

Trade and Development Commission 9th session

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

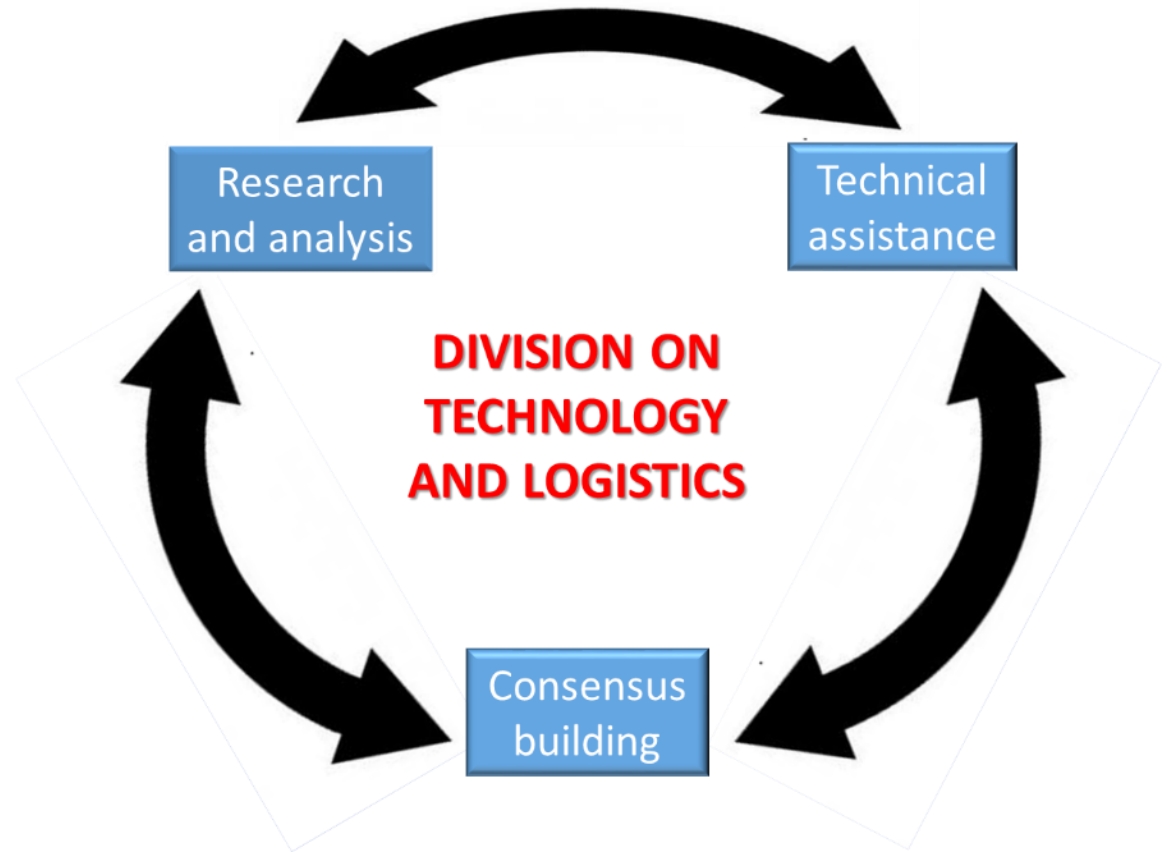


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Synergies among 3 pillars in DTL

