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DITC ON THE GROUND

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MAKING TRADE WORK FOR ALL, WOMEN AND MEN
Women cross border traders: Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia
Where trade is not easy, and women face tough choices...
UNCTAD has been there...
To help women traders thrive

UNCTAD prepared 1 report that identifies key problems and proposes solutions.

We are currently finalizing 2 manuals:
- For Women Traders
- For Customs officials
UNCTAD *Trade and Gender course* continues in high demand

In 2018, participation increased by 25%.

Since its inception in 2015, 578 participants from 109 countries have attended.
MAKING TRADE WORK FOR AND WITH ENVIRONMENT
3 Projects connecting, environment and development in 2018

- **MOLDOVA**: honey, walnuts and cereals
- **MOROCCO**: aromatic & medicinal plants, olives
- **ETHIOPIA**: sesame, natural leather
- **LEBANON**: ecotourism and natural soap products
- **VIET NAM**: Coconut, Cocoa, Essential oils
- **PHILIPPINES**: Fish dates
- **OMAN**: Fish dates
- **VANUATU**: Fish dates
- **COLOMBIA**: Fish, Cocoa
- **ECUADOR**: Fish, Cocoa
- **PERU**: Fish, Timber, Fish, bamboo
- **ANGOLA**: honey, timber, fish, bamboo
- **MADAGASCAR**: vanilla, cocoa, essential oils, coffee
- **SENEGAL**: cashews and mangoes

**Legend**
- **Biotrade**
- **National green export reviews**
- **Voluntary Sustainability Standards**
BREAKING THE CHAINS OF COMMODITY DEPENDENCE
3 Projects helping break the chains of commodity dependence in 2018

- Promoting cotton by-products
- Trading food for sustainable development in landlocked commodity-dependent developing countries
- Developing linkages from the mineral resources sector to the wider economy
MAKING MARKETS
WORK FOR FIRMS
& CONSUMERS
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| Capacity building and negotiation support | • Support to negotiations of the African Continental Free Trade Area on non-tariff measures leads to successful signing of the agreement  
• e.g. Cuban policy makers are trained in using the UNCTAD-TRAINS NTM database to identify market opportunities → 90% of participants say “very positive for my work” |
| Cutting edge research on NTM impact on developing countries and SMEs | • New estimations of ad-valorem equivalents (UNCTAD/World Bank study: The Unseen Impact of NTMs) → finds that NTMs eclipse the impact of tariffs  
• Regional workshops in Bangkok and Nairobi bring together 70 and 50 participants, respectively, from government, think tanks and private sector → increased analytical capacity for evidence-based policy making |
| TRAINS, the world's largest NTM database | • over 100 countries, 90% of world trade covered  
→ Database increases transparency → more competitiveness of SME exporters; more regulatory cooperation across countries; more domestic policy coherence between regulators; basis of UNCTAD’s evidence-based support for negotiations and policy making |
| Leading global NTM data collection | • National data validation workshops in South-East Africa bring together government agencies for better policy coordination and coherence: 26 agencies in Zambia, 22 agencies in Kenya  
• Training on NTM transparency in Thailand: 31 participants from all ASEAN member States → 90% of participants say that their understanding of NTM has improved “a lot” / “a great deal” in the evaluation questionnaire |
| Global leadership on definition and classification of NTMs | • MAST member organizations come together at the 2017 UNCTAD NTM week to update NTM classification  
• UNCTAD-MAST classification recognized by UN Statistical Division |
In 2018 we maintained our wide coverage to foster COMPETITION & CONSUMER PROTECTION

SUPPORTING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
3 Ways in which we supported trade negotiations in 2018

- Trade policy formulation and implementation
  - Zambia, Botswana and Namibia requested assistance
  - Support Angola UNCTAD project

- Support for multilateral and regional trade negotiations
  - Continuous support to the African Union
  - New request for Zambia

- WTO accession
  - UNCTAD has assisted all acceding LDCs
  - In 2017/18, we supported Iraq, Azerbaijan, Comoros and Sudan
And one last thing....

Thank you!