Item 6: Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars

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Promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars related to transport and trade facilitation and cross-divisional capacity-building

Research and Analysis
Technical assistance
Consensus building

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The 2014 edition of the **Review of Maritime Transport** - UNCTAD’s long-established true flagship publication: Maritime transport statistics and trends. A special chapter covered the maritime transport situation in small island developing states (SIDS)

The quarterly **Transport and Trade Facilitation Newsletter** provides information on latest events and publications + it features selected topical articles.
Two-part report on maritime piracy:
- **An Overview of Trends, Costs and Trade-related Implications** provides figures and statistics describing overall trends in maritime piracy and related crimes.
- **An Overview of the International Legal Framework and of Multilateral Cooperation to Combat Piracy** provides an overview of the contemporary international legal regime for countering piracy, and it identifies key examples of international cooperation in the area.
Research and Analysis

Special report presented at Samoa conference: “Closing the Distance: Partnerships for Sustainable and Resilient Transport Systems in Small Island Developing States”;

Builds on input and guidance from ad hoc expert meeting on “Addressing the transport and trade-logistics challenges of the small island developing States: Samoa Conference and beyond”.

Report on National Trade Facilitation Bodies in the World.

Based on an in-depth analysis of 50 trade facilitation bodies.

First quantitative analysis of existing national trade facilitation bodies.

Online repository of case studies from countries with trade facilitation bodies (interactive map)
UNCTAD has continued and expanded its on-line databases on maritime transport, aimed at supporting evidence-based research, technical cooperation and capacity-building in the area of transport and trade facilitation.
UNCTAD’s country-level Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) 2015 has just been published in its 12th year. The Index provides an indicator of a country’s access to the global liner shipping network and thus to overseas markets for most manufactured goods.

In 2015, UNCTAD has also developed a new bilateral index: the LSCBI
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UNCTAD contributed to several international teaching programmes, including universities, private sector conferences, regional programmes, as well as UNCTAD’s own training programmes such as the P166 and the Port Training programme.
Technical Assistance

UNCTAD assisted numerous member countries in preparing for implementation of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation of the WTO.

With financing provided by the Government of Sweden and the European Union, UNCTAD supported developing countries and least developed countries in the preparation of national trade facilitation implementation plans and programmes.

UNCTAD and the German aid agency GIZ collaborate to provide assistance for the Agreement on Trade Facilitation in the East African Community (EAC).
Overall, UNCTAD trade facilitation projects have an impact on the development of member States in two major ways.

• First, their contribution to development is through the easing of trade. This impact is straightforward and has long been recognized.

• Second – a more direct link to development – the reforms themselves help to generate better quality employment, get small traders into the formal sector, make economic activities more transparent and accountable, promote good governance, strengthen information technology capabilities and generally help modernize societies.
Technical Assistance

Two new technical assistance projects supported by the United Nations Development Account are currently being implemented:

• **Climate change impacts** on coastal transport infrastructure in the Caribbean: enhancing the adaptive capacity of small island developing States.

• Building capacities of developing countries to shift towards **sustainable freight transport**.
UNCTAD continued the **ASYCUDA** implementation, its largest technical assistance programme.

- In total, there were 57 operational ASYCUDA technical assistance projects.
- In 2014, UNCTAD staff and consultants undertook 270 support, training and advisory missions, including 210 training sessions, for an audience of more than 4000 participants.
- Nearly 2000 nationals trained in Afghanistan.
Several new MOUs and partnerships were initiated or signed.

Such framework instruments help ensure the long-term sustainability of the ASYCUDA programme.
Training & capacity building: Port management

**Réseau Francophone**
- Bénin
  - Port Autonome de Cotonou (PAC)
- Sénégal
  - Port Autonome de Dakar (PAD)
- Guinée
  - Port Autonome de Conakry (PAC)
  - Port Autonome de Douala (PAD)
- Cameroun
- Togo
  - Port Autonome de Lomé (PAL)
  - Chambre de Commerce et d’Industrie (CCIT)
- Conseil National des Chargeurs du Togo (CNCT)
- Djibouti
  - Port Autonome International de Djibouti (PAID)
  - Dubai Ports World (DPW)
- Gabon
  - Office des Ports et Rades du Gabon (OPRAG)
- Côte d’Ivoire
  - Port Autonome d’Abidjan (PAA)

**Red de habla Hispánica**
- Guatemala
  - Comisión Portuaria Nacional (CPN)
  - Puerto Quetzal
  - Puerto Santo Tomás de Castilla
- Perú
  - Autoridad Portuaria Nacional (APN)
  - Puerto Del Callao
  - República Dominicana
  - Comisión Presidencial por la Modernización y Seguridad Portuaria (CPMST)

