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A year of technical cooperation

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Outline of Presentation (Clusters)

Science, Technology and Innovation, including ICT  
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Transport and Trade Facilitation  
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Cross Divisional Training and Capacity Building  
Cluster 14
Technical cooperation in numbers

Clusters 12, 13, 14 & 15

200+ Workshops and Training courses

75 Operational TA projects
Science, Technology and Innovation including ICT

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Cluster 15

- Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Reviews

STIP Reviews implemented in Latin America

Very positive outcome in recipient countries

- STIP Reviews now in progress in Asia: Oman and Thailand

- Joint programme with the WHO
  - The project looks at local production and innovation to improve access to medicines
  - A capacity building workshop is expected to take place in Ethiopia in November 2013, followed by Kenya, Bangladesh and Nigeria
  - In cooperation with the Division on Investment and Enterprise Development
  - Financed by the European Union
Cluster 13

1. ICT for Development

- Joint project with GIZ and World Information Technology and Services Alliance
- Joint publication on Public Procurement and IT Sector development (with GIZ and BMZ)
- Joint project with ILO on ICTs and women entrepreneurship
2. E-commerce and Law Reform

- Distance learning course for the East African Community
- Workshop on cyber law legislation for 15 members of the Latin America and Caribbean Economic System
- Regional comparative review on e-commerce legislation harmonization with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- A new capacity building project with ECOWAS (legal framework e-transactions, data protection, etc.)
- Impact
  - Increased awareness of law and policy matters
  - The East African Community adopted second phase of the cyber law framework (August 2013)
3. ICT Measurement

- UNCTAD Manual on producing Information Economy Statistics is being translated to support capacity building in Lusophone Countries

- Training workshop for officials for the Islamic Republic of Iran

- Regional capacity building workshops in Algeria, Azerbaijan, Lebanon, Uruguay.

- Partnership on measuring ICT for development: new indicators on gender and ICT, and trade in ICT services

- **Impact**: skills enhancement, and development of better and more relevant ICT indicators
Looking forward

• Close cooperation with other parts of the UN system, academia and private sector

• Science Technology and Innovation
  • STIP Reviews (Follow up on previous Reports, Completion of the Asian Reviews and further Development Account funding)
  • TIR 2012: on formulation of incentives in STI policy for Tanzania.

• Responding to requests for assistance on ICT and law reform and measuring ICT.

• We thank our donors: Finland, Germany, Rep. of Korea, Sweden and the EU

• Add. funding needed to continue supporting follow up activities and respond to new request
Transport and Trade Facilitation

Cluster 12
• Main objectives: improve efficiency of trade logistics through:
  1. Coherent transit systems and trade facilitation
  2. Automation of Customs
  3. Strengthening management of transport operations
  4. Active participation of developing countries in transport and trade facilitation negotiations
  5. Development and implementation of appropriate institutional and legal framework
Four areas of technical assistance projects

1. Assistance and advisory services on trade facilitation

**Project on Implementation Plan for WTO trade facilitation agreements:**
- Assessment of implementation challenges and resource requirements
- Type of support that countries may be needed
- Several sources of finance: Development Account, EU, Norway, Sweden, Bahrain (self-financed)

**OUTPUTS AND IMPACT**
- Increased awareness of the state and implications of WTO trade facilitation agreements
- Project tools reviewed in cooperation with OECD, IMF, WB and WCO.
- Organization of two regional forums for WTO Latin American members
- National Support: e.g., training for Jordan’s national trade and transport facilitation committee
Four areas of technical assistance projects

2. Continuation of advisory services to the Government of Pakistan on trade and transport facilitation

3. Capacity building in the area of transport
   - Technical cooperation agreement signed with the Ethiopian Government
   - Mozambique’s Ministry of Transport and Communications

4. Advisory services on policy and legal issues on transport, such as:
   - Key note speeches and lectures in international conferences and Universities
   - Participation in Workshops on international shipping
   - Some beneficiaries include: the Government of Poland, International Chamber of Shipping, etc.
Technical assistance - ASYCUDA

UNCTAD’s largest technical assistance project

- Wide geographical coverage
- High level of involvement from beneficiary countries
- 60% (approx.) of technical missions are undertaken by experts from ASYCUDA users countries…a sign of regional capacity building
- 200 training sessions have been carried out world wide
Technical assistance - ASYCUDA

Showing impact: increasing revenue

TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED: BELIZE, 2011-2013

Source: Belize Customs & Exercise Department
Looking forward

• Continue integrating national policies into multilateral and regional negotiations in the area of trade facilitation

• Design and implement sustainable and resilient transport systems

• Pursue the development of new technological solutions for Customs Administrations

• Funding:
  • We thank our donors: Norway, Spain, Sweden, European Union, World Bank.
  • Development Account (UN) for transport infrastructure resilience to the impact of climate change

• Needs:
  • To continue the implementation of trade facilitation reforms at national and regional level (next 4 years)
  • For further ASYCUDA system development
Cross-Divisional Training and Capacity Building

Cluster 14
Cluster 14- Train for Trade

- Over 1000 people benefited from TrainForTrade capacity building activities

- These activities were carried out in 36 developing countries, including 11 LDCs

- In 2012-2013, TrainForTrade has been active in:
  - Port management training
  - E-commerce training
  - ICT and knowledge sharing and Development of mobile learning products

- Port training continued providing support to 3 language networks
  - English (Dublin)
  - French (Marseille, Nantes)
  - Spanish (Valencia, Gijon)
Cluster 14- Paragraph 166

Regional courses on *Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda*, reaching **125** policy makers

With the participation of 29 LDCs

Short courses for Geneva-based delegates, with **244** participants

**Innovations**

- Multi-year venue approach is now operational
- *Improvements in our e-learning platforms* have fostered efficiency and improved clients service
Thank you

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