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and the Programme Budget
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**Review of the Technical
Cooperation Activities of UNCTAD
and Their Financing**

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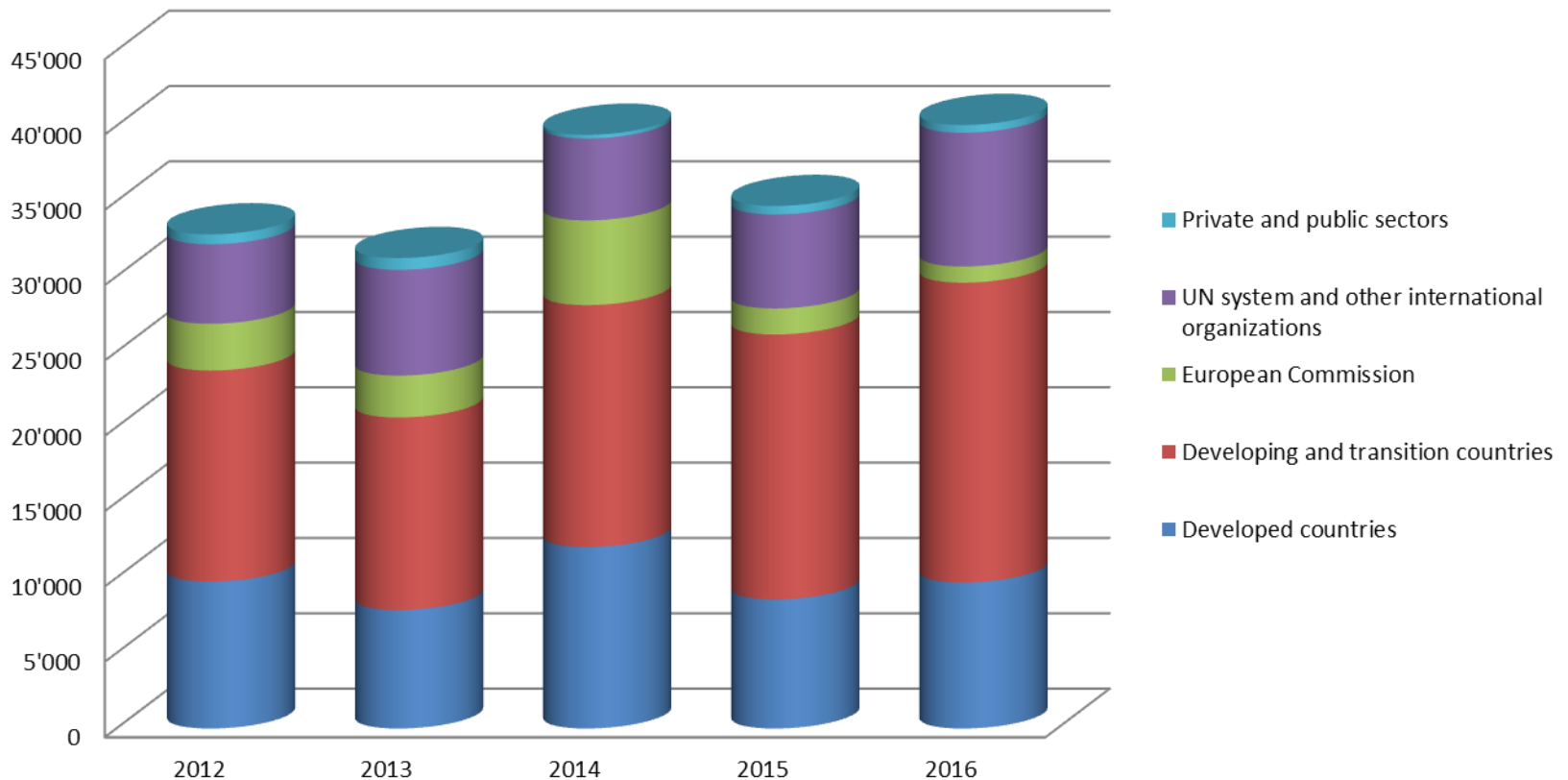
Presentation Outline

- ❑ TC Funding sources
- ❑ Expenditures and allocation of TC resources
- ❑ Structure and functioning of TC
- ❑ Way forward



