

Trade and Development Commission
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Promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars of work related to Transport and Trade Facilitation



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An overview of the three pillars



Research & analysis

- Review of Maritime Transport & package
- Research collaboration with IMO on impact of decarbonization proposals on developing countries
- Transport cost database
- ASYCUDA compendium of good practices
- TFT Port Management Series
- Policy Briefs and Technical Notes
- Transport and Trade Facilitation Newsletter

Technical cooperation

- Rapid response to COVID-19 in trade logistics
- DA project in transport and trade connectivity in pandemic
- ASYCUDA
- Trade Facilitation Empowerment Programme
- Technical cooperation in transport
- TrainForTrade, including Port Management Programme



Consensus building

- Trade and Development Commission
- MYEMs on Transport and Trade Facilitation: Climate Change Adaptation for Seaports in Support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Support to GA resolution on seafarers
- Support IMO negotiations on ship decarbonization through research inputs

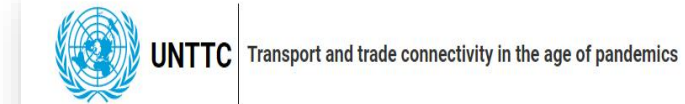
Rapid response against COVID-19: 3-pillar approach

- ▶ Analytical and normative work
 - ▶ 10 Point Action Plan for trade facilitation
 - ▶ Operational guidelines for Customs
 - ▶ SoPs for port management
 - ▶ Tracking economic impact through near real time data on shipping
- ▶ Emergency advisory services and capacity building; Deployment of e-learning and remote cooperation
- ▶ Support to GA resolution on sea-farers

The image displays a collage of UNCTAD publications and resources. At the top, logos for ASYCUDA (Automated Systems for Customs Data) and UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) are visible. The central focus is a cover for a 'POLICY BRIEF' titled 'ADAPTING THE USE OF ASYCUDA WORLD TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION: GUIDELINES TO CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS'. The brief is dated April 2020 and includes a 'Key points' section and a 'Challenges for international trade logistics' section. Below this, there is a red banner with the text 'HOW COUNTRIES CAN LEVERAGE TRADE FACILITATION TO DEFEAT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC'. To the right, another banner reads 'COVID-19 and maritime transport: Impact and responses'. At the bottom, there is a 'TRAIN FOR TRADE' logo and a 'PORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19' banner. The bottom-most section features a photograph of a meeting with a 'BENIN' nameplate and a 'TECHNICAL NOTE' titled 'Port Responsiveness in the fight against the "invisible" threat: COVID-19'. Navigation links for 'COURSE REGISTRATION' and 'ACCESS YOUR COURSES' are also present.

UN-wide project on transport and trade connectivity during the pandemic

- ▶ DTL spearheaded Development Account Project with all UN Regional Commissions
- ▶ **Objective:** keep transport networks and borders operational to facilitate flow of goods and services, while containing spread of COVID-19
- ▶ **Activities:** 1) implement digital, contactless trade solutions, 2) promote smooth cross-border trade and transport operations, 3) strengthen regional cooperation for policy response to COVID-19



About Partners Highlights Contact

Working together to better respond to pandemics through resilient supply chains, transport and trade.



Contactless solutions

It aims at minimizing physical contact among people in cross-border supply chains by facilitating the flow of goods without spreading the virus.



Seamless connectivity

It focuses on eliminating obstacles to cross-border trade and transport operations arising from the COVID-19 crisis.



Collaborative solutions

It seeks to strengthen regional and sectoral cooperation to facilitate joint actions and solutions in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

News

11 December 2020



E-learning courses for National Trade Facilitation Committees

20 November 2020



Monitoring the Transport Policy Response to COVID-19 along the Regional Transport Network in Asia and the Pacific

BUILDING PORT RESILIENCE AGAINST PANDEMICS

Building Port Resilience Against Pandemics (BPR)