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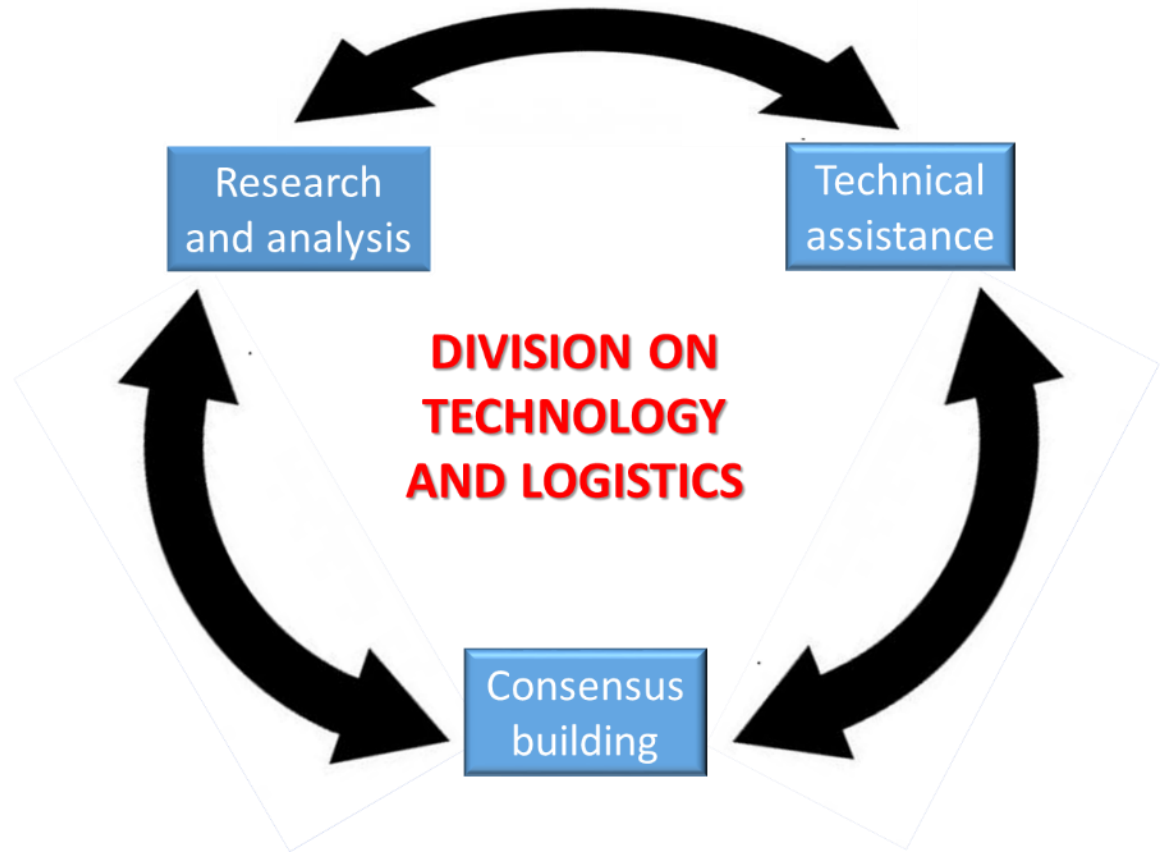
Research	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building	Consensus Building
<p>Review of Maritime Transport 2017</p> <p>Studies and technical notes on transport and trade facilitation</p> <p>Liner Shipping Connectivity Indices and Online Maritime Country Profiles</p> <p>Repository on National Trade Facilitation Committees</p>	<p>ASYCUDA</p> <p>Empowerment Programme for National Trade Facilitation Committees</p> <p>Advisory services for the implementation of the TFA</p> <p>Support to National Trade Facilitation Committees</p> <p>Capacity building in sustainable and resilient transport</p> <p>TrainForTrade and P166</p>	<p>MYEM on Trade logistics and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda</p> <p>COP 22 and 23 - joint side events</p> <p>Global Sustainable Transport Conference, Ashgabat</p> <p>Regional collaboration on TF e.g. in the Eastern African Community</p> <p>Ad Hoc EM on Measuring Shipping Connectivity and Performance</p>
		

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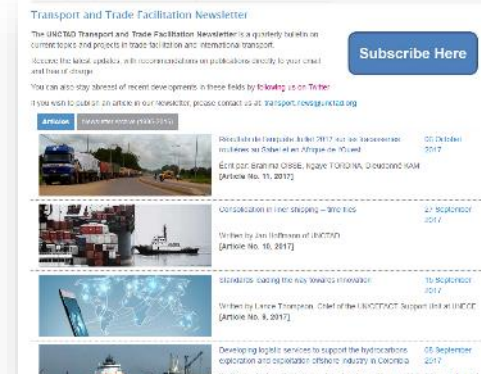


