

# National Workshop on Sustainable Maritime and Port connectivity for Resilient and Efficient Supply chains

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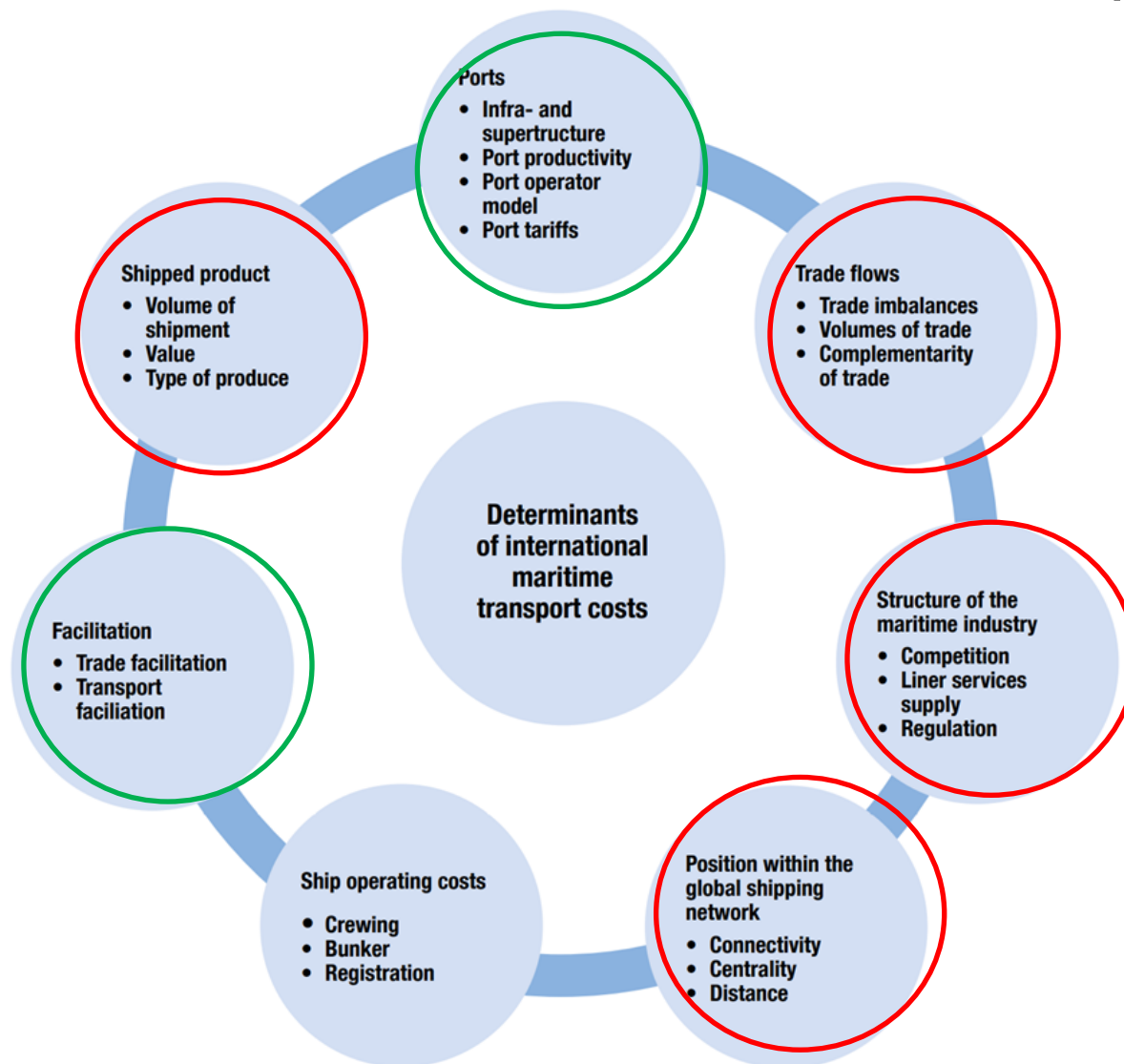


## Developing national plans to enhance maritime and port connectivity

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# Mapping connectivity drivers

