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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 contributions

Sources of UNCTAD trust fund contributions, 2010-2015
(in thousands of US dollars)
Funding source: Origins of trust fund contributions

2014
- Developed countries: 30.6%
- Developing and transition countries: 40.7%
- European Commission: 14.3%
- UN system and other international organizations: 13.8%
- Private and public sectors: 0.6%

2015
- Developed countries: 24.7%
- Developing and transition countries: 50.7%
- UN system and other international organizations: 18.0%
- European Commission: 5.0%
- Private and public sectors: 1.6%
Funding source: «Delivering as One» funding mechanisms

UNCTAD Access to "Delivering as One" Funding Mechanism, 2008-2015 (In thousands of US dollars)
Funding source:
UN regular programme & Development Account

- **UN regular programme of TC**
  - Expenditures of $1.3 million in 2015 (+53%)
  - 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 $2.8 million in 2015 (+43%)
  - 10th tranche (2016-2019): $2.9 million to finance 5 projects of UNCTAD
TC expenditures: Overview

TC expenditures by source of funds, 2011-2015
(in thousands of US dollars)

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

2014
- Interregional: 39%
- Country: 55%
- Regional: 6%

2015
- Interregional: 39%
- Country: 53%
- Regional: 8%
TC expenditures: Geographical distribution

Technical cooperation expenditures by region, 2006-2015
(share of yearly expenditures)
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
- New initiatives to strengthen results-based management and evaluation
- Fundraising
Transforming economies, improving competitiveness

Tackling vulnerabilities, building resilience

Fostering economic efficiency, improving governance

Empowering people, investing in their future
TC functioning: Requests from developing countries

- **Funding Gap (01/2013 - 12/2015):**
  About $37.2 million to cover 39% of requests which were unfunded.

- **Many UNCTAD TC products need funding support:**
  STIP Reviews; Virtual Institute; DMFAS; TrainForTrade;
  Assistance to the Palestinian people; P166 programme;
  Trade policy framework reviews; Services policy reviews;
  Accession to the WTO, etc.

- **Online database of formal requests for UNCTAD technical cooperation:**
TC functioning: New initiatives to strengthen RBM

Minimum requirements for RBM in TC, including: results framework

- Activities
- Outputs (short term)
- Outcomes (medium term)
- Impact (long term)
- SDG of focus

Key assumptions

Indicators of progress
TC functioning: Contribution to UN system-wide coherence


- **Highlights in 2015:**
  - Taking steps to establish a Multi-Donor Trust Fund to scale up activities of the Cluster;
  - UNCTAD & ILO join efforts to address the pressing needs of governments on priority themes (e.g. trade and employment) which require comprehensive solutions;
  - Participated in the formulation of a new generation of UNDAFs mainly in Europe and Central Asia with UNDAF cycles starting in 2016.
Way forward:
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- New initiatives in 2016/17
  - To establish an organization-wide framework with minimum RBM standards for all TC programmes and projects.
  - To establish new funding mechanism to better match the supply of funds to the demand for UNCTAD TC
  - To further improve UNCTAD technical cooperation website
  - To launch a UN Inter-Agency Cluster Multi-Donor Trust Fund on Trade and Productive Capacity
Thank you!

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