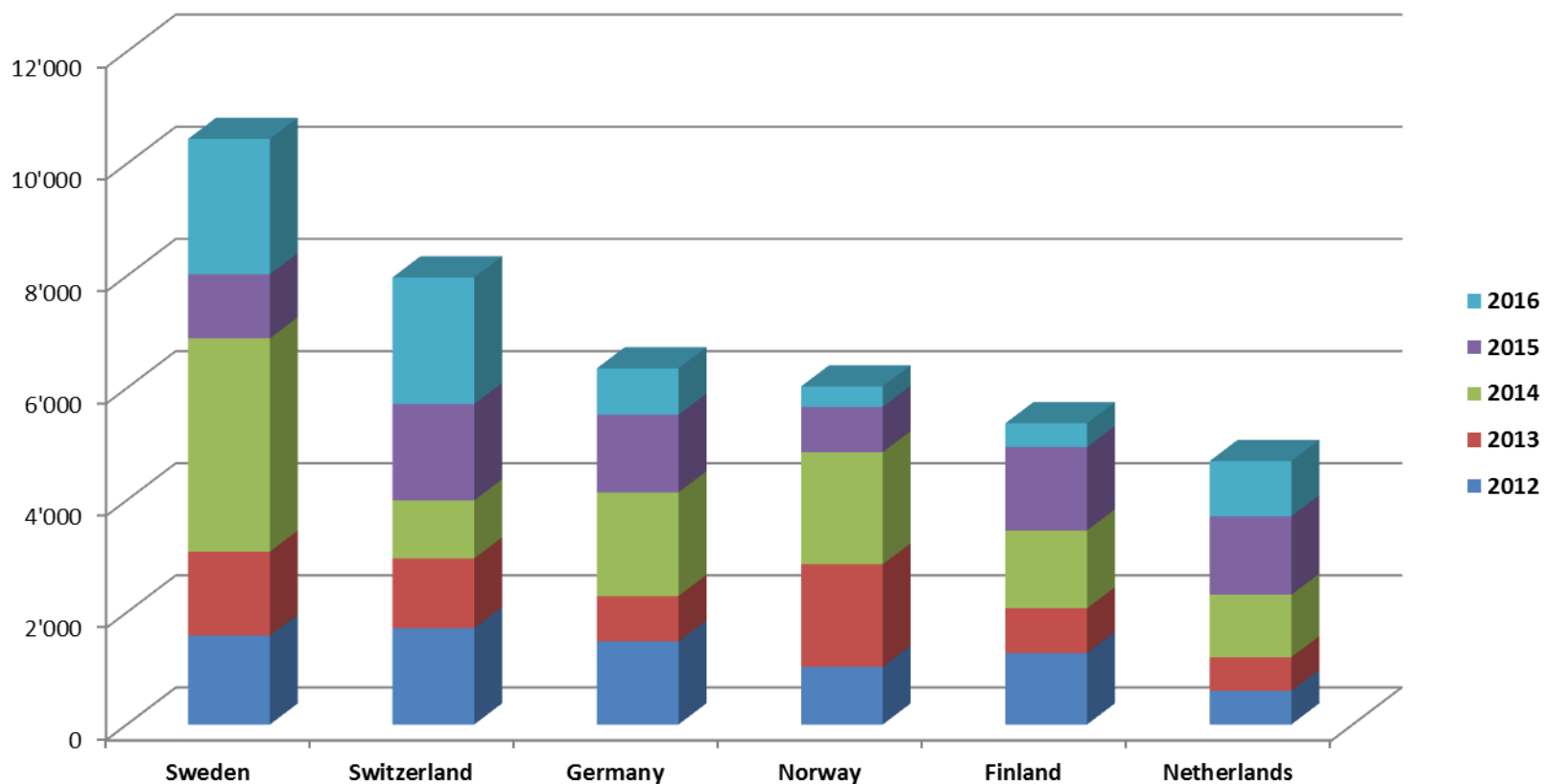
Funding source: Trust fund resources

Origins of UNCTAD trust fund resources, 2012-2016
(in thousands of US dollars)



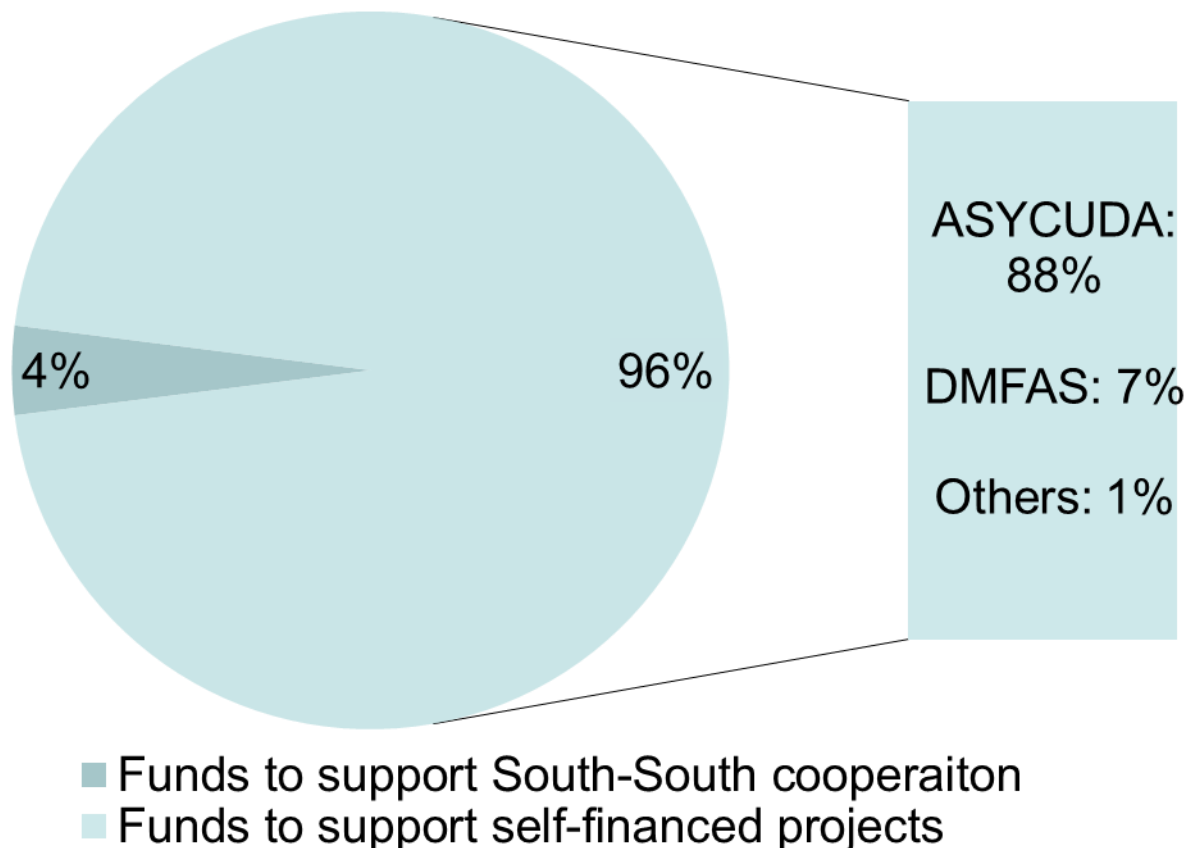
Funding source: Developed country contributions

