Promoting and Strengthening Synergies among the 3 Pillars

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Our work on Logistics: connecting the three Pillars

Research and analysis
- Review of Maritime Transport
- Transport and Trade Facilitation Series
- ASYCUDA compendium
- Policy Briefs, newsletters
- Research on the global crisis, the war in Ukraine, maritime and transport law, connectivity, trade facilitation

Technical cooperation
- ASYCUDA
- Trade Facilitation Programme: Empowerment, Reform Tracker, Trade Information Portals
- TRAINFORTRADE: Port Management
- Sustainable Transport Corridors

Consensus building
- UN-wide processes: GA-resolution
- Support to implementation of WTO TFA
- Support to IMO negotiations
- Global Trade Facilitation forum 2022
- Trade and Development Commission
- MYEMs on transport and trade facilitation
On-line statistics, maritime country profiles, data sets on transport costs

**RMT 2022 focus:**
- Pandemic recovery and continued disruption
- Shift in trade patterns
- Digitalization
- Decarbonization
- Market consolidation

**Draws on technical cooperation**
- ASYCUDA, trade facilitation, and port management

**RMT Launch on 29 November**
Based on UNCTAD database on maritime connectivity
- UNCTAD connectivity index
- Port call statistics

**Analyzed** maritime connectivity challenges for ASEAN, Pacific SIDS

**Built capacities** on policies for improving maritime connectivity
- Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia
- Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

Supported **regional dialogue** on Sustainable Maritime Connectivity
Other highlights

- Trade and Transport Facilitation Series
- Policy briefs, Trade and Transport Newsletter
- Coauthored ESCAP flagship Asia Pacific Trade and Investment Report – on climate smart trade

Provides facts and analysis to facilitate international dialogue

- War in Ukraine and fallout on maritime transport and grain flows
- Seafarers and crew change crisis
- Assessing impacts of green transition in shipping

Informed by technical cooperation

- Trade Facilitation, transport corridors, port management
- Partnerships for data collection (Rep. of Korea, World Bank)
Policy lessons from ASYCUDA project implementation & experience in the field

**ASYCUDA Analytical Work**

**ASYCUDA Compendium 2022**
Digital connectivity for inclusive trade: 22 new case studies demonstrate how the Programme helps user countries to grow their international trading activities.

**The ASYCUDA journey in West Africa**
Cross-border transit facilitation and automation in ECOWAS member States.

**ASYCUDA COVID Survey**
Survey for customs administrations to share their measures to decrease the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for the provision of a more efficient remote assistance.

**UNCTAD flagships**
- Review of Maritime Transport
- Economic Development of Africa Report 2020
- Commodity Report 2021
- UN FFD Report 2021
ASYCUDA: Digitalizing Trade Facilitation

102 Countries & territories
38 LDCs
41 SIDS
23 LLDCs

Project funding (2021)

45.3 million US$

Beneficiary Governments

GIZ 50%
WB 6%
UNDP 8%
EU 30%

Transfer of know-how (2021)

300+ training sessions
& 3000+ participants

Ongoing projects

69
including 13 regional & inter-regional

New projects signed (2021)

30

Single Window projects

11
Barbados
Burundi
Comoros
Jamaica
Kazakhstan
Rwanda
Timor-Leste
Turkmenistan
Uganda
Vanuatu
Zimbabwe
ASYCUDA: major impact & results

**Bangladesh**
- 50% increase in customs revenue from 2017 to 2021
- 73% of imports are cleared within 3 days

**Burundi**
- 71% of medical import processed in less than 24 hours

**Rwanda**
- 9% increase in revenue from 2020 to 2021

**Timor-Leste**
- Reduced total number of investment certificates needed for customs special regime from 101 to 11

**Togo**
- 20% increase in revenue from 2020 to 2021

**Tonga**
- 20 minutes average for release of commercial imports

**Turkmenistan**
- 1'000 electronic Customs declarations processed daily in 2021

**Uganda**
- 23'000 electronic certificates of origin processed in 2021
- 546 economic operators trained on ASYCUDAWorld
Empowerment Programme for NTFCs: Blended capacity building

- 1000+ stakeholders trained – 50% women, 200+ online courses
- 96% of participants noted UNCTAD training helped them significantly

UNCTAD Reform Tracker implemented in 20+ countries

UNCTAD Trade portals implemented in 30 countries
Trade Facilitation

Drawing policy lessons from field experience

Analytical work
- Transport and Trade Facilitation Series
- Trade facilitation technical notes
- Policy Briefs
- Transport and Trade Facilitation Newsletter,
- Analysis on Climate-smart trade facilitation solutions
- Block chain for Trade facilitation

Consensus building
- Global Forum on National Trade Facilitation Committees
TrainForTrade Port Management Programme

- 3 language networks (En, Fr, Sp)

- **Built capacities** of 3791 port operators (34% female) in 138 countries (2021–2022)

- New course: *Building Port Resilience Against Pandemics*

- Port Management Programme 2021–2022: 1938 certificates issued, satisfaction rate: 92%

- Experience builds into **knowledge products**
  - 2022: Port Management Series vol. 9 & 10
  - Port Performance Scorecard
  - UNCTAD Policy Brief No. 93: Emerging strategies for ports during the pandemic
Discussed key themes linked to UN SDGs and port management

9 recommendations adopted, pursuant Bridgetown Covenant

93 participants from 41 institutions in 23 countries

Overall satisfaction rate for the conference: 93%
TrainForTrade partnerships to build capacities for policymaking

**Trade Statistics**, with UNCTAD-STAT, WTO, UNSD
- Merchandise Trade
- Trade in Services

**E-commerce**, with UNCTAD ECDE
- e-commerce Best Practices
- Digital Identity

**Impact 2021–2022:**
- 5093 participations (47% female) from 200 countries
- 2961 certificates issued, satisfaction rate 89%

**Knowledge Product**
- **Policy Brief:** Why robust digital identity systems are essential in fostering trade and development
UN-wide project on transport and trade connectivity during the pandemic, with all UN Regional Commissions

- Keep transport networks and borders operational, while containing COVID-19

- **Activities**
  - Researched lessons learned/best practices for resilient trade logistics
  - Supported beneficiaries: implement digital, contactless trade solutions
  - Facilitated dialogue and regional cooperation for policy response to COVID-19

- **Knowledge Products**
  - Trade Facilitation/Customs
  - Transport law
  - Maritime transport (seafarers)
  - Resilient maritime logistics
Sustainable Freight Transport (SFT) assessment in Angola and Fiji

Sustainable smart port (SSP), research on methodology underway

Trans-Saharan Road Corridor (with IsDB)

Built on UNCTAD research products

Facilitate consensus building at national/regional levels
Intergovernmental dialogue and consensus building

- Global Forum 2022 for NTFCS, 1,300+ participants
- GA resolution on seafarers
- MYEM on Sustainable and Resilient Transport and Trade Facilitation in Times of Pandemics and Beyond
- Support to WTO TFA implementation and categorization
- Support to IMO negotiations on Maritime decarbonization and IMO Legal Committee
- COP26 and COP27
- Ad-hoc expert meeting on the global supply chain crunch
Thank You!