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Review of the Technical Cooperation Activities of UNCTAD and Their Financing

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Presentation Outline

- TC Funding sources
- Expenditures and allocation of TC resources
- Structure and functioning of TC
- Way forward
Funding source: Trust fund resources

Origins of UNCTAD trust fund resources, 2012-2016
(in thousands of US dollars)
Funding source: Developed country contributions

Accumulated contributions by major developed country donors, 2012-2016
(Thousands of dollars)
Funding source: Developing country funding

Self-financing vs. financing South-South Cooperation
(share of total developing country funding, 2016)

- Funds to support South-South cooperation
- Funds to support self-financed projects

ASYCUDA: 88%
DMFAS: 7%
Others: 1%
Funding source: Share of total trust fund resources, by origin

**2015**
- UN system and other international organizations: 18.0%
- Private and public sectors: 1.6%
- Developed countries: 24.7%
- Developing countries and countries with economies in transition: 50.7%
- European Commission: 5.0%

**2016**
- UN system and other international organizations: 22.2%
- Private and public sectors: 1.3%
- Developed countries: 24.2%
- Developing countries and countries with economies in transition: 49.7%
- European Commission: 2.7%
Funding source: «Delivering as One» funding mechanisms

UNCTAD access to "Delivering as One" funding mechanisms, 2008-2016 (Thousands of dollars)

- Multi-donor trust funds
- Specific partner contributions
Funding source:
UN regular programme & Development Account

- UN regular programme of TC
  - Expenditures of $0.7 million in 2016 (-43%)
  - To finance advisory services and training: such as training on key international economic issues (para 166 of the UNCTAD X Plan of Action)

- Development Account
  - 23 projects implemented with a total expenditure of $2.6 million in 2016 (-7%)
  - New 11th tranche (2018-2021): Expected to access $4.9 million to finance 8 projects
Funding source: Financing of Junior Professional Officers (JPOs)

- UNCTAD JPO programme is part of the UN JPO programme;
- UN DESA/CDO recruits and administers JPOs for the UN Secretariat and its entities;
- Contributions from donors for UNCTAD JPO programme are exclusive from the overall TC funding to UNCTAD trust funds;
- In 2016, Germany remained the sole contributor to UNCTAD JPO programme;
- UNCTAD calls on more donors to support its JPO programme
TC expenditures: Overview

TC expenditures by source of funds, 2012-2016
(Thousands of US dollars)

- "Delivering as One" funding mechanisms
- UN regular programme of technical cooperation and Development Account
- Trust funds
Technical cooperation expenditures by type of project
(share of yearly TC expenditures)

2015

Country projects: 53%
Interregional projects: 39%
Regional projects: 8%

2016

Country projects: 56%
Interregional projects: 28%
Regional projects: 16%
## TC expenditures: Distribution by product

- 29 products under four themes
- Uneven allocation of TC resources among products
- The top three products in 2016:

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TC expenditures: Geographical distribution

Technical cooperation expenditures by region, 2007-2016
(share of yearly expenditures)
TC Expenditures in support of LDCs

TC expenditures in support of LDCs, 2012-2016
(Thousands of US dollars and percentage)
TC functioning: Follow-up to intergovernmental decisions

- Thematic rationalization
- Synergies among the three pillars of the work of UNCTAD
- Interdivisional cooperation
- Inter-agency cooperation
- Requests from developing countries
- Strengthening results-based management
- Gender mainstreaming
- New funding mechanism
TC functioning: Thematic rationalization

- To consolidate TC activities
- To improve the visibility of TC activities
- An instrument for funds mobilization
- A blueprint to restructure TC report (Annex 1)
- Basis for developing concept notes & project documents

- Mobile version available in May 2017
- Upcoming update of UNCTAD Toolbox
TC functioning: Database of formal requests for UNCTAD technical cooperation

- Actions to improve the request database since 73rd session of WP in Sept. 2016:
  - Cross-checking request information to ensure data accuracy and completeness;
  - Updating with new requests received by UNCTAD
  - Creating a dashboard to provide an illustrative overview of the request data

- New request database:
TC functioning: Strengthening RBM

Issuing RBM Guidelines for project planning

Piloting 10 minimum RBM Requirements (July 2016- June 2017)

RBM training for project managers and senior management

Project Planning:
Prodoc complies with minimum RBM requirements

Project monitoring:
- Quarterly report on implementation status;
- Data on IAs reported every two quarters
TC functioning: Gender mainstreaming

- Piloting the gender checklist in new TC projects (April 2016 - June 2017)
- Project clearance by divisional gender focal points from gender perspective
- Training on Gender mainstreaming in UNCTAD's technical cooperation projects and flagship reports in Feb. 2017
TC functioning: New funding mechanism

- *Concept note on a funding mechanism for pending technical cooperation requests received by UNCTAD* was circulated to member States for consultation;

- Informal consultations with regional groups held;

- A revised version of the proposal to be issued.
TC functioning: Contribution to UN system-wide coherence


- **Highlights in 2016:**
  - Taking steps to establish a Multi-Donor Trust Fund to scale up activities of the Cluster - Information session organized during UNCTAD XIV in Nairobi.
  - Participated in the formulation of UNDAFs mainly in Europe and Central Asia with UNDAF cycles starting in 2016 or 2017.
  - Sharing UNCTAD experience in the implementation of Delivering Results Together Fund initiatives (e.g. Tanzania)
Way forward:
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Main actions in 2017
  - To update UNCTAD Toolbox;
  - To further enhance the management of request data and improve request database;
  - Drawing lessons from the pilot phase to better mainstream RBM requirements and gender dimensions in TC projects;
  - To share with member States revised document on new funding mechanism to better match the supply of funds to the demand for UNCTAD TC;
  - To work towards the establishment of UN Inter-Agency Cluster Multi-Donor Trust Fund on Trade and Productive Capacity;
  - To further improve TC website (http://unctad.org/projects/tc/en/Pages/ProductsOverview.aspx)
Thank you!

For more information on UNCTAD technical cooperation:

http://unctad.org/en/Pages/technicalcooperation.aspx