Accumulated contributions by major developed country donors, 2012-2016
(Thousands of dollars)

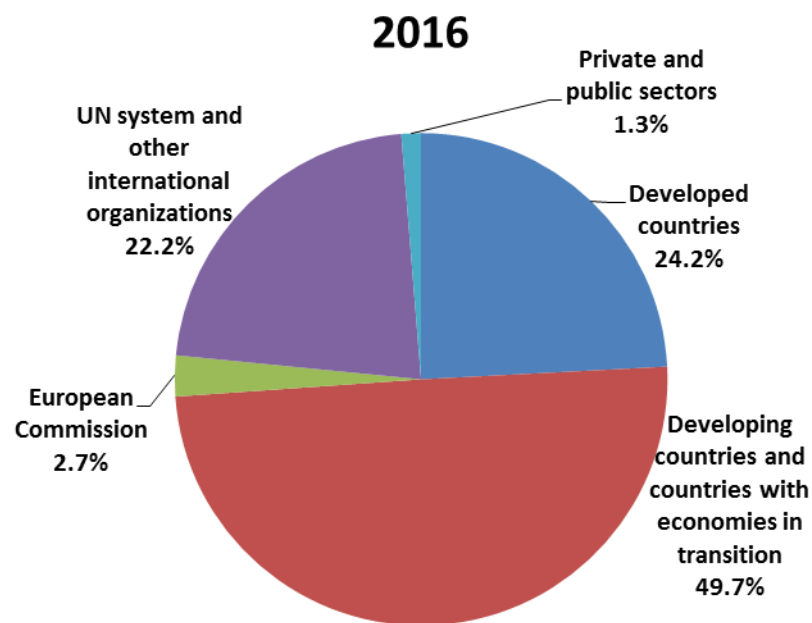
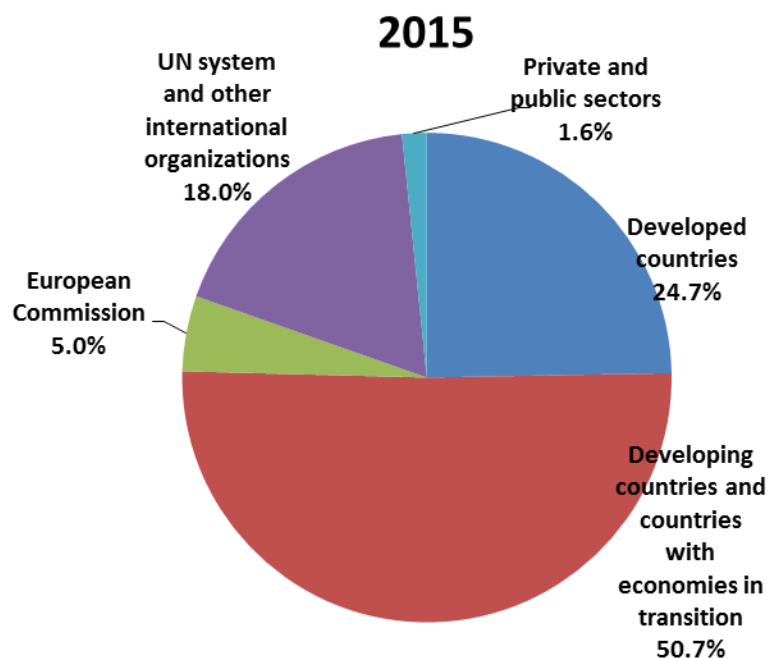


Funding source: Developing country funding

Self-financing vs. financing South-South Cooperation
(share of total developing country funding, 2016)

