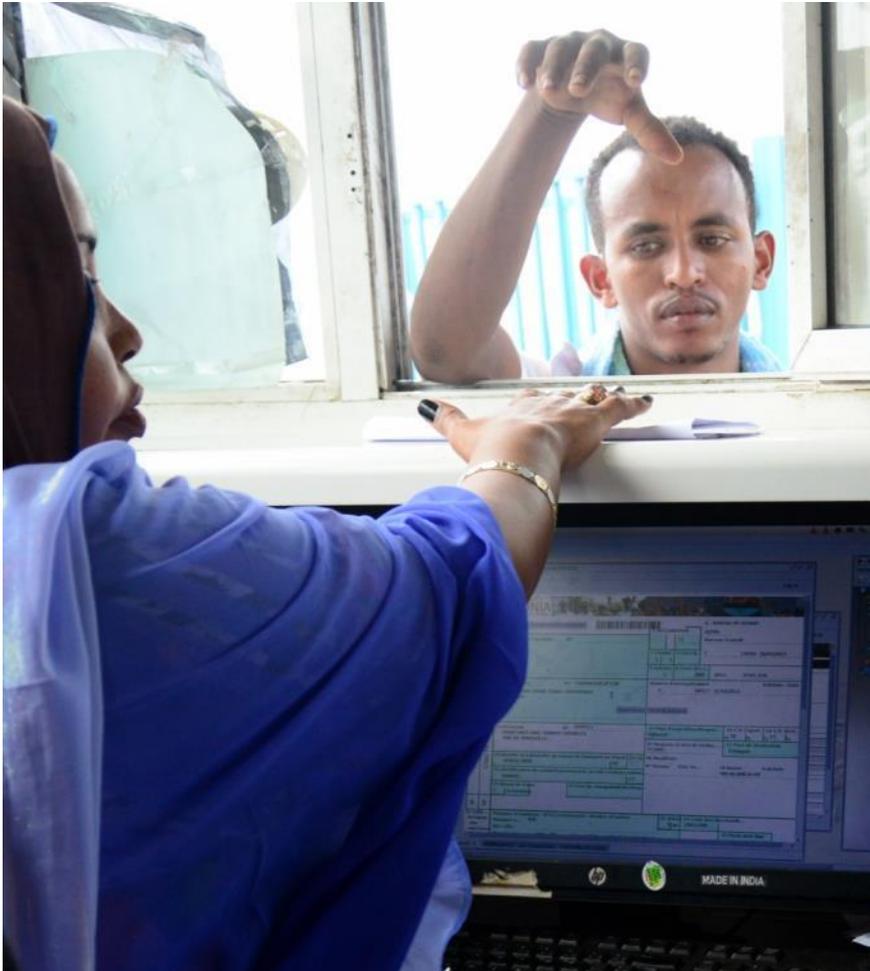
Technical Assistance: ASYCUDA (1)



UNCTAD continued the **ASYCUDA** implementation, its largest technical assistance programme.

- Three new countries / territories: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, and Saint Pierre and Miquelon.
- In total, there were 57 operational ASYCUDA technical assistance projects.
- In 2014, UNCTAD staff and consultants undertook 270 support, training and advisory missions, including 210 training sessions, for an audience of more than 4000 participants.
- Nearly 2000 nationals trained in Afghanistan.

Technical Assistance: ASYCUDA (2)



Several new MOUs and partnerships were initiated or signed.

Such framework instruments help ensure the **long-term sustainability** of the ASYCUDA programme.

Training & capacity building: Port management



Programme de formation portuaire - Modern Port Management



Gestão Moderna dos Portos - Gestión Moderna de Puertos

Réseau Francophone

- Bénin**
 - Port Autonome de Cotonou (PAC)
- Sénégal**
 - Port Autonome de Dakar (PAD)
- Guinée**
 - Port Autonome de Conakry (PAC)
- Cameroun**
 - Port Autonome de Douala (PAD)

- Togo**
 - Port Autonome de Lomé (PAL)
 - Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie (CCIT)
 - Conseil National des Chargeurs du Togo (CNCT)
- Djibouti**
 - Port Autonome International de Djibouti (PAID)
 - Dubai Ports World (DPW)
- Gabon**
 - Office des Ports et Rades du Gabon (OPRAG)
- Côte d'Ivoire**
 - Port Autonome d'Abidjan (PAA)

Red de habla Hispana

- Guatemala**
 - Comisión Portuaria Nacional (CPN)
 - Puerto Quetzal
 - Puerto Santo Tomás de Castilla
- Perú**
 - Autoridad Portuaria Nacional (APN)
 - Puerto Del Callao
- Republica Dominicana**
 - Comisión Presidencial par la Modernización y Seguridad Portuaria (CPMSY)

