



**COVID-19
RESPONSE**

UNDA COVID-19 PROJECT CLOSING EVENT



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*TRANSPORT AND TRADE CONNECTIVITY IN THE AGE OF PANDEMICS UN
solutions for contactless, seamless and collaborative transport and trade*

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia



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A regional reset

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The UNDA project

Transport

- Assisting countries of the region to connect to e-TIR System (Tunisia)
- A study on the advantages of collective application of e-TIR Across a land transport corridor connecting East Mediterranean to GCC Countries (Lebanon- UAE).

The UNDA project

Trade

- UN Global Survey of digital and sustainable Trade facilitation.
- Large survey on trade finance (Firms, Banks and governments)
- 5 case studies of status of trade finance
- Design and delivery of a trade finance capacity building programme (in person and online)
- A platform for trade finance.
- E-customs workshop for the region.

An executive agenda for a reset

- Enhance regional financing mechanisms (establish a regional fund for emergency responses).
- Collective application of the e-TIR to allow smooth transborder crossing.
- Enhance regional trade facilitation mechanisms including the activation and empowerment of Trade and Transport facilitation Committees (ITSAS)
- Promote digitization to lower costs, time and physical interaction.

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