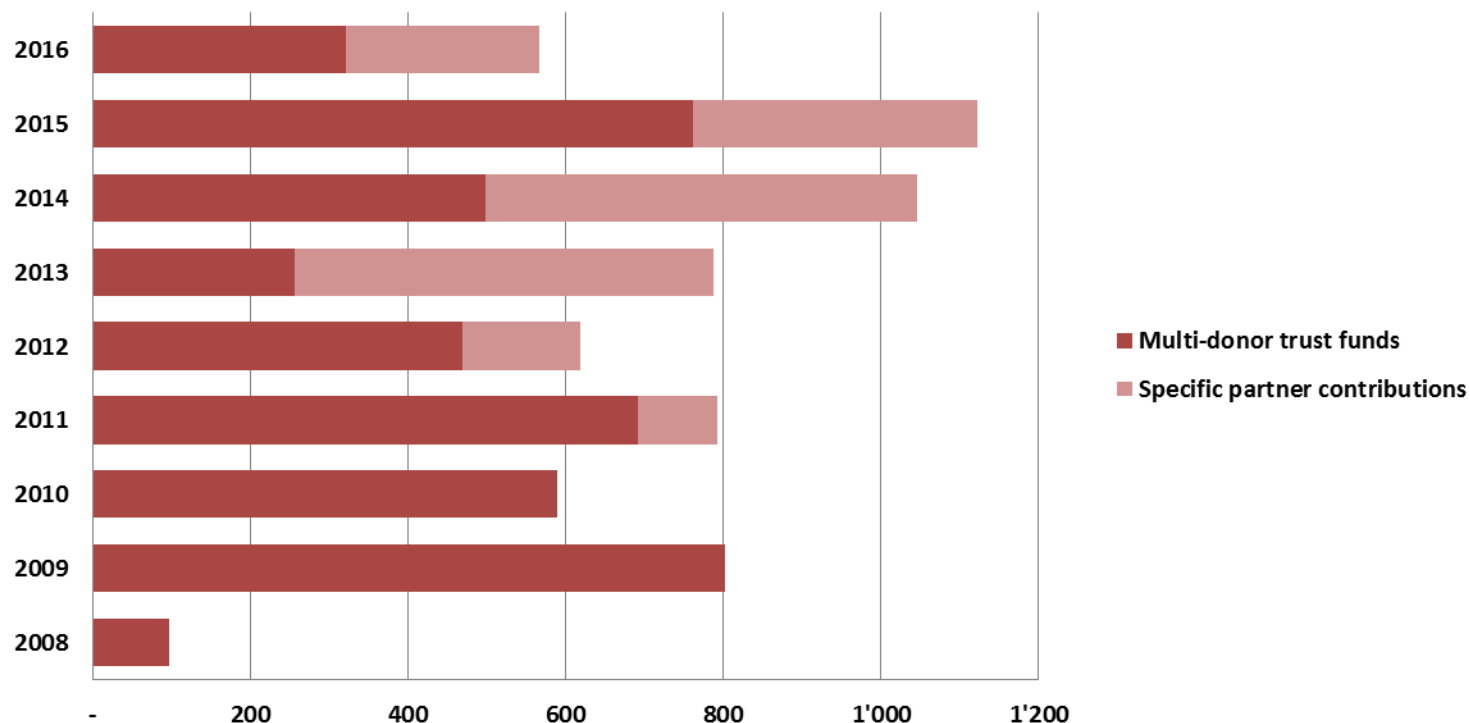


Funding source: Share of total trust fund resources, by origin



Funding source: «Delivering as One» funding mechanisms

UNCTAD access to "Delivering as One" funding mechanisms,
2008-2016 (Thousands of dollars)



Funding source: **UN regular programme & Development Account**

- ❑ **UN regular programme of TC**
 - ✓ Expenditures of \$0.7 million in 2016 (-43%)
 - ✓ To finance advisory services and training: such as training on key international economic issues (para 166 of the UNCTAD X Plan of Action)

- ❑ **Development Account**
 - ✓ 23 projects implemented with a total expenditure of \$2.6 million in 2016 (-7%)
 - ✓ New 11th tranche (2018-2021): Expected to access \$4.9 million to finance 8 projects