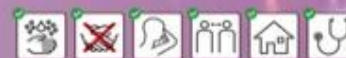


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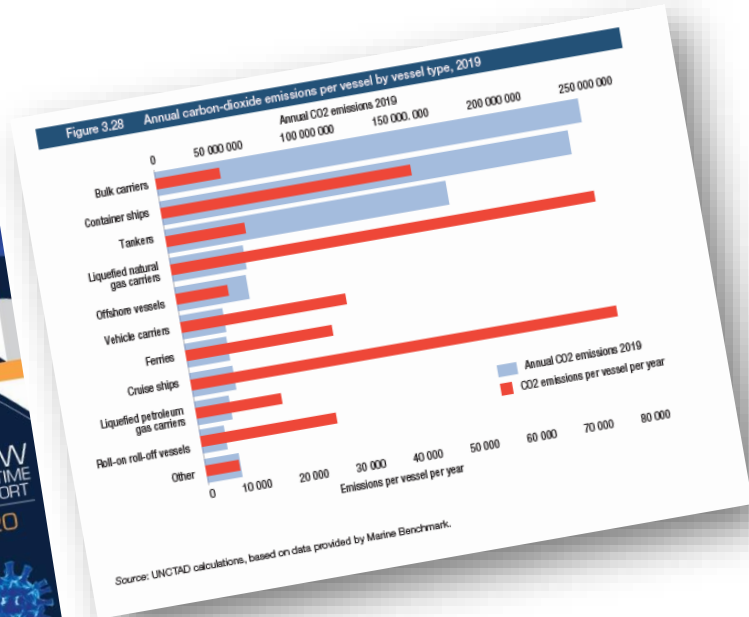


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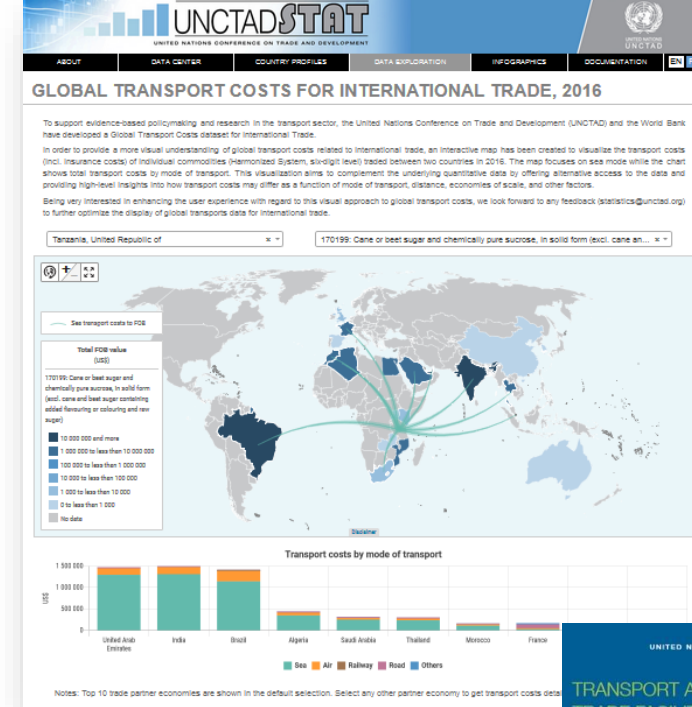
Research: The Review of Maritime Transport package

- ▶ Special focus on COVID-19:
The perfect storm
 - ▶ Pandemic, climate change and technology transform the sector
- ▶ On-line statistics, maritime country profiles and near real-time data
- ▶ 2020 focus:
seafarer's situation, SIDS, digitization



Research in trade logistics

- ▶ The energy transition in maritime transport: Supporting the IMO negotiations through impact assessments of decarbonization measures
- ▶ Launched in 2020: Global Transport Cost Database with World Bank, IMO
- ▶ SIDS focus: Transport costs, connectivity and climate vulnerability
- ▶ Trade and Transport Facilitation Series
- ▶ Newsletter and blogposts



Research: ASYCUDA

Sharing policy lessons of 40 years field experience

- ▶ ASYCUDA compendium 2020: Partnerships for Sustainable Development
 - ▶ Good practices 25 countries and RECs
- ▶ Supporting trade policy through a whole of government approach: E-Single Window--what to do and what not to (joint research with TLB, forthcoming)
- ▶ ASYCUDA lessons highlighted in UNCTAD flagships
 - ▶ ALDC Report 2020--how mining tracking system MOSES in Zambia reduce illicit financial flows
 - ▶ TIR 2021--successful e-government initiatives
 - ▶ Commodity Report 2021--role of digital technologies for diversification
- ▶ Research on blockchains for trade logistics



The implementation of ASYCUDAWorld in El Salvador has allowed the interconnection of national and regional institutions

Situation

El Salvador Customs identified the need for a platform that centralizes information exchange, interconnects trade national and regional entities' systems while improving security of data exchange.



