

**68th session of the WP on Technical Cooperation,
3-5 September 2014**

**Agenda item 3: Review of the technical cooperation
activities of UNCTAD and their financing**

**Special Unit on Commodities
(SUC)**



Aim of SUC TC activities

- improve the capacity of commodity-dependent developing countries to harness development gains from commodity boom;
- enhance international cooperation to addressing trade and development problems associated with the commodity economy:
 - food security
 - poverty reduction
 - sustainable development challenges.

Summary of TC activities (2012-14)

- **14 technical cooperation activities**
 - 8 activities successfully implemented and completed;
 - 4 activities on-going;
 - 1 in preliminary discussion stage;
 - 1 waiting for funding to move forward.

Annex 1 of the UNCTAD TC report

Responsive

- **Niger: gender dimension incorporated into the 16th African Oil, Gas and Minerals conference;**
- **International Cocoa Organization: convene the meeting on putting into force the International Cocoa Agreement;**
- **Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Mineral and Sustainable Development (IGF): convene the annual general meetings. Oct. 20-24 2014;**
- **Expand the impact of technical cooperation activities across borders: the UNCTAD Iron Ore Market Report translated into Chinese and distributed to China Iron and Steel Association members.**

Collaborative

- ***Mexico's Agriculture Development: Perspectives and Outlook:***
 - at the request from Mexico's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA);
 - worked with DITC and prepared the study;
 - addressed the issue of Mexican agriculture development and policy with an integrated, holistic approach.

Funding

- **Some of our technical activities are extra-budgetary events**
 - **Global Commodities Forum (GCF): previous contributions include Common Funds for Commodities, Switzerland, France, China, ACE-Group, GazNat and Afrexim Bank.**
- **Challenges of seeking steady and sufficient funding to continue extra-budgetary technical cooperation activities.**
- **Support needed so that we can respond to urgent requests for important projects in the area of commodities and development.**

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