Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget (Technical Cooperation)

DTL Clusters 12, 13, 14, 15

A year of Technical Cooperation

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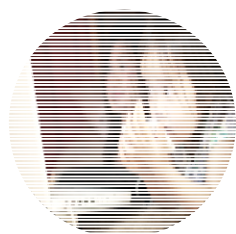UNCTAD**

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Outline of Presentation (Clusters)

Transport and Trade Facilitation — **Cluster 12**

Science, Technology and Innovation, including ICT — **Clusters 13 & 15**

Cross Divisional Training and Capacity Building — **Cluster 14**

Technical cooperation in numbers

200+ Workshops and Training courses

75 Operational TA projects

Clusters 12,13,14 & 15

Transport and Trade Facilitation

Cluster 12

## Trade Logistics Branch

Trade Logistics- 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

1. ## Assistance and advisory services on trade facilitation

COUNTRIES THAT HAVE DRAFTED A NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION IMPLEMENTATION PLANS WITH UNCTAD'S SUPPORT
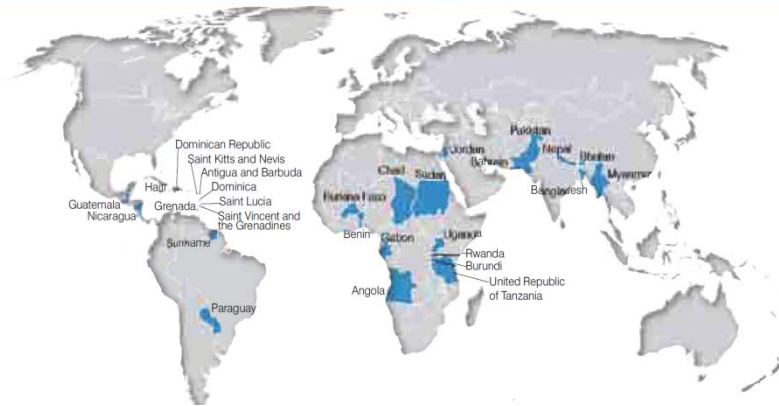
Project on Implementation Plans for the WTO trade facilitation agreement

- Assessment of implementation challenges and resource requirements
- Development of project proposals
- Strengthened national TF committees
- Several sources of finance: EU, Norway, Sweden, United Nations Development Account

These projects were particularly timely in 2013, as they helped participating countries
a) to engage better informed and more actively in the WTO negotiating process leading to the Bali WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) in December 2013, and
b) to be better prepared for the implementation of the TFA

Four areas of technical assistance (cont'd)

2. National projects in the area of transport and trade facilitation
   - Technical cooperation with the Ethiopian Government to support the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Services Enterprise (ESLSE)
   - Trade and Transport Facilitation Project in Pakistan

3. Regional project with UN regional commissions
   - Providing stakeholders in landlocked and transit developing countries with sustainable capacity to improve cross-border and transit transport operations

4. Advisory services on transport-related policy issues and legal matters, including in relation to:
   - Maritime transport and international seaborne trade
   - Climate change impacts on seaports, adaptation needs and climate resilience
   - Sustainable shipping and ship-source oil pollution
   - Externalities of transport and trade

Technical assistance- ASYCUDA

UNCTAD's largest technical assistance project

- **94** Countries and Territories use ASYCUDA

- **40** LDCs , **20** LLDCS, **19** SIDS

- **60%** of technical missions <u>continue to be</u> undertaken by experts from ASYCUDA users countries…a sign of regional capacity building

