

Projecto de Apoio ao Comércio (ACOM)
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Concept Note

TRAINING WORKSHOP

**TRADE FACILITATION
(Module I)**

**28 to 31 August 2018
Ministry of Commerce (MINCO)
9:00 – 18:00**



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Background information and methodology of training

By signing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, countries have committed themselves to “establish and/or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both domestic coordination and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement” (Article 23.2).

Setting up and maintaining a national mechanism is in itself one of the most traditional and most important trade facilitation measures to ensure that the main public and private stakeholders are consulted and engaged in the elaboration and implementation of national trade facilitation reforms. Over the past decades, it has received a lot of attention from national and international agencies dealing with trade facilitation.

However, many are the challenges that developing and LDCs face to create sustainable and efficient committees. The lack of knowledge on trade facilitation matters, lack of coordination among different institutions, the frequent replacement of members, the lack of qualitative participation of members are some examples of those challenges

As part of the training activities of the EU-UNCTAD joint Programme of Support for Angola: Train for Trade II – a of the *Trade Support Project (ACOM) financed by the EU*, the Trade Facilitation Component is a core element present in the project through *UNCTAD's Empowerment Programme for National Trade Facilitation Committees (NTFCs)*. The interactive approach, which the Trade Facilitation training is based on, looks at tackling these challenges and ensuring that Angola's NTFC is in the best position to deliver the task they were assigned to.

In addition to introductory studies on economic development and trade facilitation, participants will undergo an intensive practical training on trade logistics and developmental benefits of trade facilitation. The course will cover policy and institutional issues related to the flow of goods across borders, the major challenges and tasks of the NTFCs, the precise understanding of TFA Articles, as well as TFA impact measurements, and other related issues. Participants to the course will contribute to the drafting of a national trade facilitation implementation strategy (roadmap).



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Outputs and goals

1. Increase Angola NTFC members' understanding on trade facilitation indicators as well as the implication of trade facilitation for global supply chain management;
2. Improve Angola NTFC members' knowledge on trade facilitation international standards and legal framework, including UN/CEFACT Recommendations and other UNECE tools, WCO Revised Kyoto Convention, and World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA);

Training content

With application of knowledge through solving practical cases, group exercises, role plays and presentations, participants are encouraged to recognize, understand, assess, experiment, and apply each of the elements deliver during the training. Along the 4-day workshop, participants are guided through:

1. General concepts on Trade Facilitation:

- Presentation of UNCTAD Empowerment for National Trade Facilitation Committees (NTFCs), agenda, team of experts, objectives of the week and methodology used.
- How are national trade facilitation committees around the world set up? Key aspects of different NTFCs around the world such as:
 - o Objectives and scope
 - o Degree of institutionalisation
 - o Terms of reference
 - o Coordinating agency and permanent secretariat
 - o Financing national TF bodies
 - o Composition
- Key definitions and concepts in trade facilitation (including key principles: Transparency, Simplification, Harmonization and Standardization, Modernization)

2. Standards, TF reports and international legal framework for trade facilitation

- International standards and recommendations for trade facilitation
 - o United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)
 - o United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) cross-border standards
 - o WCO standards for trade facilitation
 - o WTO standards
- Angolas's experience in implementing international trade facilitation standards and conventions, including for instance the SAFE Framework of Standards, Single Window and Revised Kyoto Convention
- Trade facilitation reports and data: what are they good for, how should we interpret their data?
 - o OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators
 - o UNCTAD Maritime Statistics
 - o World Bank Doing Business
 - o World Bank Logistics Performance Index



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- Creating Angola's Trade Facilitation Profile based on available trade data

3. Trade facilitation and supply chain

- Overview of the Global Supply Chain and Trade Facilitation
 - o Introduction to the concept of global supply chain
 - o How can trade facilitation improve the global supply chain management
 - o How trade facilitation helps to the promotion of exports
- Presentation of results of working groups

4. WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

- WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
- Structure of the Agreement
- Special and Differential Treatment
- Nature of commitments
- Categorisation, notification and ratification of the Agreement
- The provisions of the WTO TFA and the role of the NTFC in each of them (Article 1-12)

Training material

UNCTAD will provide to each participant electronic files (ppts, documents, etc.) in Portuguese and English. International standards and WTO TFA will be provided in English (French and Spanish versions are available if needed).

Selection criteria for participants

Target participants shall be formally designated members of Angola's NTFC as well as the employees that replace them in case of missions, vacations and sick leaves among others. Public and private sector are expected to be represented among participants. The identification of no more than 50 potential participants will be prepared by the Ministry of Commerce, MINCO.

A proposed list of participants will be prepared by the national focal point of the project at MINCO, namely Director Dr. Rui Livramento, Direcção de Intercâmbio. From this proposal, a final selection of the final participants will be made by UNCTAD.

Logistic Information for participants

The training will take place at the Ministry of Commerce (MINCO), (ROOM TO BE CONFIRMED), from 28 to 31 August 2018. Training sessions will take place 09:00 to 18:00 for a maximum of 40 participants (see selection criteria above).



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Diplomas will be issued to participants who have a minimum of 80% attendance and that scored in average 60% or up in the quizzes and group exercises.

Trainers

1) Julian Fraga-Campos

Julian Fraga-Campos works as an Economic Affairs Officer for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Previously, he worked at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), within the Trade Facilitation Section. His work has focused on actively supporting the implementation of the National Trade Facilitation Committees in West and East African Countries, including through acting as project officer for the Strengthen National Trade Facilitation Committees in Zimbabwe, Ghana, Liberia, Benin, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire and Nigeria among others, in compliance with the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation. He has also prepared National Trade Facilitation Strategies for several African countries and supported the preparation of other relevant documents. Julian also has experience working for the private sector, where he acquired international experience managing projects and staff, and engaging with diverse stakeholders. Additionally, he has volunteered for various NGOs in Geneva which work on environmental issues. He has a background in agribusiness, holds a Master's in Marketing Management and Distribution Channels from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and a B.Sc. in Agronomy from the Mayor University of Chile.