Review of Maritime Transport 2017- UNCTAD's long-established true flagship publication: special chapter on connectivity

Studies on transport and trade facilitation and ongoing research: maritime cabotage and connectivity, international legal framework on road safety, Port-Industry Survey on Climate Variability and Change, Potential of intelligent transport systems for freight road transport, PPP in transport

Transport and Trade Facilitation Newsletter: sectoral trends, emerging issues and challenges, country experiences and useful resources

UNCTAD **on-line databases on maritime transport:** support evidence-based research, technical cooperation and capacity-building in the area of transport and trade facilitation



Research and Analysis



UNCTAD's on-line **maritime country profiles**: overview of the maritime transport and industry of all UN Member States

UNCTAD's country-level Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (**LSCI**) 2017 tracks a countries' access to global liner shipping network

New **technical note** provides IMPORTANT step-by-step guidelines to countries for actions following the entry into force of the **WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement**, which creates new obligations and opportunities

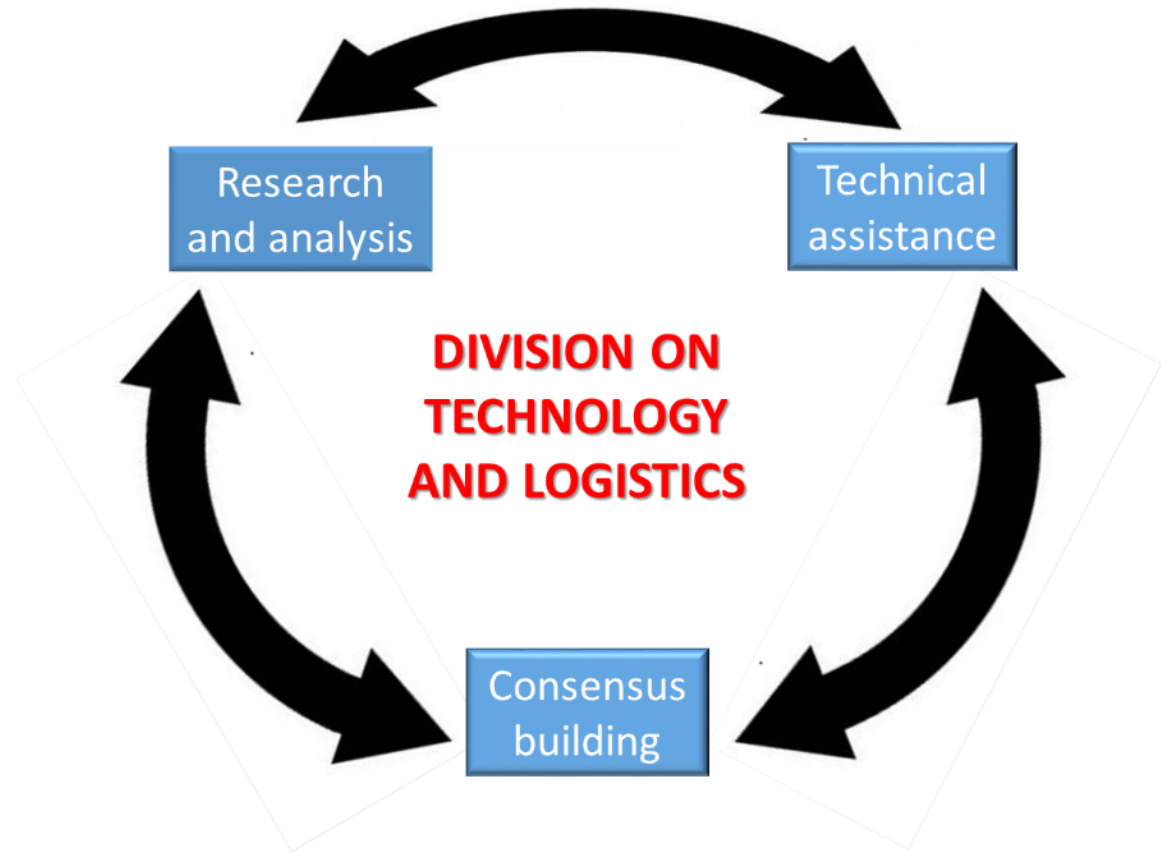


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Technical assistance: ASYCUDA



