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50 Years of Review of Maritime Transport, 1968-2018:
Reflecting on the past, exploring the future
Research and Analysis

Maritime data

230 on-line country profiles
8 time-series on-line statistics
15 years of UNCTAD Liner Shipping Connectivity Index
Studies on Transport

Port Industry Survey: Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation

Road Safety: Considerations in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Coastal shipping and connectivity: Rethinking maritime cabotage for improved connectivity

Policy Brief: Market consolidation in container shipping: What next?
Research and Analysis

Climate resilience

Case studies and assessment framework
Sustainable and resilient freight transport:
On-line portals: STF Framework and toolkits

https://sidsport-climateadapt.unctad.org

https://sft-framework.org

https://unctadsftportal.org/sftftoolkit
Research and Analysis

Trade Facilitation:
National Trade Facilitation Committees

Study, Policy Brief, and Repository
Regular updates, blog posts, tweets about all of the above, and more...

twitter.com/UNCTAD_TLB

https://unctad.org/transportnews
Research and Analysis

TRAINFO TRADE
Database of port studies from members (100/year)

Port Management Series: Best case studies from Port Networks

Port Performance Scorecard (www.pps.org): Data collection and publication, feeds in RMT 2018 Chapter 4

Port Performance Newsletters
1. Research and Analysis

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Objective

- Modernization of customs to speed up, simplify and automate the goods clearance process through reform of legislation and procedures, use of state-of-the-art information technology, and proven customs field experience

Benefits

- Compliance with international standards & best practices
- Transparency of operations
- Strengthen collaboration with trade facilitation stakeholders
- Delivery of comprehensive capacity building programmes for system sustainability
- Timely and accurate trade statistics
- Increased South-South Cooperation
In 2017-2018
- ASYCUDA runs in 94 countries; $19-$20 million operation; accounts for 50% of UNCTAD TC
- 79 ASYCUDA operational technical assistance projects including 8 regional/inter-regional projects
- Over 340 advisory missions, 265 training sessions, both technical and functional, for an audience of more than 2,500 participants in the field
• In Jamaica:
  – enhanced revenue collection by 20%
  – 70% of cargo released within 24 hours after submission of the customs declaration

• In Angola:
  – Paper work for goods clearance reduced by 70%
  – Customs clearance process accelerated; reduced from 30 steps to 7

• In Belize:
  – Customs revenues increased by 39% in 2015 and 16% in 2016
  – decrease in the overall customs intervention rate from 91% (2011) to 45% (2017)

“ASYCUDA has actually facilitated trade — it has helped us in the region to connect”

Mr. Malas, Director of Vanuatu’s Customs and Inland Revenue Service.
Technical Assistance: Trade Logistics

- 50+ beneficiary countries in UNCTAD TF technical assistance
- 20+ countries in UNCTAD Empowerment Programme for TF Committees
- Trained 1200+ participants in 2017-18
- 1/3 of the trained were women
- 95 % of participants improved TF know-how
- Created NTFCs, improved their sustainability
- Assisted with 10+ TFA Ratifications, Notifications
- Program was supported by
in Africa

- Empowerment Programme completed
- Empowerment Programme started in 2017-2018
- Empowerment Programme starting in 2019
- Support to National Trade Facilitation Committees outside the framework of the Empowerment Programme 2017-2018
PACER PLUS

New AU$2 million UNCTAD project to help nine Pacific island economies align their trade and investment rules and regulations with their obligations under a regional free trade deal.

The Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER) Plus, covers goods, services and investment and has been signed by Australia, New Zealand and nine island neighbours: Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.
Technical Assistance: Trade Logistics

**Sustainable Freight Transport in East Africa:** assistance to Northern and Central Corridors

- Developed **Green Freight Programme** for Northern Corridor (cooperation with UNEP)
- The Programme was approved by the Corridor Ministerial Council, will feed into long-term Sustainable Freight Transport Strategy
- Assisting Central Corridor drafting **SFT strategy** that will be integrated in their Master Plan after discussion by the Corridor Ministerial Council
Technical Assistance: Trade Logistics

Sustainable Freight Transport in Caribbean - Regional capacity building for CARICOM Member States

• Supporting development of the “Caribbean Sustainable Freight Transport Strategy” in collaboration with the CDB
• Helping CARICOM countries establishing a Regional Sustainable Logistics Observatory as part of the Strategy
• Built capacities of Caribbean truckers in eco-driving
Technical Assistance: Trade Logistics

Climate Change Adaptation of Transport Infrastructure in SIDS

• Assisted Caribbean SIDS in assessing climate change impacts and adaptation options for coastal transport infrastructure

