Paraguay in Trade in Services, Service Policy Review of UNCTAD: Recommendations

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Paraguay, a small country located in the center of South America, Mediterranean and a member of MERCOSUR.

Paraguay, the service sector in 2016 have a participation in the GDP 45% approximately.

The principal sector are: telecommunications, financial, construction, tourisms, distribution and transportation (65%)
What Sectors the SPRs in 2014 are analysis?

CONSTRUCTION

FINANCIAL

EDUCATION

TELECOMUNICATIONS
The methodology used in this SPRs experiences in Paraguay

Innovative methodology that involved several people and institutions.

In this selected sectors, was realize proper diagnosis of the legal institutional framework, structure of market and the level of market access.
RECOMMENDATIONS SPRs to Paraguay

CONSTRUCTION

• Promote national policy of urban and territorial planning.
• Promote new legislation
• Institucional Capacity building-system of statistics.
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FINANCIAL

• Promote regulation for new insurance products
• Greater dynamism and targeting capital market liquidity to financial inclusion.
• Reducing intermediation cost to lower interest rate in the market.
• More Long run loan for enterprises
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EDUCATION

• Strengthening institutional MEC
• Improve access to qualified education equals conditions.
• Incorporating scientific and technological contents, programs and teaching methods;
• Regulating virtual education
TELECOMUNICACION

- Specific guidelines for policies and updating regulatory
- Promote APP for wiring optical fiber boost transparency with respect to prices, services and equity practices
- Integrate dispersed laws applicable, e-commerce law, cyber crime, personal data among other
- Correct deficiencies in the enforcement
Actions taken to improve the regulatory structure in Paraguay to Trade In Services

- **Internalization of the Montevideo Protocol on Trade in Services MERCOSUR**

- **Development of an interconnection methodology to collect data from the Services Sectors of the Administrative Registries.**

- **Strengthening of the Registry of Service Providers and National Service Forum of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.**

- **Strengthen the diagnosis of the Academic Curriculum of the Universities through the Agency of Higher Education**

- **Outreach about the necessity and benefits of the qualifications and accreditations of university degrees**
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Development of a law for the Construction Sector

Inside Ministry on Trade: Construction of a national service policy:

- Exchange of experiences with countries of the region through technical visit to the Ministry of Industry of Colombia;
- Identification potential service sectors;
THANKS!!!