

Annexes and References for Concept Note 5 – Trade Logistics

Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI)

On-line data base, LSCI 2004 – 2017: <http://stats.unctad.org/LSCI>

Review of Maritime Transport Series (1968-2016)

The Review of Maritime Transport (RMT) is an UNCTAD flagship publication, published annually since 1968. In 2015, over 80 per cent of the volume of international trade in goods was carried by sea, and the percentage is even higher for most developing countries. The RMT provides an analysis of structural and cyclical changes affecting seaborne trade, ports and shipping, as well as an extensive collection of statistical information. Every issue provides data and insights on: Seaborne trade, emerging trends affecting maritime transport, fleet ownership and registration, shipbuilding and demolitions, freight rates, liner shipping connectivity, port traffic as well as legal and regulatory developments.

<http://unctad.org/RMT>

Multi-Year Expert Meeting – Sustainable Freight Transport (2015)

The background note and the report of the meeting have helped to improve understanding of key issues that undermine the sustainability of freight transport systems and identify relevant challenges, barriers and enabling factors in the field. Furthermore, and, based on best practices and lessons learned, opportunities associated with sustainable freight transport systems for developing countries have been articulated and prioritised with a view to wider dissemination and potential replication worldwide. Important systemic issues including finance, capacity-building and the need for partnerships and cooperation of both the private and public sectors have also been raised as important considerations.

Background note: http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/cimem7d11_en.pdf

Report http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/cimem7d12_en.pdf

Multi-Year Expert Meeting – Small Island Developing States: Challenges in Transport and Trade Logistics (2014)

This paper highlights some of the key challenges in transport and trade logistics facing SIDS and identifies areas of potential action with a view to meeting these challenges and explores potential opportunities. Considerations raised seek to inform deliberations at the meeting and stimulate discussions with a view to shaping the way forward, in particular, in the light of the outcome of the Samoa Conference and the post-2015 development agenda.

Background Note: http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/cimem7d8_en.pdf

Multi-Year Expert Meeting – Small Island Developing States: Challenges in Transport and Trade Logistics (2014)

The third session of the multi-year expert meeting focused on some of the particular transport and trade logistics challenges that SIDS face in connection with their remoteness and geographical location (cf. Doha Mandate, paragraph 56(j)). Improved access to global markets and enhanced trade competitiveness is particularly important for these countries, as is ensuring

the resilience of critical transport infrastructure. With SIDS being completely dependent on ports and airports, climate change risks such as rising sea levels, increasing temperatures and more frequent and/or intense storms pose serious threats to vital transport infrastructure, services and operations. Understanding the underlying risk and vulnerabilities and developing adequate adaptation measures is of the essence

Report: http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/cimem7d9_en.pdf

Closing the Distance: Partnerships for Sustainable and Resilient Transport Systems in SIDS, (2014)

This report addresses key issues at the interface between maritime transport, sustainability and resilience. It identifies gaps and needs facing the maritime transport sector in SIDS and highlights potential response measures with a view to more sustainable and resilient maritime transport systems. By providing a snapshot of the current situation of the maritime transport in SIDS and presenting original maritime transport-related data that cover all SIDS, the report helps fill an important information gap resulting from insufficient and fragmented information and data pertaining to the maritime transport situation of SIDS.

Report: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/dtlalb2014d2_en.pdf

Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on “Addressing the Transport and Trade Logistics Challenges of Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Samoa Conference and Beyond,” (2014)

The report reflects the outcome of the discussions that took place at the UNCTAD ad Hoc Expert Meeting held in the lead up to the Third International Conference on SIDS (Samoa Conference 2014). The Ad Hoc Expert Meeting provided a platform for expert discussions on transport-related challenges facing SIDS and on how best to address these challenges. Relevant issues considered include, inter alia, the (i) current state of play in terms of the transport and trade logistics challenges in SIDS; (ii) sectoral interlinkages between transport and trade as well as other key economic sectors of relevance to SIDS, in particular, tourism and fisheries; (iii) climate change impacts on transport infrastructure in SIDS and adaptation needs; (iv) financing as a cross-cutting enabling factor; (v) priority action areas and effective response measures; and (VI) the role of partnerships, relevant partners and collaboration mechanisms.

Summary and Outcome: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/dtlalb2014d3_en.pdf