Partnerships with Ports

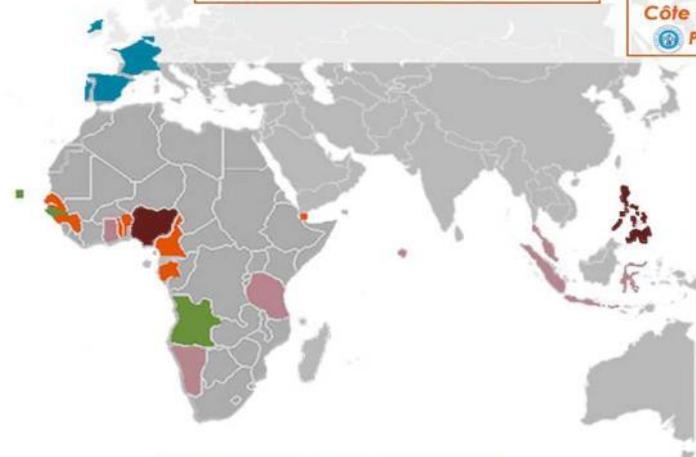
- Belgique**
 - Ghent Port Company
- France**
 - Grand Port Maritime de Nantes Saint-Nazaire
 - Grand Port Maritime de Marseille
 - Grand Port Maritime de Dunkerque
- España**
 - Autoridad Portuaria de Valencia
 - Autoridad Portuaria de Gijón
- Portugal**
 - Administração dos Portos do Douro e Leixões
- Ireland**
 - Dublin Port Company
 - Port of Cork
 - Belfast Harbour

Rede Lusófona

- Angola**
 - Porto de Amboim
 - Porto de Cabinda
 - Porto de Lobito
 - Porto de Luanda
 - Porto de Namibe
 - Porto de Soyo
- Cabo Verde**
 - Empresa Nacional de Administração de Portos, ENAPOR
- Guinée - Bissau**
 - Administração dos Portos da Guiné-Bissau
 - APBG

English-speaking Network

- Nigeria**
 - Nigerian Ports Authority
- Philippines**
 - Philippine Ports Authority
- Ghana**
 - Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority
- Indonesia**
 - PELINDO I-II-III and IV
- Malaysia**
 - Kuantan Port Consortium
 - Kuantan Port Authority
- Maldives**
 - Maldives Ports Limited
- Tanzania**
 - Tanzania Ports Authority
- Namibia**
 - Namport



Training & capacity building: TrainforTrade



- Activities in all regions
- TrainForTrade Dev. Acc. Project in West Africa (focus on e-commerce):
 - Building Capacities, Developing new technics through technology
 - Building small private online courses (SPOC)
 - 34 tutors have trained 585 participants (116 women) in ECOWAS
 - In total: 737 Participants (162 women) over 2 years project



Training and capacity building



TrainForTrade shared experiences in e-learning and blended learning, with successful on-line courses in 2014:

- UNOG/SDLS: 24.000 Participants
- WFP: 500 Participants
- OCHA: 500 Participants



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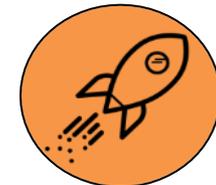
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4 Looking forward





Consensus Building

- Two expert meetings on trade facilitation were organized in 2014.
- In early 2015, UNCTAD co-hosted the annual meeting of the **Global Facilitation Partnership** for Transportation and Trade (GFP). The meeting helped coordinate UNCTAD's technical assistance, aimed at implementing Trade Facilitation reforms, with other international players.



Consensus Building



In 2014, the International Year of Small Island Developing States (**SIDS**), UNCTAD organized important intergovernmental meetings:

- A high-level side event held at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, the **Samoa Conference**. The event benefited from effective cross-divisional cooperation with the Division on International Trade and Commodities, the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, and collaboration with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.
- The third session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation, focusing on transport and trade logistics challenges faced by SIDS.

Consensus Building



UNCTAD contributed to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (**LLDCs**) in Vienna with a joint event with the WTO on “Harvesting the benefits of trade facilitation for landlocked developing countries”.



UNCTAD Paragraph 166 Regional Course on Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda



- UNCTAD's flagship course on trade and development
- For policymakers
- Focus on the links between trade, investment, finance, technology and development.
- Aims to enhance understanding of the relationship among these areas and their link to countries' development strategies.
- To equip participants with knowledge and skills for the design and implementation of relevant trade and development policies
- Cross-divisional and cross-regional approach in the design of the curricula.
- Curricula based on UNCTAD's research and policy analysis in the areas of trade, finance, investment, technology.