• Developed a transferable methodology to assess potential climate change impact on ports and airport

• 2 case-studies with Jamaica and St Lucia to enhance their adaptive capacity

• Built capacity of seaports and airports authorities from 21 countries/territories, and other stakeholders

• Key outcomes: (a) identified potential operational disruptions and marine inundation risks in Jamaica and SLU; (b) Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Framework for Caribbean Coastal Transport Infrastructure

Inundation maps for: left: Sangster International Airport (Montego Bay, Jamaica); right: Norman Manley International Airport (Kingston Jamaica)
Technical Assistance:

TRAINFORTRADE PROGRAMME (TFT)
STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GOALS:
• Build sustainable networks of knowledge to enhance South-South cooperation and national ownership
• Promote digital solutions and innovative thinking to enhance capacities of international trade players
• Encourage development-oriented trade policy to reduce poverty and to promote transparency and good practices

OUTPUTS & RESULTS (LAST 5 YEARS):
• Active in over 100 countries
• 100 workshops delivered every year
• Over 5000 professionals trained (~30% women)
• Synergies with UNCTAD research through database on port performance, collection of research by graduates in Port Management Series, used in RMT.
Technical Assistance:

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AREAS:

A) TRAINFORTRADE INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
e-Commerce (Legal Aspects, Best Practices, Digital Authentication)
Trade Statistics (International Trade in Services, International Merchandise Trade)
Competition Law & Consumer Protection

B) TRAINFORTRADE PORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (PMP)
Supports port communities quest for efficient and competitive port management services to increase trade flows and foster sustainable economic development
Objectives

Address analytical and policy challenges faced by policy makers, Geneva-based delegates and other stakeholders, from developing economies, in promoting sustainable development.

Disseminate UNCTAD research on development, trade, investment, finance and technology issues; and promote dialogue with practitioners on related development and trade policies.

Technical Assistance:
Course on Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda – P166/PCBS
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• **1st African Forum for NTFCs**, 250+ delegates have registered to attend (organized by UNCTAD in partnership with seven other agencies)

• Building on last year’s First International NTFC Forum
• Ad Hoc Expert Meeting
  Maritime Transport in Africa
  September 2018

• Interactive Discussion
  Reducing Economic Losses
  Caused by Disasters
  October 2018

• And for your agenda:
  Multi-Year Expert Meeting
  Sustainable Freight Transport
  Next week, 21-23 November
Partnerships & Consensus building

• Contributions to the **UN Ocean's Conference**.

• **Vienna Programme of Action objectives** for LLDCs:
  - sustainable freight transport corridors in EAC, and
  - Empowerment Programme course for national transit coordinators

• **Samoa Pathway** for SIDS: Discussions on development of port performance indicators and sustainable freight transport benchmarks

• **SuM4All** - Sustainable Mobility for All. Represents the UN system on the steering group of initiative to implement the SDGs through transport policies

• **Partnerships** with academic and international organizations, including: International Ocean Institute, International Institute for the management of Logistics, Free Zones of the Americas, University of Plentzia, UN Regional Commissions, AU, ICAO, IAPH, IsDB, FIATA, ITF, PIANC, Trapca, UNDP, UNEP, Global Maritime Forum, SLOCAT, Clean Air Coalition, IAME, World Maritime University, EPFL.
TRAINFORTRADE PROGRAMME

TFT Coordination meetings and Advisory Group in 2018: consultations with beneficiaries and experts to:
- Identify capacity building priorities and emerging issues
- Plan and review project implementation
- Facilitate S-S exchange of experience and sharing best practices identified by projects

Port Management Week in Geneva (April 2018)
- Coordination Meeting (French-Speaking Network)
- MoU with Ports from Ireland and NI (UK)
- 4th Port Performance Scoreboard Conference (PPS)
TRAINFORTRADE relies on multiple partnerships and S-S cooperation

- Port Management Programme is co-funded by donors (Ireland, Port of Gijon, Marseille, Nantes, Valencia, Irish ports) and beneficiaries themselves.
- **Ownership**: Over past decade 60% of TFT-PMP was funded by developing countries ports (incl. 23% from LDCS)

**DONORS, PARTNERS, BENEFICIARIES: WIN-WIN SYNERGIES BASED ON COST SHARING FOR LONG-TERM IMPACT**

"The UNCTAD TrainForTrade Programme is vitally important in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate and I am so very proud that our ports here in Ireland and Irish Aid, have been participating with the English-speaking network. ” President of Ireland, Mr. Michael D. Higgins
1) Expand capacity building programmes

2) Deepen policy research

3) Digitalization of logistics

4) Strengthen partnerships
Trade and Development Commission
10th session

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