Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget
80th Session

Review of the Technical Cooperation Activities of UNCTAD and Their Financing

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Presentation Outline

01. TC Funding sources
02. Expenditures and allocation of TC resources
03. Structure and functioning of TC
04. Way forward
Funding source: Trust fund resources

Origins of UNCTAD trust fund resources, 2015-2019
(Thousands of US dollars)

- Public and private sectors
- United Nations system and other international organizations
- European Union
- Developing countries and economies in transition
- Developed countries

UNited Nations Conference on Trade and Development
Accumulated contributions by major developed and developing country contributors, 2015-2019 (Thousands of dollars)
Funding source

Accumulated contributions 2015-2019 from main donors and their destinations

https://www.unctad.it/templates/sankey2.html
Funding source: Developing countries and economies in transition

share of total funding from developing countries and economies in transition

- **Self-financing**: 4.5%
- **financing beyond contributing countries**: 95.5%

01. ASYCUDA 82%
02. DMFAS 9%
03. OTHERS 4.5%
Funding source: UN regular programme of TC & Development Account

● UN regular programme of TC
  o Expenditures in 2019: $1.4 million (+3%), mainly for advisory services and training.
  o Training-related resources mainly used to finance P166 courses.

● Development Account
  o Expenditures in 2019: $2.6 million (+9%)
  o 12th tranche: 4 projects starting from 2020
  o New 13th tranche (2021-2024):
    ✓ 3 projects (budget of $1.7 million)
    ✓ Participation in a joint project on integrated national financing framework
Funding source: “Delivering as one” funding mechanisms

UNCTAD access to “Delivering as One” funding mechanisms, 2009-2019
(Thousands of dollars)

- Multi-donor trust funds
- Specific partner contributions
### Funding source:
#### Financing of Junior Professional Officers (JPOs)

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TC expenditures: Overview

Technical cooperation expenditures by funding source, 2015-2019

(Thousands of dollars and percentage)

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Trust funds

United Nations regular programme of technical cooperation and development account

"Delivering as one" funding mechanisms
TC expenditures: Type of project

Project expenditures as share of total technical cooperation expenditures, by type of project

- **Country projects**
  - 2018: 33%
  - 2019: 30%

- **Regional projects**
  - 2018: 51%
  - 2019: 53%

- **Interregional projects**
  - 2018: 16%
  - 2019: 17%
Top seven TC products in 2019 (millions of dollars)

- **ASYCUDA**: 21
- **DMFAS**: 5.2
- **Business Facilitation**: 2.3
- **E-commerce and the Digital Economy**: 1.8
- **Trade Facilitation**: 1.3
- **Non-tariff Measures**: 1.2
- **Sustainable Trade and the Environment**: 1.1
Mainstreaming the SDGs into the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD

- **17 Partnerships for the Goals**: 36% of total expenditures
- **9 Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure**: 20% of total expenditures
- **15 Life on Land**: 17% of total expenditures
- **8 Decent Work and Economic Growth**: 9% of total expenditures
Technical cooperation expenditures by region, 2016-2019 (Thousands of dollars)
Shares of total annual technical cooperation expenditures, by region, 2009-2019 (Percentage)
TC Expenditures in support of LDCs

Technical cooperation expenditures in support of least developed countries, 2015–2019 (Thousands of dollars and percentage)

Expenditures related to the least developed countries
Share of the least developed countries in total annual expenditures
TC functioning:
Follow-up to intergovernmental decisions

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

2nd revision of UNCTAD Toolbox
(91% of projects in 2019 consolidated)

- Product information updated
- Programme results and impact further enhanced
- A QR code for each product
- A user-friendly interactive PDF version created

Donors are encouraged to make less earmarked multi-year contributions
TC functioning: Database of formal requests for UNCTAD technical cooperation

1. A public repository

2. An intranet repository
   ★ Request information updated quarterly
   ★ 107 formal requests from 58 countries and 9 regional and international organizations in 2019

① Data retrieved from the intranet repository on 21 May 2020
TC functioning: Strengthening RBM

- Continuing in-house training on RBM
- Tracking medium to long term results after project implementation
- Developing an interim performance monitoring system
TC functioning: Gender mainstreaming

E-commerce and the digital economy (example)
★ eTrade for women initiative
★ Digital Economy Report 2019: disaggregated data and analysis
★ eTrade Readiness Assessments: research questions on gender and access and use of digital services
★ Gender-specific indicators included in programme results framework

Investment promotion and facilitation (Impact)
★ CINDE, the IPA of Costa Rica evaluates and reports its activities in line with four specific SDGs, including SDG 5 on gender equality, following an UNCTAD seminar in 2017.
TC functioning: Technical Cooperation Strategy

TDB Decision 550 (EX-LXVIII) requested "the secretariat to prepare a draft strategy for its technical cooperation in consultation with regional groups and to initiate a preliminary discussion at a session of the Working Party" to be held in 2020.

Consultation with regional groups on the modality of discussions at the Working Party regarding draft strategy for UNCTAD technical cooperation

Preliminary discussion at the 80th session of Working Party
TC functioning:
UNCTAD’s participation in the UN Reform

**Internally**
- Information sessions on UN Reform
- Training to be organized: Better engagement with RC

**Externally**
- Coordination with UNSDG
- Joint initiative with UNDCO
- Participation as a member of the Advisory Committee of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund in 2020
**TC functioning:**
Contribution to UN system-wide coherence

United Nations Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity: enhancing its role in UN reform.

- **Highlights in 2019:**
  - National: Operations in 32 countries
  - Regional: Collaboration with UNECE in Europe and Central Asia on trade facilitation;
  - Global: Publicize the assistance provided by the Cluster through presentations at the WTO Trade Policy Courses and lectures at the International Training Centre of the ILO.
Way forward: 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development

Enhancing technical assistance to developing countries in implementing 2030 Agenda and addressing socio-economic challenges emanated from COVID-19: Call on sustainable funding support

Repositioning UNCTAD to make its technical cooperation fit for purpose

- Hands-on training on UN Reform and its implications for UNCTAD TC;
- Exploring best approaches to tapping into funding sources available at country level (e.g. Joint SDG Fund, Covid-RRF);

Enhancing internal organization for better participation in the planning and implementation of the UN development activities at country level
Thank you!

For more information on UNCTAD technical cooperation:
http://unctad.org/en/Pages/technicalcooperation.aspx