

# Promoting and Strengthening Synergies among the **3 Pillars**

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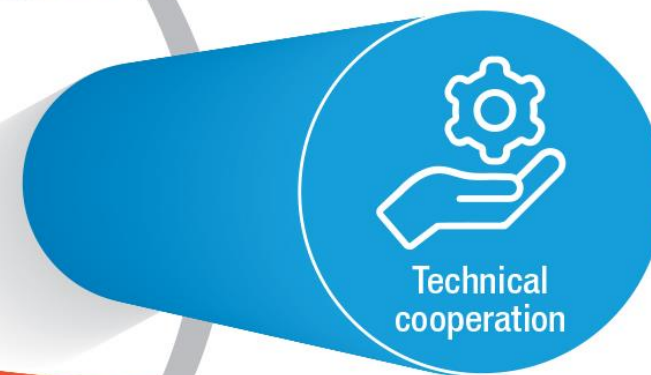
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Research and  
analysis



Technical  
cooperation



Consensus  
building



# 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

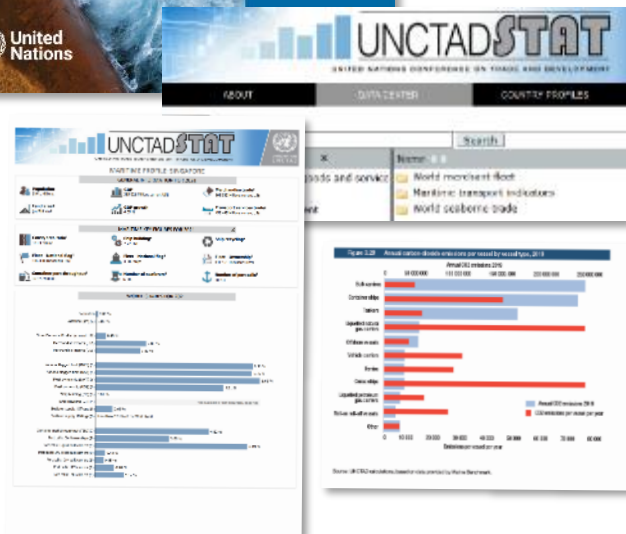


- ▶ UN-wide processes: GA-resolution
- ▶ Support to implementation of WTO TFA
- ▶ Support to IMO negotiations
- ▶ Global Trade Facilitation forum 2022
- ▶ Trade and Development Commission
- ▶ MYEMs on transport and trade facilitation

# Review of Maritime Transport package 2022



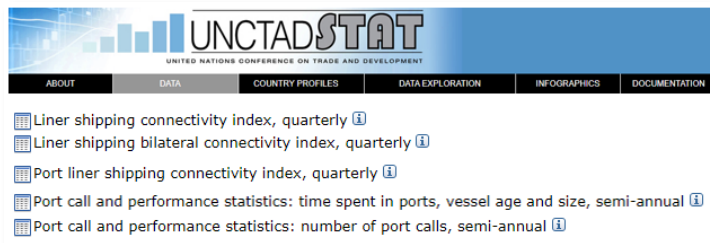
- ▶ On-line statistics, maritime country profiles, data sets on transport costs
- ▶ **RMT 2022 focus:**
  - Pandemic recovery and continued disruption
  - Shift in trade patterns
  - Digitalization
  - Decarbonization
  - Market consolidation
- ▶ **Draws on technical cooperation**
  - ASYCUDA, trade facilitation, and port management
- ▶ **RMT Launch on 29 November**



# Statistics on maritime connectivity – joint UNCTAD-ESCAP



- ▶ 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

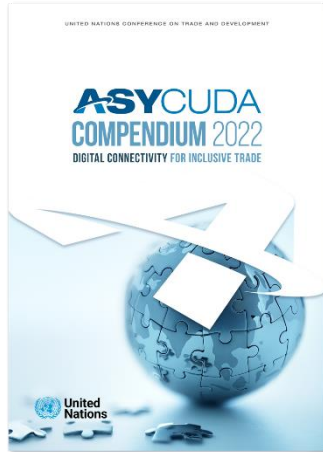
## ► Informed by technical cooperation

- Trade Facilitation, transport corridors, port management

## ► Partnerships for data collection (Rep. of Korea, World Bank)

# ASYCUDA Analytical Work

## Policy lessons from ASYCUDA project implementation & experience in the field



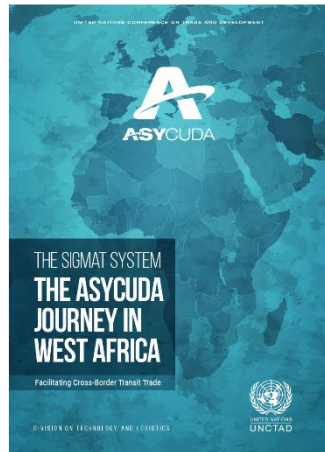
### ASYCUDA Compendium 2022

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



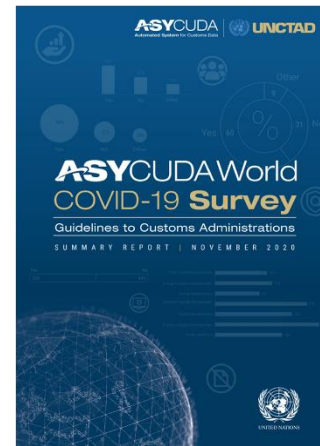
### UNCTAD flagships

- ▶ Review of Maritime Transport
- ▶ Economic Development of Africa Report 2020
- ▶ Commodity Report 2021
- ▶ UN FFD Report 2021