- **230** training sessions have been carried out worldwide

- **4** MOUs signed: COMESA, ECOWAS, IATA, WCO

Technical assistance- ASYCUDA

Showing impact: decreasing clearance time

Average Clearance Time in Days
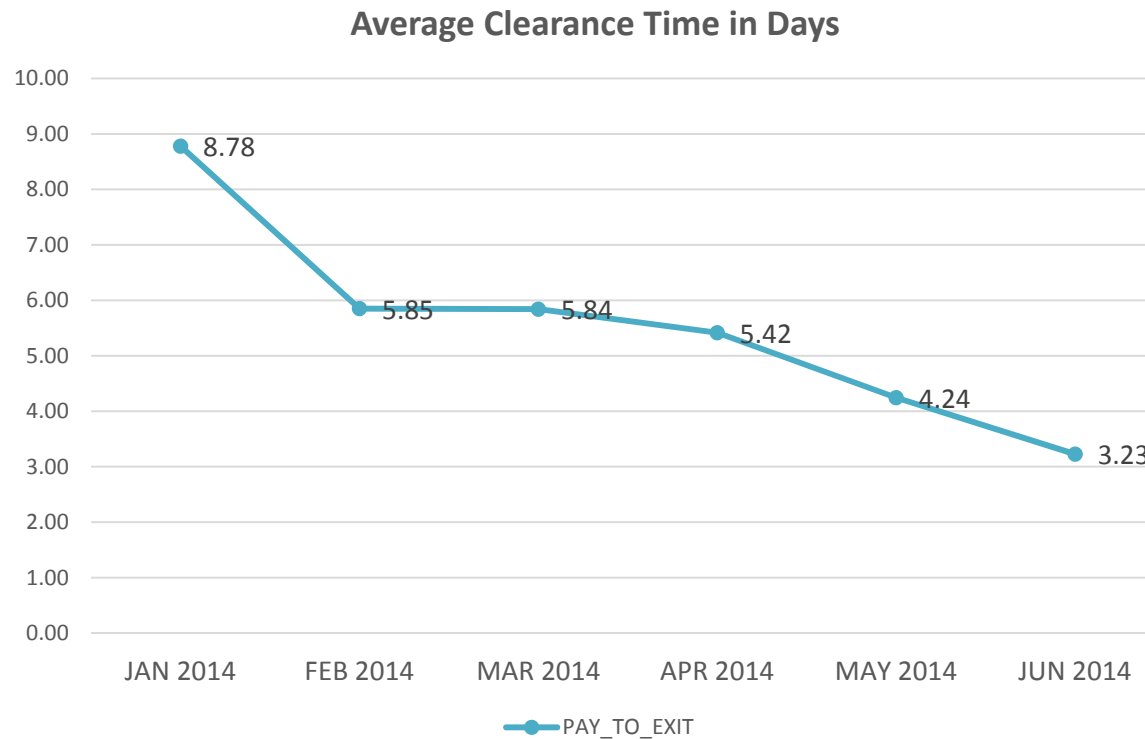
Source: Uganda Revenue Authority – July 2014

Looking forward

- Continue integrating national policies into multilateral an 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)
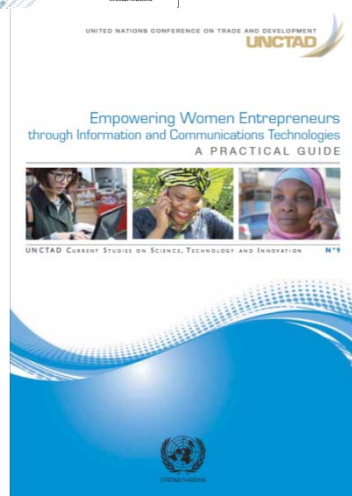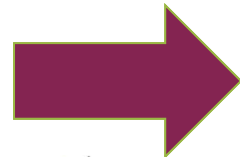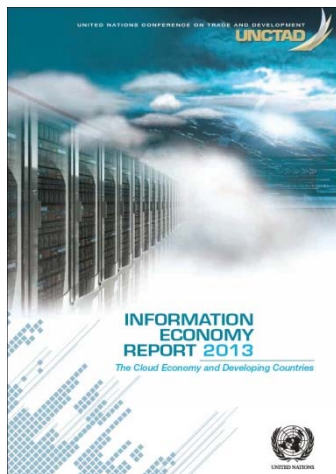 - For further ASYCUDA system development, dissemination and deployment

Science, Technology and Innovation including ICT
Cluster 13 & 15

Science, Technology and Innovation Branch
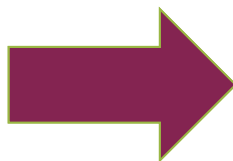
Cluster 13

1. ICT for Development

- Seminar in Addis Ababa on Cloud Computing in collaboration with ECA and Republic of Korea

- Joint project with ILO on ICTs and women entrepreneurship

- *"…the integration of ICTs into the ILO's WED framework conditions brings in a strategic dimension for women entrepreneurs, connecting them to information, financial services, markets, training, saving time, etc."* Joni Simpson, ILO

Cluster 13

2. E-commerce and Law Reform

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Review of e-commerce legislation harmonization in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

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- Continued support to the East African Community

- Regional workshop on cyberlaw harmonization will be held in September 2014 in Ecuador

- Regional comparative review on e-commerce legislation harmonization with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) published in September 2013