Objective

Modernization of customs through: (i) reform of legislation and procedures; and (ii) application of state-of-the-art IT and proven customs field experience to speed up and simplify the goods clearance process

98 ASYCUDA countries & territories, with Turkmenistan being the latest to join this year



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- **Largest TC programme of UNCTAD** (\$18.6 million , accounting for 56% of total TC listed in toolbox)
- **Benefits:**
 - Reduction in goods clearance time and increase in revenue collection
 - Increased availability of timely and accurate statistical data for use by various Government institutions and stakeholders in general
 - Delivery of comprehensive capacity building programmes for system sustainability
 - Strengthen collaboration with trade facilitation stakeholders
- 71 operational ASYCUDA technical assistance projects
- Last year, 330 missions, including 235 training sessions, for an audience of more than **2,200 participants**

Technical Assistance: ASYCUDA



ASYCUDA impacts in figures:



- In **Rwanda**: Time taken to clear goods decreased from 11 days in 2010 to 34 hours in 2014
- **Bangladesh** processes up to 60,000 e-documents a day through ASYCUDA-- which compares to volumes seen in some developed countries (August 2017)
- **Mauritania** the first country to use ASYCUDA in 1981, enjoys continuous benefits--revenue collected increased by 15% between in 2015 and 2016
- **Haiti** in 2014-1015: revenue collected increased by 27%, an extra US\$ 180 Million

Examples of interagency cooperation:

Implementation of MOUs signed with :

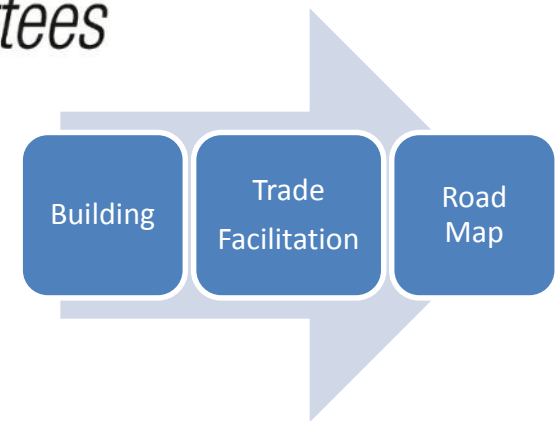
- **WCO**: ASYPM module has been deployed in 5 countries
- **IATA**-ASYCUDA e-manifest data exchange was piloted in Jamaica in 2017
- **OCHA**-ASYCUDA relief consignments module was piloted in Nepal in 2017



Technical Assistance: Trade Logistics



UNCTAD EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME *for National Trade Facilitation Committees*



- 50+ beneficiary countries in UNCTAD TF technical assistance
- 20+ countries in UNCTAD Empowerment Programme for TF Committees
- Trained 1200+ participants in 2017
- 1/3 of the trained were women
- 95 % of participants improved TF know-how
- Created NTFCs, improved their sustainability
- Assisted with 10+ TFA Ratifications, Notifications
- Program was supported by



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Growing Prosperity Through Trade

Technical Assistance: Trade Logistics



"Building capacities of developing countries to shift towards sustainable freight transport"

