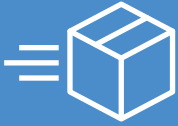


UNCTAD TRANSIT COORDINATORS

Empowerment Programme



UNCTAD developed this programme for national transit coordinators to build national expertise on regional and international transit issues in developing and least developed countries

Article 11 of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) states that countries “shall endeavour to appoint a national transit coordinator to which all enquiries and proposals by other Members relating to the good functioning of transit operations can be addressed.”



OBJECTIVES



IMPLEMENTING THE WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT: ARTICLE 11

The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) seeks to clarify and improve relevant provisions of the GATT, including Article V on Freedom of Transit. The WTO TFA Article 11 guarantees and operationalizes freedom of transit for goods with specific measures regulations, formalities, documentation requirements, and customs controls in connection with traffic in transit.



RAISING AWARENESS ON THE ROLE OF NATIONAL TRANSIT COORDINATOR

UNCTAD seeks to raise awareness on the role of appointing national transit coordinators to operationalize freedom of transit by facilitating collaboration and communication with neighboring countries. UNCTAD also encourages countries to notify their contact points for their national transit coordinators.



PROMOTING COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ON TRANSIT

UNCTAD's programme aims at encouraging partner countries' compliance with international instruments on transit by increasing understanding of participants on the benefits of those Conventions and practical tools for transit facilitation.



FOSTERING REGIONAL COOPERATION ON TRANSIT

UNCTAD's programme for national transit coordinators seeks to foster regional cooperation to reap maximum benefit from implementing transit facilitation measures. Freedom of transit requires close collaboration and customs cooperation, including at the regional level.