- Capacity building for ECOWAS, distance learning and face-to-face tranining

- Impact
  - Increased awareness of law and policy matters
  - New laws adopted in East Africa
  - New requests for assistance, including from Ethiopia

Cluster 13

3. ICT Measurement
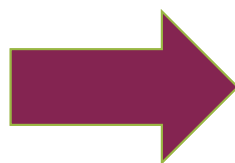
- UNCTAD *Manual on producing Information Economy Statistics* translated into Portuguese and Russian

- Regional training courses for Lusophone countries in Africa and for Latin America

- Partnership on measuring ICT for development: new publication on gender and ICT statistics

- Methodological work on measuring trade in ICT services and ICT-enabled services

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

Cluster 15

3. Science, Technology and Innovation

- Support the development of STI policies through expert assessment and stakeholder dialogue

Leading to policy change in participating countries

- Developing account funding (ongoing Asian project), but need for diversification of support. Pending requests from African countries.

- New training and networking project launched to address policy-making weaknesses identified through STIP Reviews

- Progress in implementation of the European Union (EU) funded joint UNCTAD-WHO project on *Improving access to medical products in developing countries.*

Looking forward

- Deepen cooperation with other parts of the UN system, academia and private sector

- STIP Reviews
  - Supporting follow up to earlier projects
  - Developing additional funding for national and regional projects
  - Progress with capacity-building and networking project

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

- Single Year Expert Meeting on Cyberlaws and Regulation for Enhancing E-commerce, March 2015

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

Cross-Divisional Training and Capacity Building

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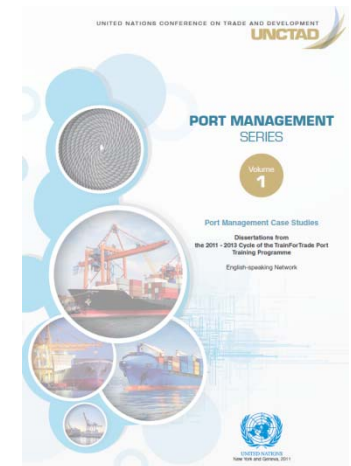
Knowledge Development Branch

Cluster 14- TrainForTrade

- Over **1000** people benefited from TrainForTrade capacity building activities

75%
25%

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

- TrainForTrade has been working on topics:
  - Port Certificate
  - E-commerce (law + practitioners)
  - Productive Capacities, Economic Growth & Poverty Reduction in LDCs
  - Bio-Commerce & Value Chain Development
  - Sustainable tourism

- 9th Advisory Group on: Developing skills, knowledge & capacities through innovation: e-learning, m-learning, c-learning

- Project in Angola in collaboration with UNDP

- Dev. Acc. in West Africa
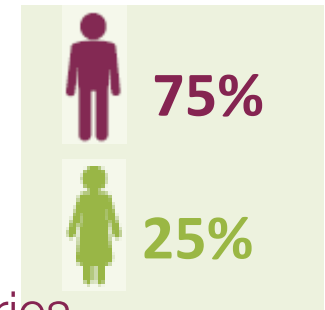
Cluster 14- TrainForTrade

- Port management is active in Asia, Africa & Latin-America & the Caribbean.
  - English (Ghana, Indonesia, Namibia, Nigeria, Philippine and Tanzania)
  - French (Benin, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Gabon, Guinea, Senegal and Togo)
  - Spanish (Dominican Rep., Guatemala, Peru)

  - Training of Trainers, Training of Technical Tutors & Coaching workshop (Dublin, Marseille, Nantes, Valencia, Gijon, Manila, Dakar, Accra)

- Port management series (Vol 1)

- "TrainForTrade programme is putting ports around the world in one village where information becomes power and tools for development and modernization of our ports."
  Hebel Mwasenga (Tanzania Ports Authority)
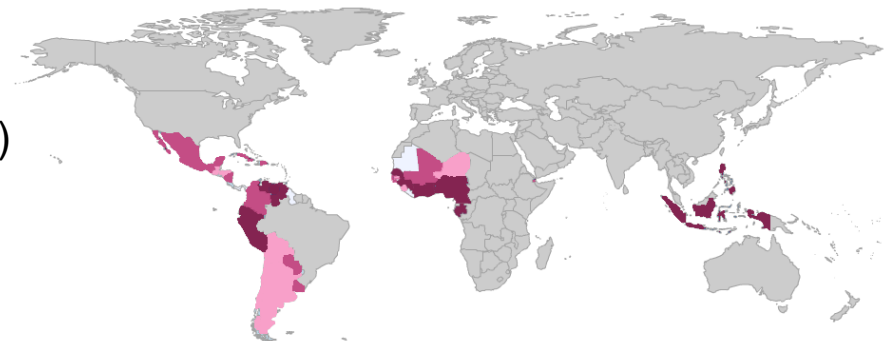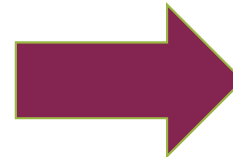
Looking forward TrainForTrade

- Continue to focus on developing skills, knowledge and capacities through innovative development approaches based on a recognised pedagogical method and state-of-the-art technological solutions.