2) Osvaldo Agliatello

Osvaldo R. Agatiello is a consultant to national governments and international organizations. He has worked or supervised experts in the field in more than a hundred jurisdictions, including fragile states. He is also a professor of international economics and governance in Geneva. Over the years his main interest in the international financial markets has shifted to international trade, socioeconomic development, and ethical governance.

After working in the capital markets of New York, London, Tokyo and Frankfurt in the 1980s, he was part of the team of Argentine foreign debt negotiators at the central bank, reaching the level of Deputy Secretary for Projects and Technical Cooperation and Assistant to the Deputy Economy minister. In the 1990s he coordinated the Latin American practice of the international law firm of Baker & McKenzie. In the 2000s he coordinated a global programme to promote South-South trade at the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO. He is the author and editor of numerous books and peer-reviewed articles on economic and legal matters. He studied international law and economics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy of Massachusetts (PhD, MALD) and at the Universities of Cordoba (LLD) and Buenos Aires (LLB).



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3) Álvaro Moreira

Alvaro Moreira is a Franco-Brazilian consultant specialized in international development with eight years of experience in the management of technical cooperation projects. He has contributed to a number of capacity-building projects related to international trade in UNCTAD in French, Portuguese and English-speaking African countries. He also provided project management services to the Brazilian Cooperation Agency for the implementation of South-South Cooperation structuring programs in Africa. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in geography from Lumière University and a master's degree in political science from Sciences-Po Lyon, France. Since 2016 he holds a PhD from the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom.



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Training schedule and agenda:

Tuesday - 28 August 2018	
GENERAL CONCEPTS ON TRADE FACILITATION	
09:00-10:30	<p>Welcome words and Update on Angola's NTFC work plan <i>Speakers: Chairman of the Angola National Trade Facilitation Committee</i></p> <p>Presentation of the UNCTAD Empowerment for National Trade Facilitation Committees (NTFCs), agenda, team of experts, objectives of the week and methodology used Ice breaker exercise <i>Speakers: UNCTAD, MINCO</i></p>
10:30-10:50	Coffee break
10:50-13:00	<p>Key definitions and concepts in trade facilitation (including key principles: Transparency, Simplification, Harmonization and Standardization, Modernization) <i>Speakers: UNCTAD</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	<p>How are national trade facilitation committees around the world set up? Key aspects of different NTFCs around the world such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objectives and scope - Degree of institutionalisation - Terms of reference - Coordinating agency and permanent secretariat - Financing national TF bodies - Composition <p><i>Speakers: UNCTAD</i></p>
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-17:45	<p>Success factors, main obstacles and main lessons learned of NTFCs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implications of this for Angola's National Trade Facilitation Committee - Definition of roles and functions within the NTFC - Definition of adoption process of ToRs and formal procedure
17:45-18:00	Written examination (multiple choice)



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Wednesday - 29 August 2018	
	STANDARDS, TF REPORTS AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR TRADE FACILITATION
09:00-10:00	International standards and recommendations for trade facilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) - United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) cross-border standards <i>Speakers: UNCTAD</i>
09:00-10:30	WCO standards for trade facilitation <i>Speakers: UNCTAD</i>
10:30-10:50	Coffee break
10:50-13:00	WTO standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sanitary and phytosanitary measures - Technical Barriers to Trade
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	Angolas's experience in implementing international trade facilitation standards and conventions, including for instance the SAFE Framework of Standards, Window and Revised Kyoto Convention, etc. <i>Speakers: TBD (Angola)</i>
15:30-15:50	Coffee break
15:50-17:30	Angolas's experience in implementing international trade facilitation standards and conventions ... (continuation)
17:30-18:00	Written examination (multiple choice)



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Thursday - 30 August 2018	
	STANDARDS, TF REPORTS AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR TRADE FACILITATION
09:00-10:30	<p>Trade facilitation reports and data: what are they good for, how should we interpret their data?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators ii. UNCTAD Maritime Statistics iii. World Bank Doing Business iv. World Bank Logistics Performance Index <p>Creating Angola's Trade Facilitation Profile based on available trade data (Group exercise) <i>Speakers: UNCTAD</i></p>
10:30-10:50	Coffee break
10:50-13:00	Trade facilitation reports and data: (continuation)
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
	TRADE FACILITATION AND SUPPLY CHAIN
14:00-15:30	<p>Overview of the Global Supply Chain and Trade Facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the concept of global supply chain - How can trade facilitation improve the global supply chain management - How trade facilitation helps to the promotion of exports <p><i>Speakers: UNCTAD</i></p> <p><i>Group exercise</i></p>
15:30-15:50	Coffee break
15:50-18:00	Overview of the Global Supply Chain and Trade Facilitation (continuation)



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Friday - 31 August 2018	
WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT	
09:00-10:30	WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure of the Agreement - Special and Differential Treatment - Nature of commitments - Categorisation, notification and ratification of the Agreement <i>Speakers: UNCTAD</i>
10:30-10:50	Coffee break
10:50-13:00	The provisions of the WTO TFA and the role of the NTFC in each of them (Article 1-12) <i>Speakers: UNCTAD</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:00	The provisions of the WTO TFA and the role of the NTFC in each of them (Article 1-12) (continuation) <i>Speakers: UNCTAD</i>
15:00-16:00	Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation of the workshop - Results of the written examinations - Explanation of the next steps - Certificates - Closure ceremony and presentation of results <i>Speakers: UNCTAD and MINCO</i>

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