Report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to transport and trade facilitation

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Paragraphs 164, 165 and 168:
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Research and Analysis

- Annual Review of Maritime Transport and statistical data as renown references on international transport
- Topical studies on current issues
- Quarterly updates through UNCTAD’s Transport Newsletter
Technical Assistance

- Advisory services and training on transport policies, law and trade facilitation
- Donor financed multilateral, regional and national programmes on trade facilitation implementation
- ASYCUDA is UNCTAD’s largest Technical Assistance programme

Intergovernmental and consensus-building activities

- Multi-Year Expert Meetings
- Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on “Climate change impacts and adaptation: a challenge for global ports” (2011)
- Side event on sustainable freight transport during UNCTAD XIII (2012)
- Collaboration with other UN partners

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Synergies (examples)

Transport

- Consensus building at UNCTAD XIII ↔ side event- Paving the Way for Sustainable Freight Transport, technical assistance through a UNDA project proposal and research/analysis on Sustainable Freight Transport (RMT 2012 Chpt.6).
- Technical assistance to Mozambique on ports ↔ research/analysis on Port Developments (RMT 2012 Chpt.4).

Trade Facilitation and Customs Automation

- Ad Hoc EM on Trade Facilitation in RTAs ↔ Study on the same topic
- Session on Trade Facilitation at the MYEMs ↔ Technical Assistance on Trade Facilitation Implementation
- Experiences with Customs Automation ↔ Advisory services on TF implementation
Legal and regulatory framework

- Research <-> advisory services <-> MYEMs
- Commercial transport law, environmental regulation, maritime and supply-chain security, e.g.
  - New UN Convention on Carriage of Goods: The Rotterdam Rules
  - Liability and Compensation for Ship-Source Oil Pollution (2012)
  - Legal and regulatory developments:
    - Chapter 5 in Review of Maritime Transport
    - Transport Newsletter

Emerging issues affecting transport and trade: energy, environment, security

- Energy and transport costs:
  - MYEMs
  - Oil Prices and maritime freight rates (Empirical Study)
  - RMT
- Maritime and supply-chain security:
  - MYEMs <-> RMTs

Climate change: implications for maritime transport

- MYEM “Maritime Transport and the climate change challenge” (2009)
- Joint UNECE-UNCTAD Workshop: “Climate change impacts on international transport networks” (2010)
- Ad Hoc Expert Meeting “Climate change impacts and adaptation: a challenge for global ports” (2011)
- UNCTAD edited volume “Maritime Transport and the Climate Change Challenge” (2012)
- Review of Maritime Transport
- UNDA Project Proposal: Enhancing adaptive capacity of SIDS in relation to coastal transport infrastructure (2012–...)

Forthcoming Ad Hoc EM
12 December, Geneva

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss possible ways to measure and compare the performance of seaports. Experts will also analyse whether and how indicators could be developed that would help increase transparency. Experts from governments and port authorities, as well as academics and stakeholders from the private sector, will have an opportunity to share information on recent and ongoing research in this area, and to discuss potential future collaborations, including UNCTAD's role in the process.