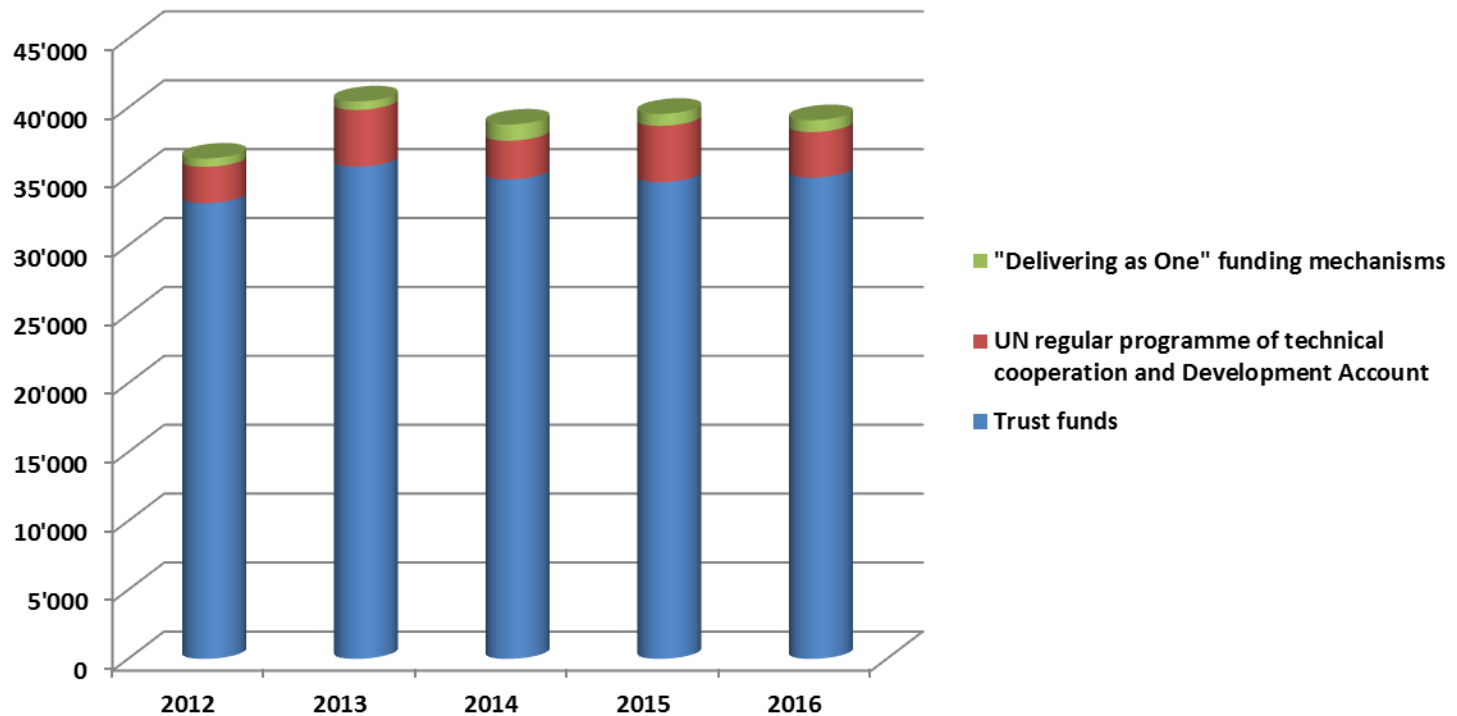
Funding source: Financing of Junior Professional Officers (JPOs)

- UNCTAD JPO programme is part of the UN JPO programme;
- UN DESA/CDO recruits and administers JPOs for the UN Secretariat and its entities;
- Contributions from donors for UNCTAD JPO programme are exclusive from the overall TC funding to UNCTAD trust funds;
- In 2016, Germany remained the sole contributor to UNCTAD JPO programme;
- UNCTAD calls on more donors to support its JPO programme



TC expenditures: Overview

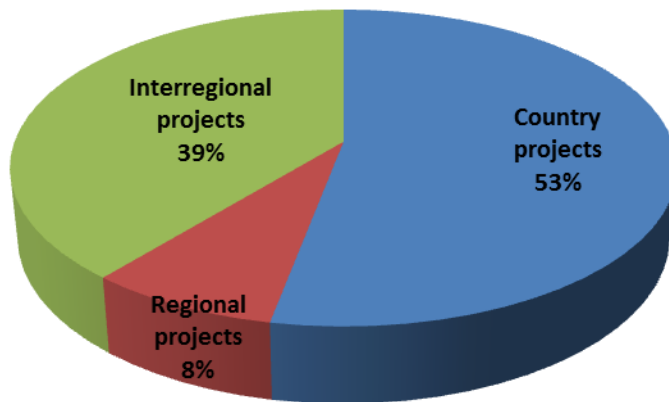
TC expenditures by source of funds, 2012-2016
(Thousands of US dollars)



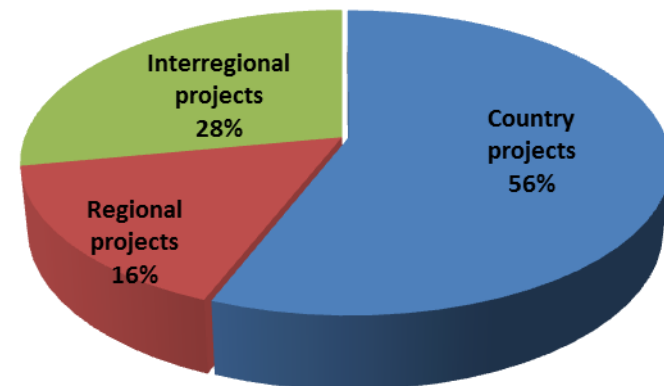
TC expenditures: Type of project

Technical cooperation expenditures by type of project
(share of yearly TC expenditures)

