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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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## Synergies: Trade Facilitation

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The 2016 edition of the Review of Maritime Transport - UNCTAD’s long-established true flagship publication: special focus on Opportunities for Developing Countries

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

UNCTAD’s on-line maritime country profiles provide an overview of the maritime transport and industry of all UN member states.
UNCTAD’s country-level Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) 2016 has been published in its 13th 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.

Since 2015, UNCTAD has also developed a new bilateral index: the LSCBI.
Research and Analysis: Human Resources Development

• Research and Analysis

• Big Data
• Analytics
• E-learning
UNCTAD UN Development Account project to build the adaptive capacity of SIDS, taking into account regional specificities (2015-2017)

*Climate change impacts on coastal transport infrastructure in the Caribbean: enhancing the adaptive capacity of Small Island Developing States*

DRR and adaptation of coastal transport infrastructure to climate variability & change is critical for the sustainable development of SIDS

- Focus is on key coastal transport infrastructure (i.e. ports and airports) in SIDS
- Case-study approach involving 2 vulnerable Caribbean SIDS (Jamaica and St Lucia)
- Objective:
  - enhance the adaptive capacity at the national level (case-study countries)
  - develop a transferable methodology for assessing climate-related impacts and adaptation options for coastal transport infrastructure in Caribbean SIDS
- Technical expert group meeting (including ICAO expert) June 2016 to review, discuss and provide substantive inputs to draft national case-studies and methodology
- National and regional capacity building / training workshops planned for 2017
UNCTAD assists numerous member countries in preparing for implementation of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TF) of the WTO.

UNCTAD TF projects ease trade, and TF reforms help generate better quality employment, get small traders into the formal sector, make economic activities more transparent and accountable, promote good governance, strengthen IT capabilities and modernize societies.
UNCTAD continued the **ASYCUDA** implementation, its largest technical assistance programme (presently 98 countries & territories, 113 since its inception).

- New countries: Equatorial Guinea, Kazakhstan.
- In total, there were 60 operational ASYCUDA technical assistance projects.
- In 2015, UNCTAD staff and consultants undertook 300 support, training and advisory missions, including 225 training sessions, for an audience of more than 2000 participants.
- Project in Liberia re-activated after Ebola outbreak.
Several new MOUs and partnerships were initiated or signed, however funding or allocation of human resources is required to carry forward the initiatives.

Such framework instruments help ensure the **long-term sustainability** of the ASYCUDA programme, and increase synergy among IOs.
Technical Assistance: Port Management Programme

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)
- Haïti
- Autorité Portuaire National Haïti

Togo
- Port Autonome de Lomé (PAL)
- Chambre de Commerce et d’Industrie (CCIT)
- Conseil National des Chargeurs du Togo (CNCT)
- Djibouti
- Port de Djibouti s.a.
- Dubai Ports World (DPW)
- Gabon
- Office des Ports et Rades du Gabon (OPRAG)
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Port Autonome d’Abidjan (PAA)
- Mauritanie
- Port Autonome de Nouakchott
- Port de l’Amillé (PANPA)
- Port Autonome de Nouadhibou (PAN)

Red de habla Hispana
- Argentina
  - Puerto Buenosaires
- Guatemala
  - Comisión Portuaria Nacional (CPN)
  - Puerto Quetzal
  - Puerto Santo Tomás de Castilla
- Perú
  - Autoridad Portuaria Nacional (APN)
  - Puerto Del Callao
  - República Dominicana
  - Comisión Presidencial por la Modernización y Seguridad Portuaria (CPMS)

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

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
- 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
Port Performance Scorecard (PPS)

- International workshops Port Performance Scorecard
  - PPS1: Oct 2014 - Manila, Philippines: 26 pax/6 countries
  - PPS2: Oct 2015 - Ciawi, Indonesia: 42 pax/8 countries
  - PPS3: Nov 2016 - Valencia, Spain: 50 pax/18 countries

- 23 indicators
- Port entities > 1 M Tons
TrainForTrade: Knowledge & Capacity Building

• Activities in all regions
• TrainForTrade & ICT Analysis
  – Legal Aspect of e-commerce
  – E-commerce for practitioners
• TrainForTrade & Statistics
  – On-line platform for group of people
  – Technical tutors / Facilitators in the field to manage group of participants
Course on Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda (P166)

- 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.
- Equips 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 and delivery of the course.
The course is fully supported by Governments in the developing regions who provide national experts and logistics and other support.

Multi-year venues are now available in Belgrade (Transition Economies); Colombia (LAC); Oman (Western Asia), Mauritius (Africa); and Singapore (Asia-Pacific).

Impact: The course has trained over 800 trade policy officials and academics who now form a network from the five developing regions since 2001.
The way forward

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.
- Sustainable freight transport and finance
The way forward

Technical Assistance: Strengthen & Build Capacities

• Ongoing projects on climate change impacts (SIDS) and sustainable freight transport and finance.
• Trade Facilitation projects
  – Mainstreaming Trade Facilitation
  – Building institutional capacity for Trade Facilitation Implementation
The way forward

- UNCTAD new mandate - Nairobi Maafikiano
- UNCTAD’s work on transport and trade facilitation reforms directly helps achieve the 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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