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- The course is now supported by Governments in the developing regions who provide national experts and logistics and other support.
- Multi-year venues are now fully available in Belgrade (Transition Economies); Colombia (LAC); Oman (Western Asia), Mauritius (Africa); and Singapore (Asia-Pacific).
- Impact: The course has trained over 670 trade policy officials and academics who now form a network from the five developing regions since 2001.



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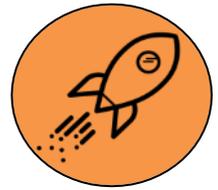
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4 The way forward



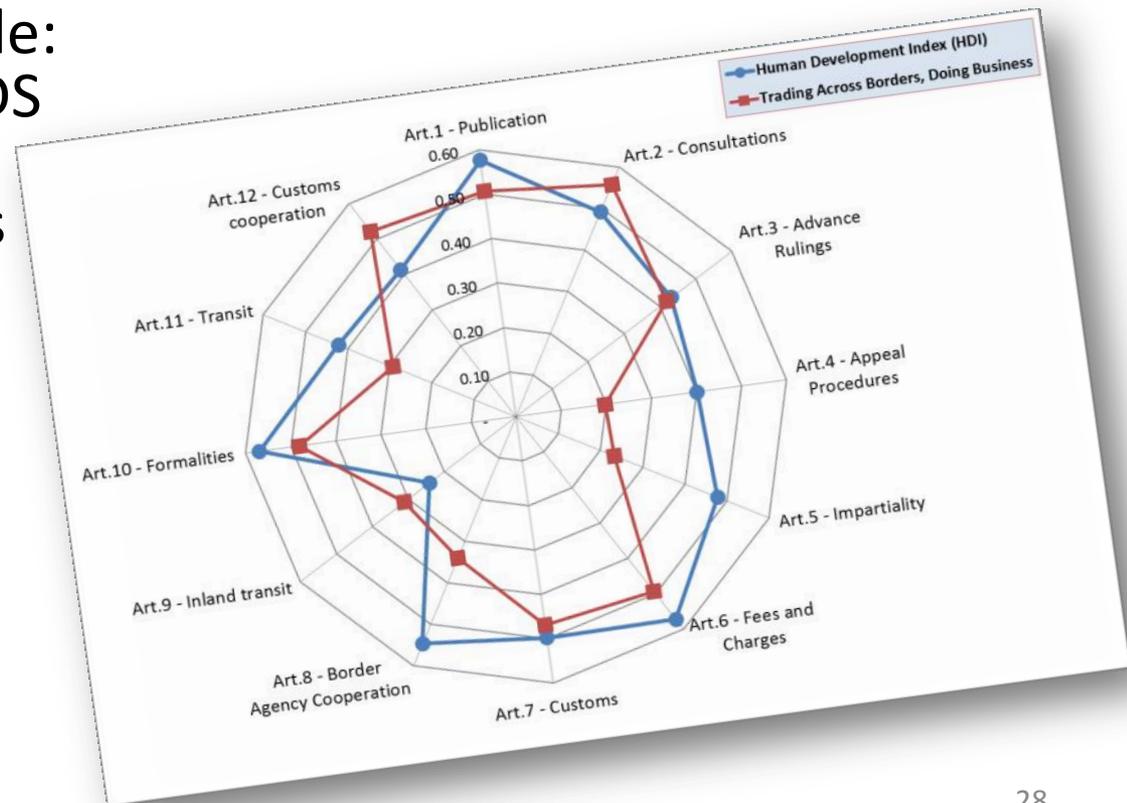
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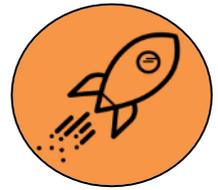
Research: Trade Logistics & Sustainable Development



- Transport and trade facilitation: Linkages to SDGs
- The geography of trade: Connecting LLDCs, SIDS and other small and vulnerable economies to global transport networks.
- Resilience building: Climate adaptation and proofing.



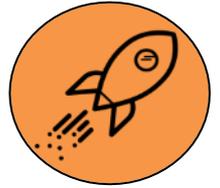
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Technical Assistance: **Strengthen & Build Capacities**

- Ongoing projects on climate change impacts (SIDS) and sustainable transport
- Currently preparing projects with EU, Sweden, UK and Germany:
 - Mainstreaming Trade Facilitation
 - Building institutional capacity for Trade Facilitation Implementation





The way forward

- **UNCTAD XIV**
- **UNCTAD's work in transport and trade facilitation reforms directly helps achieve SDGs:**
 - “...provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all”
 - “public access to information”
 - “a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system under the WTO”
 - “effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels”
 - “higher levels of productivity of economies through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation”
 - “regional and trans-border infrastructure”
 - “effective public, public-private, and civil society partnerships”



Thank you

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