2015



2016



TC expenditures: Distribution by product

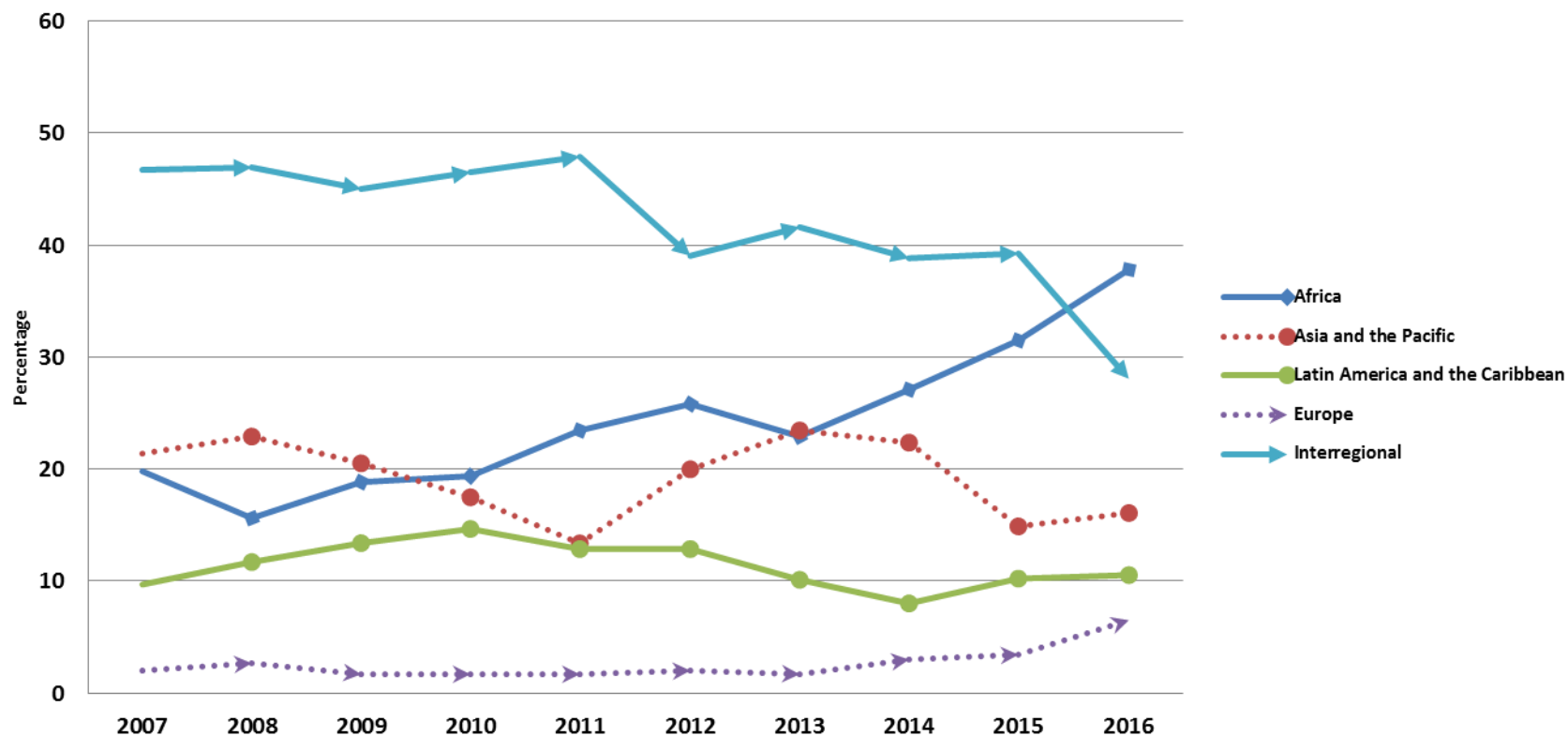
- ❑ 29 products under four themes
- ❑ Uneven allocation of TC resources among products
- ❑ The top three products in 2016:

Product	Expenditures in 2016 (in thousands of dollars)	Share of total Toolbox product expenditures
ASYCUDA	18'614	56.9%
DMFAS	4'473	13.7%
eRegulations and eRegistrations systems	2'531	7.7%



