Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance

Subprogramme 3: International Trade and Commodities

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A. 2023 Strategic Orientation to contribute to the Bridgetown Covenant “TRANSFORMATIONS”

**Objective** (Para. 12.41)

“Ensure trade and commodities create a more inclusive, resilient, sustainable and prosperous world for all the member states”

**Cross-Cutting elements** (Para. 12.42 (d), (e), (f), (g))

- Gender equality and trade
- Consumer protection
- Competition policy
- Monitor COVID-19 impact
- Voice of the UN system on trade

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**Subprogramme 3: International Trade and Commodities**

- **PP2023 - Para. 12.42 (a)**
  - Support developing countries’ structural transformation through analysis on global trends, market access, commodity dependence, new sectors with higher v-a.
  - Bridgetown Covenant Paragraphs: 41, 44, 46/63, 47/48, 49, 51/54
  - **SDGs** 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13

- **PP2023 - Para. 12.42 (b)**
  - Support integrated trade, environment, climate change, sustainable development strategies
  - Bridgetown Covenant Paragraphs: 69, 71, 75, 76
  - **SDGs** 7, 12, 13, 14, 15

- **PP2023 - Para. 12.42 (c)**
  - Assess MTS working for inclusive and sustainable development
  - Bridgetown Covenant Paragraphs: 95/104, 96, 99, 101, 102
  - **SDGs** 1, 2, 8, 10, 17

- **PP2023 - Para. 12.42 (d)**
  - Strategies strengthen trade’s contribution to Financing for Development
  - Bridgetown Covenant Paragraphs: 80, 85
  - **SDGs** 1, 17

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**Bridgetown Covenant Paragraphs:**

- 41, 44, 46/63, 47/48, 49, 51/54: **SDGs** 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13
- 69, 71, 75, 76: **SDGs** 7, 12, 13, 14, 15
- 80, 85: **SDGs** 1, 17
- 95/104, 96, 99, 101, 102: **SDGs** 1, 2, 8, 10, 17
B. 2023 Expected Results to contribute to the Bridgetown Covenant “TRANSFORMATIONS”

**Economic Diversification**
- PP2023 – Para. 12.43 (f) Seized opportunity arising from commodity trade
- BC Work Program: Para. 127 (l, m, p, q, x, ee, ff, kk)

**Sustainable and Resilient Economy**
- PP2023 - Para. 12.43 (b) Better trade policy response to climate change
- (h) Growth of developing countries’ “green” and ocean-based exports
- BC Work Program: Para. 127 (ll, mm, nn)

**Financing for Development**
- (a) Development-friendly trade responses to the crisis
- (e) Positive development outcome from trade integration
- BC Work Program: Para. 127 (d, e, f, k, w, vv)

**Vital Multilateralism**
- (i) Enabled services trade and the creative economy
- PP2023 – Para. 12.43 (d) NTMs as unnecessary trade barriers streamlined

**Cross-Cutting Expected Results**
- **Gender equality and trade** - (c) Reduced trade barriers facing women and girls
- **Consumer protection and competition policy** - (g) CPC legislation and institutional frameworks implemented
- **Monitoring COVID-19 impact** - (j) Mitigated negative impact of the pandemic on trade
C. Mainstreaming the Bridgetown Covenant in the 2022 activities

VISION: Trade for People

Inclusiveness will be the focus for the coming year, out of 5 P’s (People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnerships) of the 2030 Agenda

APPROACH

Agility (BC Para 110) → DITC will provide innovative work on today’s trade and development challenge, adapting “to the spirit of the time”
e.g.,
→ organizes the Illicit Trade Forum in 2022
→ reorients the scope of a branch (TNCDB) to “Trading system, Services, and Creative Economy”

Cross-fertilization (BC Para 114) → DITC is committed to “promote synergies, complementarity and coherence” within the division, with other divisions and partner agencies
e.g.,
→ releases more inter-branch analytical pieces and commentaries
→ continues to contribute to the debate towards the WTO MC12 outcome

Better outreach (BC Para 116) → DITC will expand the choice of high-quality online discussion and training courses in UNCTAD E-learning on Trade
e.g.,
→ Trade and gender, NTMs, RTAs provisions, Trade policy framework
→ the Online Consumer Protection Dispute Resolution and Competition and SMEs, etc.
D. Program Performance and the Deliverables

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

How DITC formulates the performance measures?

→ Measured by (i) the type of impact and (ii) the number of countries;
→ Open to suggestions for other measurements

Are the Bridgetown Covenant priorities reflected?

→ Performance 2021 - Trade and Biodiversity: Contributed to transformations through diversification and to a more sustainable economy
  - Other outcome/Development Account Global Initiative towards post-Covid-19 resurgence of the MSME sector (2020-2022)
→ Performance 2023 Results 1-3:
  - Ocean economy: Enhances transformation to a more sustainable economy (4th Oceans Forum on trade-related aspects of the SDG14, 6-8 April 2022)
  - Transparency on NTMs: Enhances transformations through diversification
  - Climate policy and the AfCFTA: Enhances transformations through diversification and to a more sustainable economy

DELIVERABLES

How DITC estimates the numbers of the deliverables in 2023?

→ The numbers = the “minimum” boundary; the planned numbers < the actual deliveries
→ Particularly for Generation and Transfer of Knowledge (seminars, publication, technical materials), Consultative Deliverables (consultation and advocacy) and Communication deliverables.
→ Open to suggestions for better ways of measuring the deliverables.
Thank you