**Partnerships with Ports**
- Beigique
  - Ghent Port Company
- France
  - Grand Port Maritime de Nantes Saint-Nazaire
  - Grand Port Maritime de Marseille
  - Grand Port Maritime de Dunkerque
- España
  - Autoridad Portuaria de Valencia
  - Autoridad Portuaria de Gijón
- Portugal
  - Administração dos Portos do Douro e Leixões
- Ireland
  - Dublin Port Company
  - Port of Cork
  - Belfast Harbour

**Ensino de Lusófona**
- Angola
  - Porto de Amboim
  - Porto de Cabinda
  - Porto de Lobito
  - Porto de Luanda
  - Porto de Namibe
  - Porto de Sãoyo
- Cabo Verde
  - Empresa Nacional de Administração de Portos, ENAPOR
- Guinée - Bissau
  - Administração dos Portos da Guiné-Bissau
  - ADBG

**English-speaking Network**
- Nigeria
  - Nigerian Ports Authority
- Philippines
  - Philippine Ports Authority
- Ghana
  - Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority
- Indonesia
- PELINDO I-II-III and IV
- Malaysia
- Kuantan Port Consortium
- Kuantan Port Authority
- Maldives
- Maldives Ports Limited
- Tanzania
- Tanzania Ports Authority
- Namibia
- Namport
• Activities in all regions
• TrainForTrade Dev. Acc. Project in West Africa (focus on e-commerce):
  – Building Capacities, Developing new technics through technology
  – Building small private online courses (SPOC)
  – 34 tutors have trained 585 participants (116 women) in ECOWAS
  – In total: 737 Participants (162 women) over 2 years project
TrainForTrade shared experiences in e-learning and blended learning, with successful on-line courses in 2014:

- UNOG/SDLS: 24,000 Participants
- WFP: 500 Participants
- OCHA: 500 Participants
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Consensus Building

- Two expert meetings on trade facilitation were organized in 2014.
- In early 2015, UNCTAD co-hosted the annual meeting of the Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade (GFP). The meeting helped coordinate UNCTAD’s technical assistance, aimed at implementing Trade Facilitation reforms, with other international players.
In 2014, the International Year of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), UNCTAD organized important intergovernmental meetings:

• A high-level side event held at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, the Samoa Conference. The event benefited from effective cross-divisional cooperation with the Division on International Trade and Commodities, the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, and collaboration with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

• The third session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation, focusing on transport and trade logistics challenges faced by SIDS.
UNCTAD contributed to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) in Vienna with a joint event with the WTO on “Harvesting the benefits of trade facilitation for landlocked developing countries”.
UNCTAD's flagship course on trade and development

For policymakers

Focus on the links between trade, investment, finance, technology and development.

Aims to enhance understanding of the relationship among these areas and their link to countries’ development strategies.

To equip participants with knowledge and skills for the design and implementation of relevant trade and development policies

Cross-divisional and cross-regional approach in the design of the curricula.

Curricula based on UNCTAD’s research and policy analysis in the areas of trade, finance, investment, technology.
The course is now supported by Governments in the developing regions who provide national experts and logistics and other support.

Multi-year venues are now fully available in Belgrade (Transition Economies); Colombia (LAC); Oman (Western Asia), Mauritius (Africa); and Singapore (Asia-Pacific).

Impact: The course has trained over 670 trade policy officials and academics who now form a network from the five developing regions since 2001.
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Research: **Trade Logistics & Sustainable Development**

- Transport and trade facilitation: Linkages to SDGs
- The geography of trade: Connecting LLDCs, SIDS and other small and vulnerable economies to global transport networks.
- Resilience building: Climate adaptation and proofing.
The way forward

Technical Assistance: Strengthen & Build Capacities

• Ongoing projects on climate change impacts (SIDS) and sustainable transport
• Currently preparing projects with EU, Sweden, UK and Germany:
  – Mainstreaming Trade Facilitation
  – Building institutional capacity for Trade Facilitation Implementation
The way forward

• UNCTAD XIV

• UNCTAD’s work in transport and trade facilitation reforms directly helps achieve SDGs:
  “...provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all”
  “public access to information”
  “a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system under the WTO”
  “effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels”
  “higher levels of productivity of economies through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation”
  “regional and trans-border infrastructure”
  “effective public, public-private, and civil society partnerships”
Thank you

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