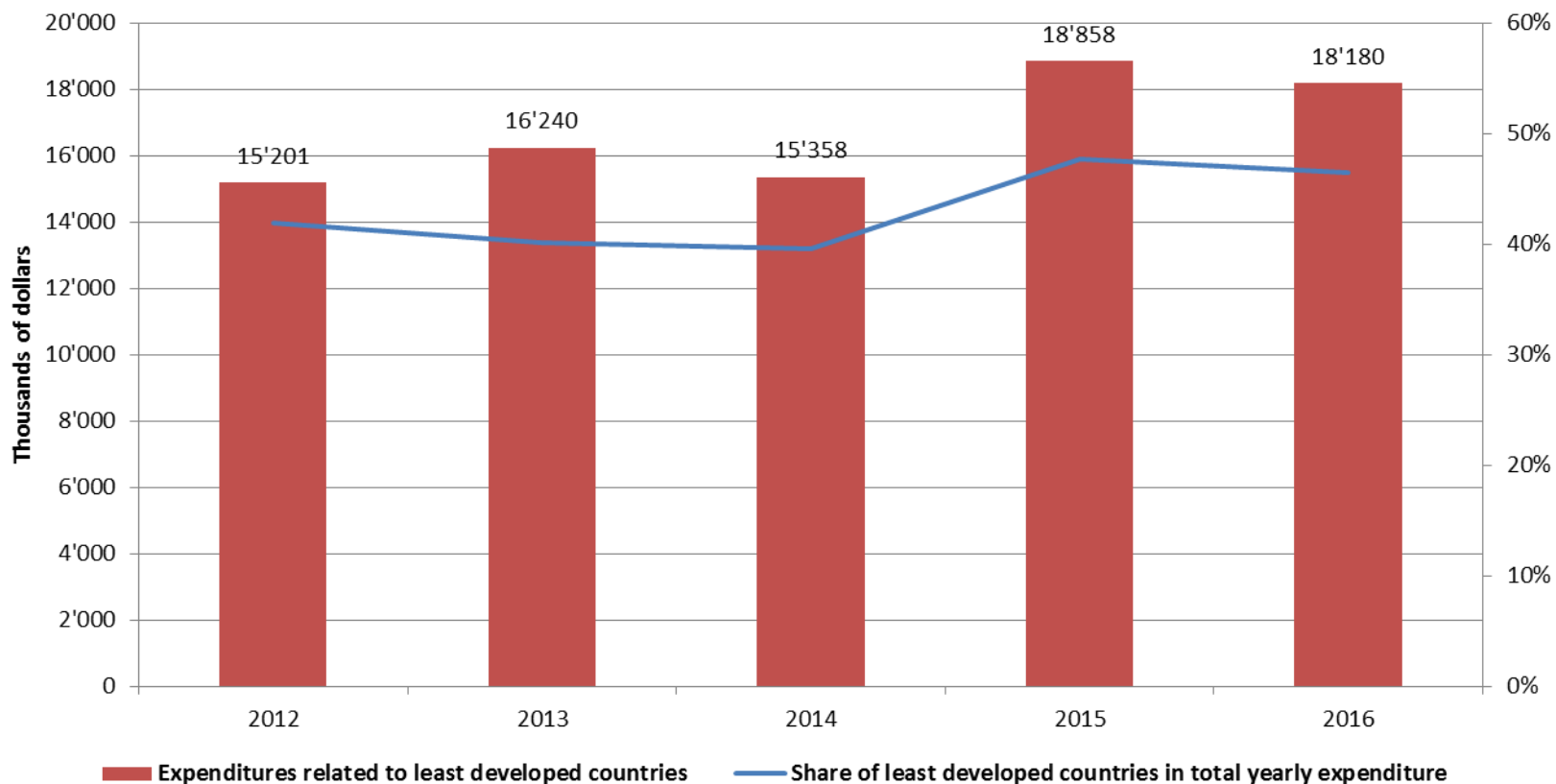
TC expenditures: Geographical distribution

Technical cooperation expenditures by region, 2007-2016
(share of yearly expenditures)



TC Expenditures in support of LDCs

TC expenditures in support of LDCs, 2012-2016
(Thousands of US dollars and percentage)



TC functioning: Follow-up to intergovernmental decisions

- Thematic rationalization
- Synergies among the three pillars of the work of UNCTAD
- Interdivisional cooperation
- Inter-agency cooperation
- Requests from developing countries
- Strengthening results-based management
- Gender mainstreaming
- New funding mechanism



TC functioning: Thematic rationalization



- To consolidate TC activities
- To improve the visibility of TC activities
- An instrument for funds mobilization
- A blueprint to restructure TC report (Annex 1)
- Basis for developing concept notes & project documents