Determinants of international maritime transport costs

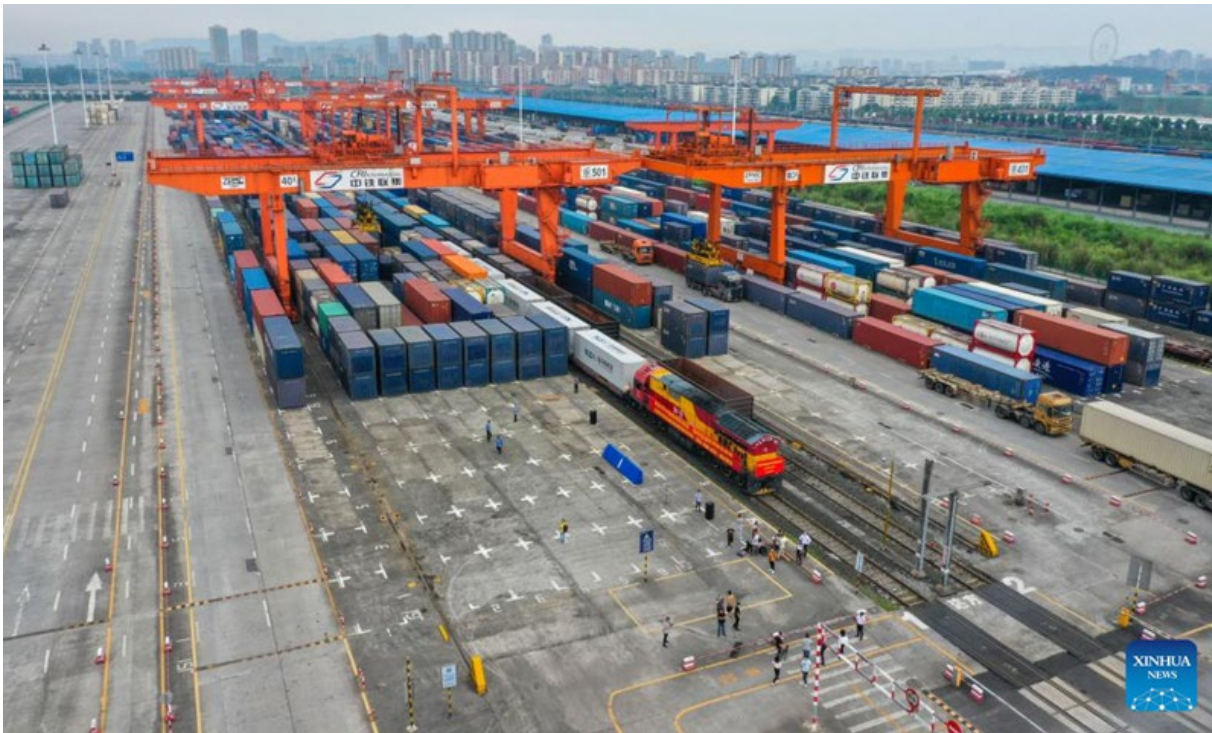


Source: UNCTAD secretariat, based on Wilmsmeier, 2014.

Source: UNCTAD (2015). Review of Maritime Transport 2015

# 1. Promoting port efficiency and infrastructure connectivity

Improving **port infrastructure and efficiency**



- ✓ Continuing with port reforms; Raising attractiveness of ports as port of call
- ✓ Improving **hinterland connections** and **inland facilities** (e.g. rail, road, missing links, varying technical standards, warehousing, transloading, dry ports, loading and unloading facilities, etc. ).
- ✓ Promoting **multimodal transport** and transport **corridor approaches**



# Port efficiency and infrastructure connectivity:

## 1. Multimodal connectivity

- Thailand: Laem-Chabang / Bangkok axis:
  - Congestion and capacity constraints (ICD)?
    - (Missing) multimodal strategic approach?

## 2. More quantity and quality services

Dealing with **imbalances** and promoting **competitive transport markets**

- ❑ Addressing operational challenges such as **empty returns** (e.g. promote capacity sharing, resource pooling, electronic platforms linking spare capacity with cargo, consolidation systems) and developing strategies to ensure the availability of backhauls.
- ❑ Promoting complementarity of exports and imports to **generate cargo and volumes** that help achieve economies of scale and reduce trade imbalances.
- ✓ Promoting **greater participation by the private sector** in the transport and trade logistics sector.
- ✓ **Liberalising** transport/logistics services/non-core freight logistics is “low-hanging fruit” policy option which may not involve heavy adjustment costs and regulatory capacity requirements.
- ✓ Providing an **enabling business environment** conducive to the development of modern logistics services.
- ✓ Promoting maritime **clusters** where shipping and port activities can boost related services sectors (e.g. banking, finance, insurance, consulting, ship repair, ship bunkering)

# Transport markets:

1. Importance of regional and local lines
2. Efficient and competitive Thai truck companies
  - Non-thai truck companies not allowed to access the port of Laem Chabang
  - Subcontracting by big companies affects SMEs?
3. High cost of haulage
  - Corridor Laem Chabang-Vientiane
    - Trade asymmetries
    - Additional border crossing costs
    - Double handling at ICD



# 3. Streamlining and simplifying processes

## Easing the flow of cargo and trade



- ✓ **Harmonizing transport regulation** (e.g. road and rail transport). International conventions/standards as the basis.
- ✓ **Customs cooperation**, Customs reform and modernization, Transit regimes, Border management
- ✓ Addressing the differential treatment of exports and imports which may have important implications for the competitiveness of domestic production (e.g. manufacturing).



## Transport and trade processes:

1. Interruptions to truck transport
2. Customs misdeclarations
3. Alignment between national and regional priorities





# Questions for discussion

**What are the main issues** related to Thailand's connectivity?

**What might we need to do** in order to enhance connectivity?

- Strategies (direction)
  - What should be the main priorities?
- Actions (concrete steps)
  - What should be the main priorities?

**How to do this?**

- Which actions/strategies are best addressed at the national level or regional level?
- Who should lead? Who should "sit at the table"?

## Dimensions

- Infrastructure quality
- Port services
- Shipping lines' operations of terminals and investment
- Port efficiency/productivity
- Hinterland connections

# You are invited!

- When?
  - 29 November 2022
  - 12:00PM-2PM
- Where?
  - In Bangkok!
  - Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand
    - Penthouse, Maneeya Center, 518/5 Ploenchit Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330