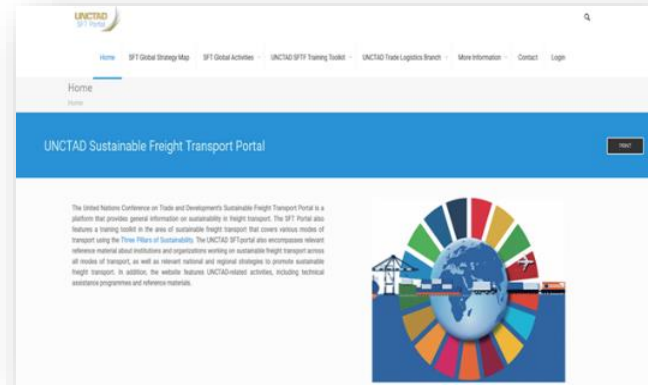
Beneficiaries: East Africa (incl. 2 transport corridors) and Caribbean region

- UNCTAD Framework for Sustainable Freight Transport
- Web platform (SFT Portal)
- Training toolkit on SFT, Green Freight and Finance (PPP)

"Climate change impacts on coastal transport infrastructure in the Caribbean: Enhancing the adaptive capacity of SIDS"

Target: critical transport infrastructure in SIDS (ports and airports)

- enhance the adaptive capacity at the national level (case studies in Jamaica and St Lucia)
- Develop a transferable methodology for assessing climate-related impacts and adaptation options in Caribbean SIDS
- National capacity-building workshops (May 2017), regional dissemination workshop in Barbados (December 2017)



Technical Assistance: TrainForTrade Programme



- Active in 77 countries
- 100 workshops delivered every year
- Port management series published every year
- Over 5000 professionals trained (~30% women)
- 30 donors (80% are also beneficiaries)
- **Themes:** Port Management, E-commerce, Energy and Environment, International Merchandise Trade Statistics, International Trade in Service Statistics, Sustainable Tourism, Consumer Protection.
- In collaboration with other UNCTAD programmes

Port Management Programme

Supports port communities quest for efficient and competitive port management services to increase trade flows and foster sustainable economic development



Objective

Build sustainable networks of knowledge to promote transparency and good practices

- Encourage development-oriented trade policy to reduce poverty
- Promote ICT solutions and innovative thinking to enhance capacities of international trade players

Technical Assistance

Course on Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda – P166



Output

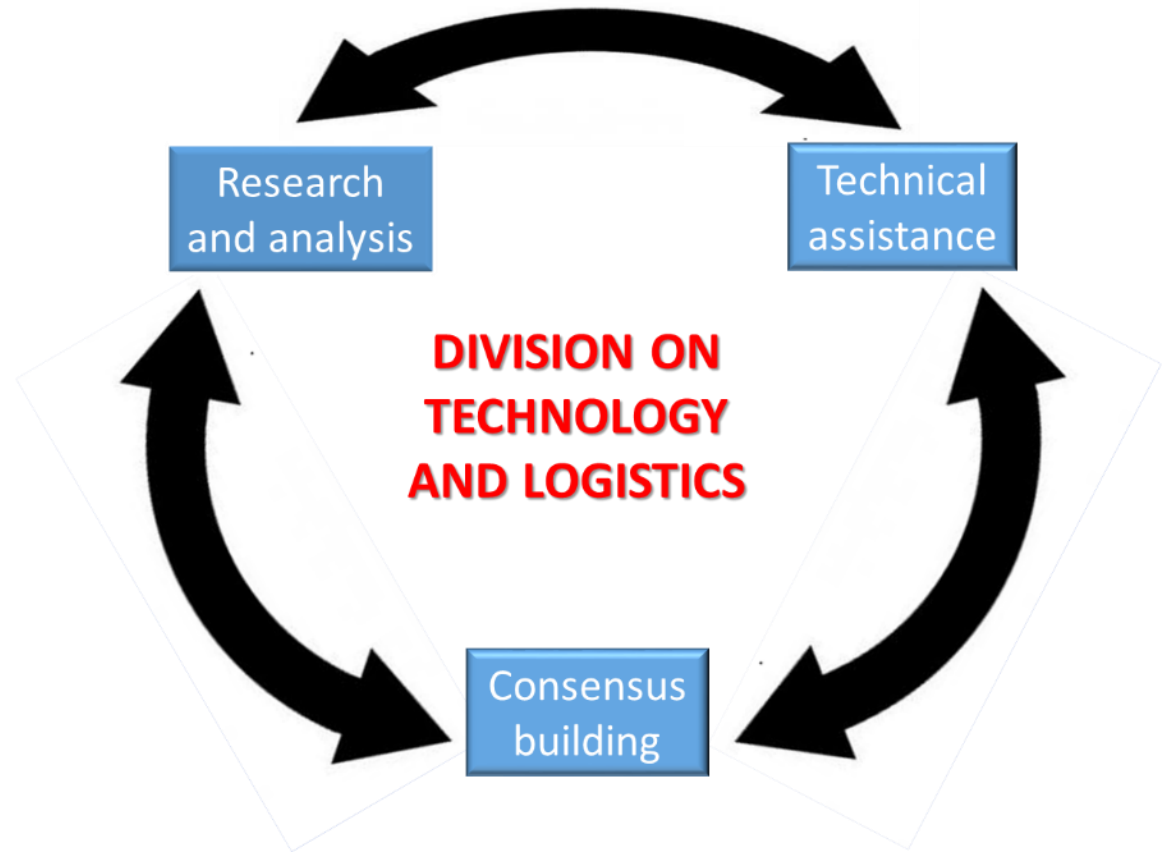
- 6 Short courses for Geneva-based delegates in 2016 and 3 in the first half of 2017 (3 in second half)
- 3 regional courses for Eastern Europe, the Arab region and Africa
- Regional course for Latin America and the Caribbean just completed
- Regional course for Asia Pacific coming in November 2017