- ❖ Mobile version available in May 2017
- ❖ Upcoming update of UNCTAD Toolbox



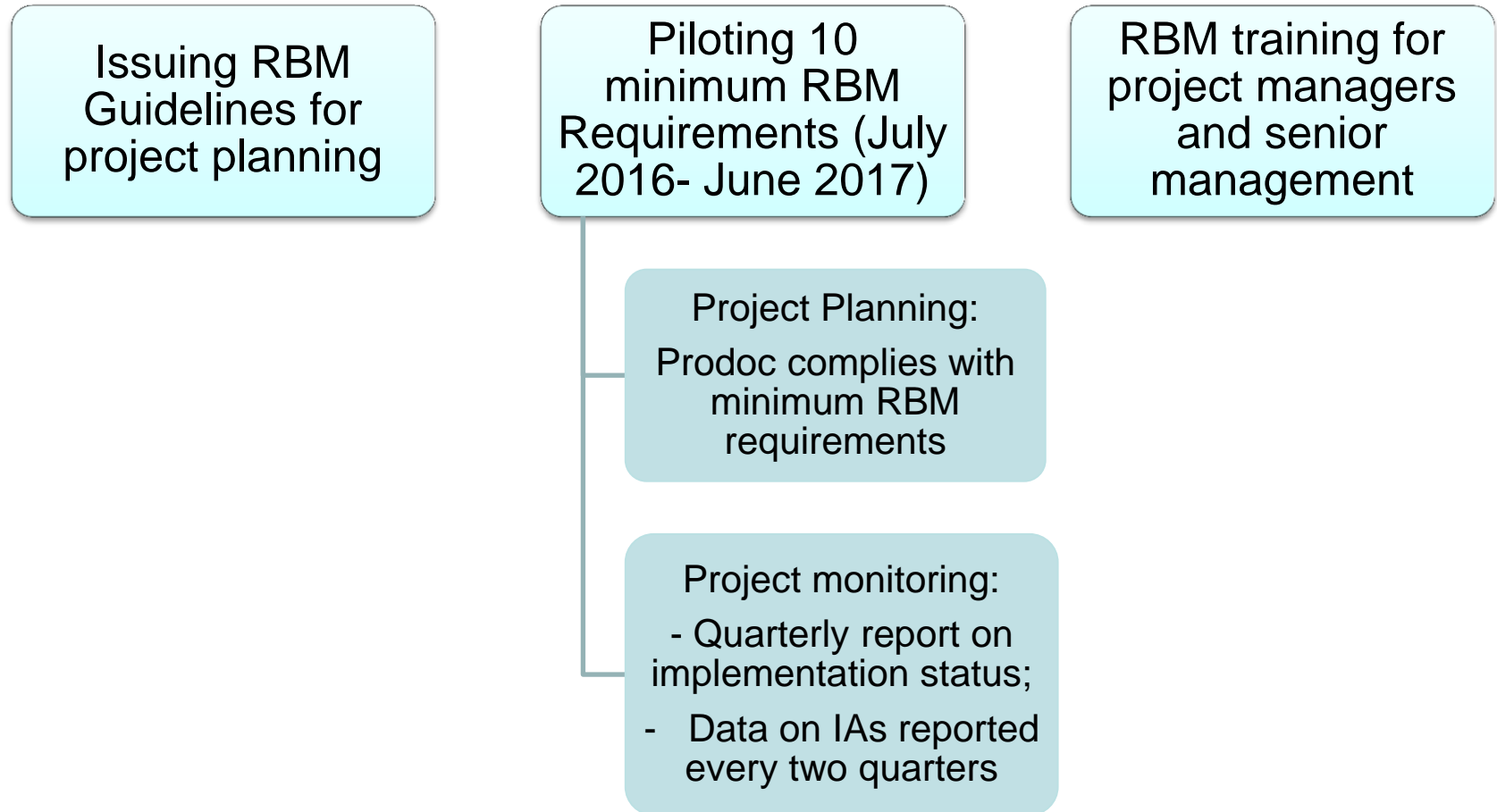
TC functioning: Database of formal requests for UNCTAD technical cooperation

- ❑ Actions to improve the request database since 73rd session of WP in Sept. 2016:
 - Cross-checking request information to ensure data accuracy and completeness;
 - Updating with new requests received by UNCTAD
 - Creating a dashboard to provide an illustrative overview of the request data

- ❑ New request database:
<http://unctad.org/projects/tc/en/Pages/Requests.aspx>



TC functioning: Strengthening RBM



TC functioning: Gender mainstreaming

Piloting the gender checklist in new TC projects (April 2016 - June 2017)

Project clearance by divisional gender focal points from gender perspective

Training on *Gender mainstreaming in UNCTAD's technical cooperation projects and flagship reports* in Feb. 2017



TC functioning: New funding mechanism

- ❑ *Concept note on a funding mechanism for pending technical cooperation requests received by UNCTAD* was circulated to member States for consultation;
- ❑ Informal consultations with regional groups held;
- ❑ A revised version of the proposal to be issued.



TC functioning: Contribution to UN system-wide coherence

United Nations Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity: enhancing its role in the United Nations system-wide coherence.

☐ Highlights in 2016:

- ✓ Taking steps to establish a Multi-Donor Trust Fund to scale up activities of the Cluster - Information session organized during UNCTAD XIV in Nairobi.
- ✓ Participated in the formulation of UNDAFs mainly in Europe and Central Asia with UNDAF cycles starting in 2016 or 2017.
- ✓ Sharing UNCTAD experience in the implementation of Delivering Results Together Fund initiatives (e.g. Tanzania)



Way forward: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

□ Main actions in 2017

- ✓ To update UNCTAD Toolbox;
- ✓ To further enhance the management of request data and improve request database;
- ✓ Drawing lessons from the pilot phase to better mainstream RBM requirements and gender dimensions in TC projects;
- ✓ To share with member States revised document on new funding mechanism to better match the supply of funds to the demand for UNCTAD TC;
- ✓ To work towards the establishment of UN Inter-Agency Cluster Multi-Donor Trust Fund on Trade and Productive Capacity;
- ✓ To further improve TC website

(<http://unctad.org/projects/tc/en/Pages/ProductsOverview.aspx>)

Thank you!

For more information on UNCTAD technical cooperation:

<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/technicalcooperation.aspx>



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