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Since its foundation more than 50 years ago, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – UNCTAD – has been a key partner supporting countries in meeting their development objectives. UNCTAD has helped countries in the pursuit of shared prosperity by backing policymaking with sound research and analysis, providing a forum for open and constructive dialogue on development issues, and providing technical support to make a difference on the ground.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals aim to ensure dignity for all, prosperity for all and a sustainable planet for all. Sustainable development is at the heart of the work of UNCTAD. UNCTAD provides high-quality and evidence-based analysis that feeds national, regional and international policies with the aim of generating inclusive sustainable development. Based on such analysis, UNCTAD technical assistance builds the capacities needed in developing countries and countries with economies in transition for equitable integration into the interconnected, global economy and to improve the well-being of their populations. It does so in a non-standardized, flexible and customizable way. UNCTAD technical cooperation is tailored to the needs of its beneficiaries; involves donors, partners and other stakeholders; and aims to achieve concrete, measurable results, to be disseminated and shared with stakeholders, in particular countries with similar needs.

The technical cooperation products presented in the *UNCTAD Toolbox* also aim to multiply the intended effects by adopting integrated approaches and coordinating technical cooperation operations both internally and with other stakeholders.

The *UNCTAD Toolbox* contains information on our technical cooperation products that can assist countries in putting in place the policies, regulations and institutional frameworks and in mobilizing the resources needed to fulfil the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UNCTAD stands ready to help developing countries and countries with economies in transition achieve the world we want by 2030.

UNCTAD delivers results. We count on our partners to help bring about the ambitious transformations that, together, we can deliver.

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Dignity for all, prosperity for all and a sustainable planet for all

PRODUCTS IN THE *UNCTAD TOOLBOX*

Transforming economies, fostering sustainable development

- Investment Policy Reviews **8 17**
- Services Policy Reviews **8 9**
- Trade Policy Framework Reviews **17**
- Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Reviews **9**
- E-commerce and the Digital Economy **8 9 17**
- Investment Guides **9 17**
- Non-tariff Measures **8 17**
- Trade Negotiations **10**
- Sustainable Trade and the Environment **8 17**
- Investment Promotion and Facilitation **9 17**

Tackling vulnerabilities, building resilience

- Support to Graduation from Least Developed Country Status **8**
- DMFAS – Debt Management and Financial Analysis System **17**
- UNCTAD Contribution to the Enhanced Integrated Framework **9 17**
- Market Access, Rules of Origin and Geographical Indications for the Least Developed Countries **8 10 17**
- Breaking the Chains of Commodity Dependence **8 9**
- Sustainable and Resilient Transport **8 9**

Fostering economic efficiency, improving governance

- Competition and Consumer Protection Policies and Frameworks **8 10**
- Voluntary Peer Reviews of Competition and Consumer Protection Laws and Policies **8 10**
- Business Facilitation **8 16**
- Trade Facilitation **10 16**
- ASYCUDA – Automated System for Customs Data **9**
- Statistics **17**
- Corporate Accounting and Reporting **12 17**
- Investment and Public Health **3 9**
- International Investment Agreements **17**

Empowering people, investing in their future

- Trade, Gender and Development **5 8**
- Entrepreneurship Development **4 8**
- Train for Trade **8 9**

PARTNERING WITH UNCTAD

Governments, international institutions – including international and regional development finance institutions – and other public and private entities wishing to become a partner of UNCTAD and provide funding for its technical cooperation activities are welcome to contact the Technical Cooperation Section of UNCTAD. The Technical Cooperation Section can provide further information on technical cooperation work and funding needs and can organize meetings, and/or correspond in writing as necessary, in order to define the scope and areas of an eventual agreement with a partner.

Contact details

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The annual reports on UNCTAD technical cooperation work, as well as up-to-date information on publications, technical cooperation projects and meetings, can be found on the UNCTAD website at unctad.org.

HOW TO REQUEST TECHNICAL COOPERATION

A State member of UNCTAD or a regional institution wishing to obtain technical cooperation from the UNCTAD secretariat should submit a formal request. Formal requests refer to official letters, or emails in exceptional cases, from relevant authorities in beneficiary countries or regions, addressed to the UNCTAD secretariat and requesting UNCTAD technical cooperation.

Key elements in a formal request

A formal request for UNCTAD technical cooperation should usually include the following key information:

- Requesting country
- Requesting authority and contact details
- Request date
- Main areas where UNCTAD technical cooperation is requested or main *UNCTAD Toolbox* product(s) requested
- Reasons for which UNCTAD technical cooperation is requested
- How UNCTAD technical cooperation can contribute to the national development strategy
- Source of funding

Member States and regional organizations are requested to provide complete information with respect to the above-mentioned elements. If necessary, the Technical Cooperation Section can provide further information on the technical cooperation work of UNCTAD, including its technical cooperation products, and can organize meetings to provide advice on the preparation of formal requests.

Clearance and uploading of a formal request

Upon receipt of a request, the UNCTAD secretariat will verify whether all the key information has been provided; designate the responsible division(s); ensure that the scope of UNCTAD technical cooperation is clearly defined; and clarify the budget information and funding status. In consultation with the requesting country or organization, the UNCTAD secretariat may consider organizing additional meetings and/or sending a fact-finding mission, if funding is available, in order to better define its technical cooperation activities.

Upon clearance by the UNCTAD secretariat, the request will be uploaded to the online request database on the UNCTAD website, at unctad.org under projects. If there are requests for which funds are not fully secured, UNCTAD will seek to support beneficiary countries in their efforts to mobilize the funds necessary for implementation of the project.

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