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Insights from recent implementation of the ADT & e-Accounting

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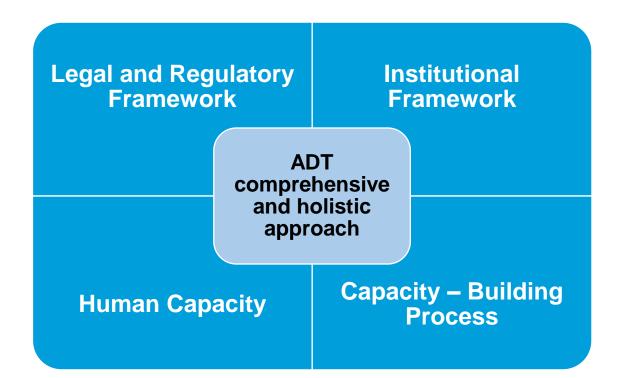
What is ADT?

- A quantitative **benchmark of a country's position** at a point in time and its progress;
- A **country-driven guided self-assessment** for strengthening country's reporting infrastructure;
- Guidance towards a **consensus-based action plan** conducive to capacity building activities;
- Includes a questionnaire, benchmark references, statistic model, and guidance on how to work with the ADT.



ADT Approach & Structure

UNCTAD-ISAR assists countries to build strategies and identify priorities in their efforts towards high quality reporting based on international requirements, best practices, standards, codes.





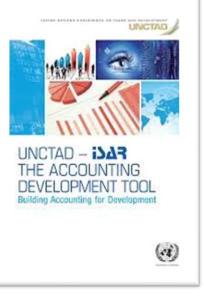
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Introducing new formats of the ADT in 2022

ADT Quick Scan version enables to make a high-level overview of the reporting infrastructure in a short period of time, proposing recommendations on addressing key areas for development

ADT Modular version helps to focus on a particular components of the reporting infrastructure (i.e. SMEs, public sector etc.)







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ADT Modification Comparative Table

	Step	Classic ADT	ADT "Quick Scan"	ADT Modular Version
	1	Preparatory activities (1 month)	Preparatory activities: identifying list of relevant stakeholders, sending invitations, and preparing for the meeting (1 month)	Preparatory activities (1-2 weeks): identifying limited list of stakeholders relevant to the focus of the assessment
	2	Conducting multistakeholder meeting (1 day)	Conducting multistakeholder meeting for orientation of the project objective and clarity on deliverables format (1 day)	Conducting multistakeholder meeting (1 day)
	3	Completing an aggregated questionnaire (for collection of feedback 1.5-2 months)	Completing an aggregated questionnaire (via bilateral meetings by consultant 2-3 weeks)	Completing an aggregated questionnaire (for collection of feedback 1-2 weeks)
	4	Developing a first draft of the ADT report? (2 weeks)	Developing a first draft of the ADT report: 5 pages document focusing on Executive Summary & Top-3 priorities (1 week)	Developing a draft of the ADT report: 3-5 pages document focusing on particular segment (1 week)
	5	UNCTAD feedback to the draft report (1-2 weeks)	UNCTAD feedback to the draft report (1 week)	UNCTAD feedback to the draft report and finalization (1 week)
	6	Finalizing the ADT Report (1-2 weeks)	Finalizing the ADT Report (1 week)	Organizing a meeting to present the outcome of assessment (1 day)
	7	Prepare completed version of the report (1-2 weeks)	Organizing a meeting to present the outcome of assessment (1 day)	
	8	Preparing the problem tree/gaps analysis (2-3 weeks)		
	9	Developing the Action Plan (may take up to 1 month due to the required exchange with stakeholders)		
	10	Peer review analysis (3 weeks)		
g	11	Organizing a meeting to present the outcome of assessment (1 day)		
		TOTAL Duration: 5-6 months	TOTAL Duration: 2-2,5 month	TOTAL Duration: 1-1,5 month



eAccounting

Enhancing government services to micro-enterprises





Background

- Micro-, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are the drive and future of the global economy.
- One of the obstacles that MSMEs, especially micro and small enterprises face in their journey to formalization and to access finance is setting and maintaining proper accounts and generating meaningful financial statements.

UNCTAD for MSMEs

As part of the UN Development Account project "Global Initiative towards post-COVID-19 resurgence of the Micro-, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector", UNCTAD developed a *Training Manual on Accounting for MSMEs* and delivered several technical workshops based on the manual for more than five hundreds accounting practitioners and the owners of micro and small enterprises all over the world. The manual is available in four official UN languages: English, French, Spanish and Arabic

UNCTAD is now launching the UNCTAD eAccounting for Micro and Small Enterprises (eAccounting), as a service that can be provided by governments, to enable micro enterprises to generate meaningful financial statements, facilitating their formalization process as well as access to finance and financial inclusion, including financial aid in the post-COVID-19 resurgence.

Training Manual on Accounting for Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises



What is eAccounting?

An online accounting tool for micro and small enterprises across the world

Developed by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) as part of the UNCTAD eRegistration Platform, eAccounting aims to extend the range of services that governments can provide to small firms, providing the owners of micro enterprises with a tool to generate basic financial statements.

How eAccounting works?

STEP 1. Register STEP 2. Fill in a questionnaire

INPUT

OUTPUT

 Financial status summary
Detailed financial statements

HELP/AID

- Instructions
- Tutorials
- Training Manual