Objective

- address analytical and policy challenges faced by policy makers, Geneva-based delegates and other stakeholders from developing and transition economies face in promoting sustainable development
- Provide policymakers with a better understanding of the interrelated issues in the areas of trade, investment, finance and technology; and how to participate and derive gains from trade and investment negotiations

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Partnerships & consensus building



- 1st **International Forum for NTFCs**, 300+ delegates from 70 countries (organized by UNCTAD in partnership with other agencies)

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES

Boosting capacities and partnerships for implementation

PREMIER FORUM INTERNATIONAL SUR LES COMITÉS NATIONAUX DE FACILITATION DES ÉCHANGES

Renforcement des capacités et des partenariats pour la mise en œuvre

23-27 January / Janvier 2017

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Partnerships & Consensus building



Mainstreaming **sustainable and climate-resilient freight transport** in relevant policy and decision-making processes with international partners:

- COP-22 and 23: side-events on Sustainable Freight Transport, Trade and Climate Change, Climate Change adaptation in ports
- **Global Sustainable Transport Conference**, Ashgabat (Nov. 17): session on multimodal corridors, presentation on Climate Change and resilient Transport
- 5th session of the Multiyear **Expert Meeting** on Transport, Trade Facilitation and Trade Logistics: Trade Logistics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Oct. 2017
- Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on **maritime statistics** in Geneva in May 2017, in partnership with the International Maritime Statistics Forum
- Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on **trade facilitation** in Indonesia in October 2017, in partnership with ESCAP

Partnerships & Consensus building



- Contributions to the **UN Ocean's Conference** (issue and technical notes on Sustainable Shipping and Maritime Transport, Resilient Port Infrastructure)
- Improving transport and transit corridors and connectivity in LLDCs, including within the **Vienna Programme of Action** for LLDCs. Example: work on sustainable freight transport corridors in EAC
- Improving shipping connectivity and providing access to SIDS, including within the **Samoa Pathway** for SIDS. Example: Discussions on development of port performance indicators and sustainable freight transport benchmarks
- **Partnership** with academic and international organizations, including International Ocean Institute, International Institute for the management of Logistics, Free Zones of the Americas, University of Plentzia, UN Regional Commissions, AU, ICAO, IAPH, IsDB, FIATA, ITF, PIANC, Trapca, UNDP, UNEP, Global Maritime Forum, SLOCAT, Clean Air Coalition, IAME, Portopia



Thank you for your attention!

Q&A