Technical cooperation: ASYCUDA



- ▶ Largest technical cooperation programme of UNCTAD
- ▶ ASYCUDA in over 100 countries
 - ▶ New user-countries: Gambia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Sierra Leone, Tuvalu
- ▶ 79 operational projects in 2020; 8 regional projects
- ▶ Recent results
 - Lebanon: 350+ containers processed through ASYCUDAWorld in Beirut Port 1 day after the blast
 - Sudan: 30% reduction of Customs clearance time and 48% increase in Customs revenue

Customs annual revenue evolution
(Billion of Angolan kwanza)



Technical cooperation: ASYCUDA

Moving beyond Customs

- ▶ E-Single Window: supporting Burundi, Comoros, Haiti, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Rwanda, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Vanuatu
- ▶ ASYHUB with GiZ: Interface to facilitate pre-arrival processing of sea cargo manifests. Pilot rolled out in Cambodia, Sri Lanka, involving maritime operators
- ▶ ASYPCD (ASYCUDA Postal Customs Declaration) with UPU: connects customs and postal systems to address massive surge in eCommerce
 - ▶ Piloted in Gibraltar and to be implemented in Georgia, under discussions in other regions
- ▶ ECOWAS: SIGMAT project interconnecting customs and automate transit in the region
 - ▶ + 111% of transit documents (T1) processed for corridor Abidjan-Ouagadougou (Sept. 2019 - Sept.2020)

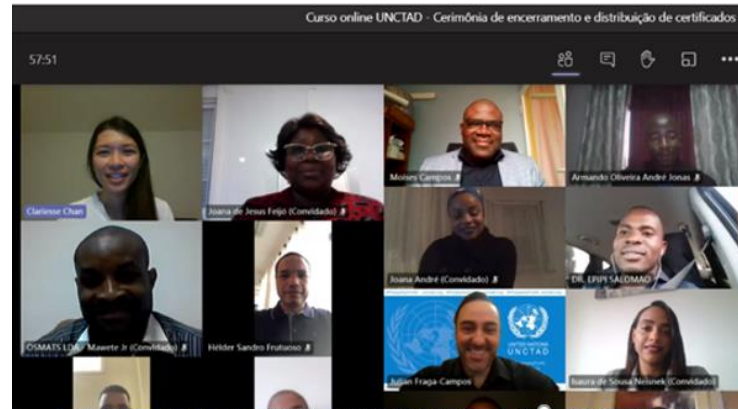


Technical cooperation in Trade Facilitation

- ▶ 50+ beneficiary countries
- ▶ Projects in Central, Eastern and Southern Africa, Latin America and Asia-Pacific
- ▶ In 2020, 95%+ assistance delivered online in response to COVID-19
- ▶ New e-learning and blended capacity building in EN, ES, FR, PT
 - Trained 500+ participants through e-learning and webinars in 2020
- ▶ Support and advisory services on ratification, notifications

and implementation of WTO TFA and regional agreements, e.g. AfCFTA

- ▶ Support for COVID-19 response, e.g. Rapid Scans in TF for Crisis Preparedness



Technical cooperation: Transport

- ▶ Development of a regional corridor management mechanism for the Trans-Saharan Road Corridor (with IsDB)
 - Reviewed the needs
 - Proposed management mechanism for the corridor
 - Proposed action plan for implementation



- ▶ Climate change impacts on coastal transport infrastructure: enhancing the adaptive capacity of Small Island Developing States
 - UNCTAD/UNEP project on “Climate resilient transport infrastructure for sustainable trade, tourism and development in SIDS”

Intergovernmental dialogue and consensus building

- ▶ Supported GA resolution on seafarers, and UNCTAD SG call for action to protect seafarers, keep ports open
- ▶ Support IMO negotiations on maritime decarbonization through comprehensive impact assessments
- ▶ MYEMs on Transport and Trade Facilitation on Climate Change Adaptation for Seaports in Support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development





UNCTAD 15 BARBADOS

Trade logistics towards UNCTAD XV

- ▶ 1. COVID-19 demonstrated vital importance of keeping ships moving, ports open and cross-border trade flowing, while ensuring health control at borders:
 - ▶ Efficient trade logistics critical for recovery and beyond
- ▶ 2. Maritime transport is emerging as a strategic sector: COVID-19, new technologies, climate change, energy transition/decarbonization will have major impacts on developing countries including SIDS
 - ▶ UNCTAD's maritime work needs strengthening



Thank you

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