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Overview

- Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific
- Trade Facilitation at ESCAP
- UNNExT
- Assistance to Single Window development

Trade Facilitation



- “Measures that aims to increase the cost-effectiveness of international trade transactions”.
- “the simplification and harmonization of international trade procedures.”

Trade Facilitation (TF) in Asia and the Pacific

- On average ESCAP-wide, it still takes 30 days to move goods from factory to deck of ship at nearest seaport
 - ASEAN still takes about 15 days!
 - G-7 export time is now at 10 days!
- ESCAP research shows that intra-regional trade costs are higher than those with Europe and North America
- Improvements in TF could bring \$250 billion in additional intraregional trade

Trade Facilitation at ESCAP

- Capacity Building: (i) paperless trade and Single Window development; (ii) Agriculture trade facilitation
 - United Nations Network of Experts on Paperless Trade for Asia and the Pacific (UNNEXT)
 - Annual Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum and exhibition
- **Research and Analysis**
 - Evaluation of trade costs and factors affecting them
 - Trade facilitation in agricultural products
 - Analysis of regional trade procedures (w/ ARTNeT)
- **Advisory Services**
 - Programme delivered in close collaboration with UNECE, ADB, and the Global Facilitation Partnership for Transport and Trade (see www.gfptt.org)

UNNEXt

United Nations Network of Experts for
Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

- **“community of knowledge and practice to facilitate the implementation of single window and paperless trade in the region”**
 - Tools and guides development activities
 - Advocacy and Technical Training Workshops
 - Knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer support
- On-going focus:
 - Trade Process Analysis
 - Data Harmonization
 - Legal Framework for Single Window and Paperless Trade
 - Single Window master plan



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ESCAP assistance to Single Window development

Single Window Definition:

“A facility that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardized information and documents with a single entry point to fulfill all import, export and transit-related regulatory requirements“

- Our focus is on
 - Building capacity “Towards a single window and paperless trading environment”
 - Clearing house for good practices and lessons on SW implementation
 - Advisory services for SW planning/costing

Towards a SW

Agreement on Cross Border Data Exchange (in progress)

**Cross
Border
Data
Exchange**

UNESCAP/ECE/UNNE_xT SW Checklist and Guide for SW Masterplan; UNNE_xT experience sharing

Single Window

(i) UNESCAP/UNECE/UNNE_xT Data Harmonization Guide; (ii) Guide for the Design of Aligned Trade Forms

National Data Harmonization

Document Simplification and Standardization

ESCAP/ECE/UNNE_xT Business Process Analysis Guide

Process Analysis and Simplification

Thank You