- Continue the expansion of the Port Management Network.

- Pursue the development of new technological solutions to promote knowledge sharing, networking and competence building;

- Funding:
  - **We thank** our donors and partners: Benin, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominican Rep., Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Ireland, Indonesia,France, Finland, Namibia, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Spain, Switzerland, Tanzania, Togo, ACS, ECOWAS, SELA, UNDP
  - Development Account (UN) for West Africa

- Needs:
  - To continue the implementation TrainForTrade project in countries
  - For further e-learning, m-learning system development
  - Develop new topic in relation with the international agenda and need of beneficiary countries

Cluster 14- Paragraph 166

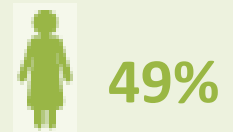**2** Regional courses on *Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda*, reaching **33** policy makers in 2014

48%

52%

3 regional courses planned for 2015
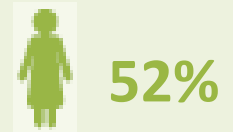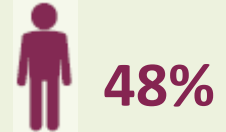
3 Short courses for Geneva-based delegates, with **123** participants

51%

49%

3 short courses are planned for Fall 2014

Cluster 14- Paragraph 166

Innovations

- Multi-year venues are now fully operational in the five developing regions (Mauritius for Africa; Singapore for Asia-Pacific; Serbia for Transition Economies; Colombia for Latin America-Caribbean and Oman for Western Asia)

- This provides ownership by member States and stability in the delivery of this program

- Improvements in our e-learning platforms have fostered efficiency and improved clients service:

- One example is the on-line registration platform for both regional and Geneva short courses

- Another is the on-line feedback system.

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Thank you

ANNEXES

Identification of **financial resources**

Identification and management of the
national STIP review team

2 fact finding missions

70 Interviews

(including 8 round tables)

- in Lima, Iquitos and Arequipa
- with government bodies, research institutes, universities, professional associations, chambers of commerce, experts in science, technology and innovation, companies and NGOs.

Regular consultations with the national counterparts-

i.e. Ministry of Production, National Council of Science and Technology, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Research, analysis, and a careful tailoring of policy recommendations

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Science, Technology & Innovation Policy Review

Peru

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UNCTAD Paragraph 166 Course
Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda

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Short Courses for Geneva-based

Short Courses on Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda
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☐ 7 Mar 2013 - Global income and trade trends: Implications for export opportunities for developing countries (closed)

☐ 9 Apr 2013 - Trade Logistics, Transport, Trade Facilitation and Customs automation: issues and UNCTAD's (closed)

☐ 6 May 2013 - New Generation of Investment Policies for Sustainable Development (closed)

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Session documents

Short courses for Permanent Missions in Geneva
New generation of investment policies for sustainable development
Palais des Nations, Geneva (Room XXII)
Monday, 6 May 2013 (10:00 to 13:00)

Foreign investment is one of the key drivers of economic development and globalization. One way in which countries worldwide seek to attract foreign direct investment is through the conclusion of international investment agreements (IIAs). More than 3,000 IIAs exist today covering around two thirds of global investment flows but at the same time constituting a complex regime with important challenges ahead in order to ensure the achievement of sustainable and inclusive development goals.

This short course aims at raising awareness about the new UNCTAD Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development and the concrete options it offers to policymakers for the design and negotiations of IIAs that effectively promote sustainable development and inclusive growth. It proposes to strengthen the IIA development dimension through the pursuance of clear and explicit clauses, a balance of investors' rights and obligations, including corporate social responsibility principles and the safeguarding of policy space through, among others, coherence with other public policies (for example, climate change, labour, health).

- Programme
- Presenters

Delivered by: Division on Investment and Enterprise Development

Presentations:

- Harnessing FDI for Sustainable Development
- Harnessing FDI for Sustainable Development_II

UNCTAD 27th Regional Course for Africa in Mauritius Registration

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