### 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



# ASYCUDA: Digitalizing Trade Facilitation



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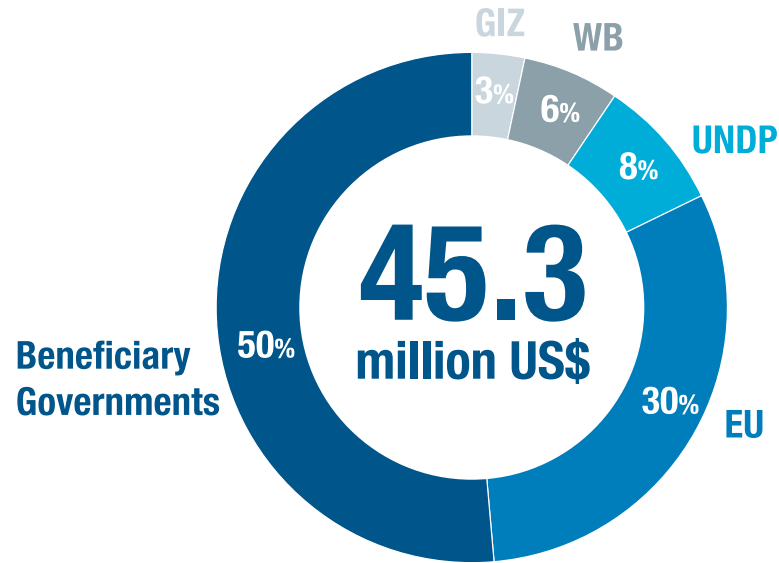
Countries & territories

38 LDCs

41 SIDS

23 LLDCs

## Project funding (2021)



## Transfer of know-how (2021)



300+ training sessions  
& 3000+ participants



# 69 Ongoing projects

including 13 regional & inter-regional

# 30



New projects  
**signed**  
(2021)

# 11



## Single Window projects

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





# Capacity Building for Trade Facilitation

Building capacities in 40 countries, 8 Regional Economic Communities



- ▶ **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



### 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



National Trade Facilitation Committees  
**Global Forum 2022**

# 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

# TrainForTrade Port Management Week

## International dialogue on port management issues



- ▶ 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

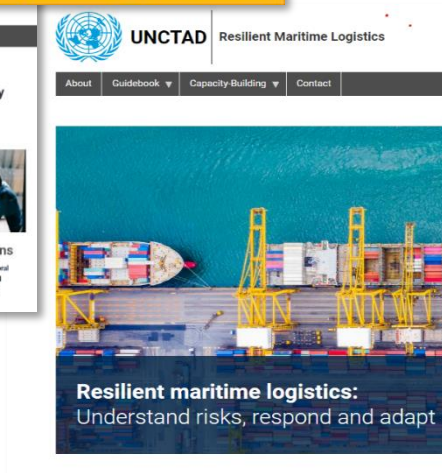
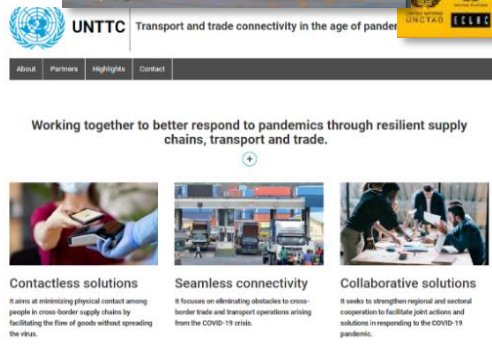
## Impact 2021–2022:

- ▶ 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

# On-going technical cooperation in Transport



**BUILDING CAPACITY TO MANAGE RISKS AND ENHANCE RESILIENCE**  
A Guidebook for Ports



- ▶ 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

## Projects



Sustainable smart ports for African countries



Analysis of maritime connectivity in ASEAN and Pacific small island developing States



Transport and trade connectivity in the age of pandemics



Commercialization of the Trans-Saharan Road Corridor

## Sustainable freight transport and finance toolkit



Sustainable Freight Transport Portal contains information about countries and regions that have launched SFTF initiatives. These are classified by mode of transport, and include ports, multi-



Sustainable Freight Transport and Finance training toolkit includes:

- A module on Improving the Environmental Performance of Freight Transport



Framework for Sustainable Freight Transport is step-by-step methodology to plan, design, develop and implement tailored sustainable freight transport strategies. It includes:

# 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



National Trade Facilitation Committees  
**Global Forum 2022**





# Thank You!



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