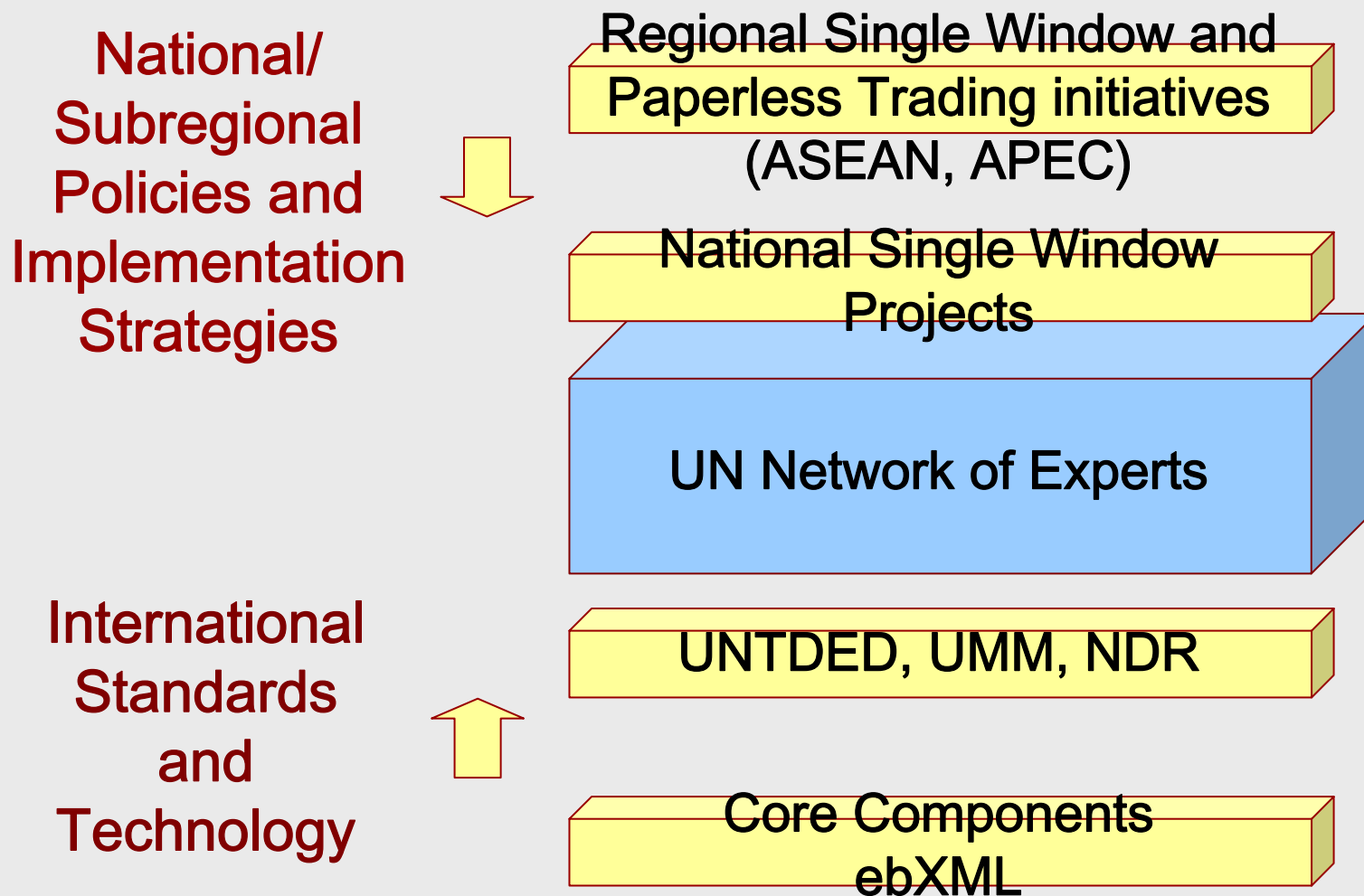


UN Network of Experts for Paperless Trade in Asia & the Pacific

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Gap between global solutions & the implementation at regional/national level



Bridging this gap...

...the local experts need a platform that can provide access to:

- Technical knowledge and expertise
- Capacity building support and training
- Exchange of best practices and experience with their peers in other countries of the region

...the local policy makers need a platform that can link them with the technical experts to be able to make better-informed decisions

→ **UNNExT** launched at high-level regional forum in March 2009

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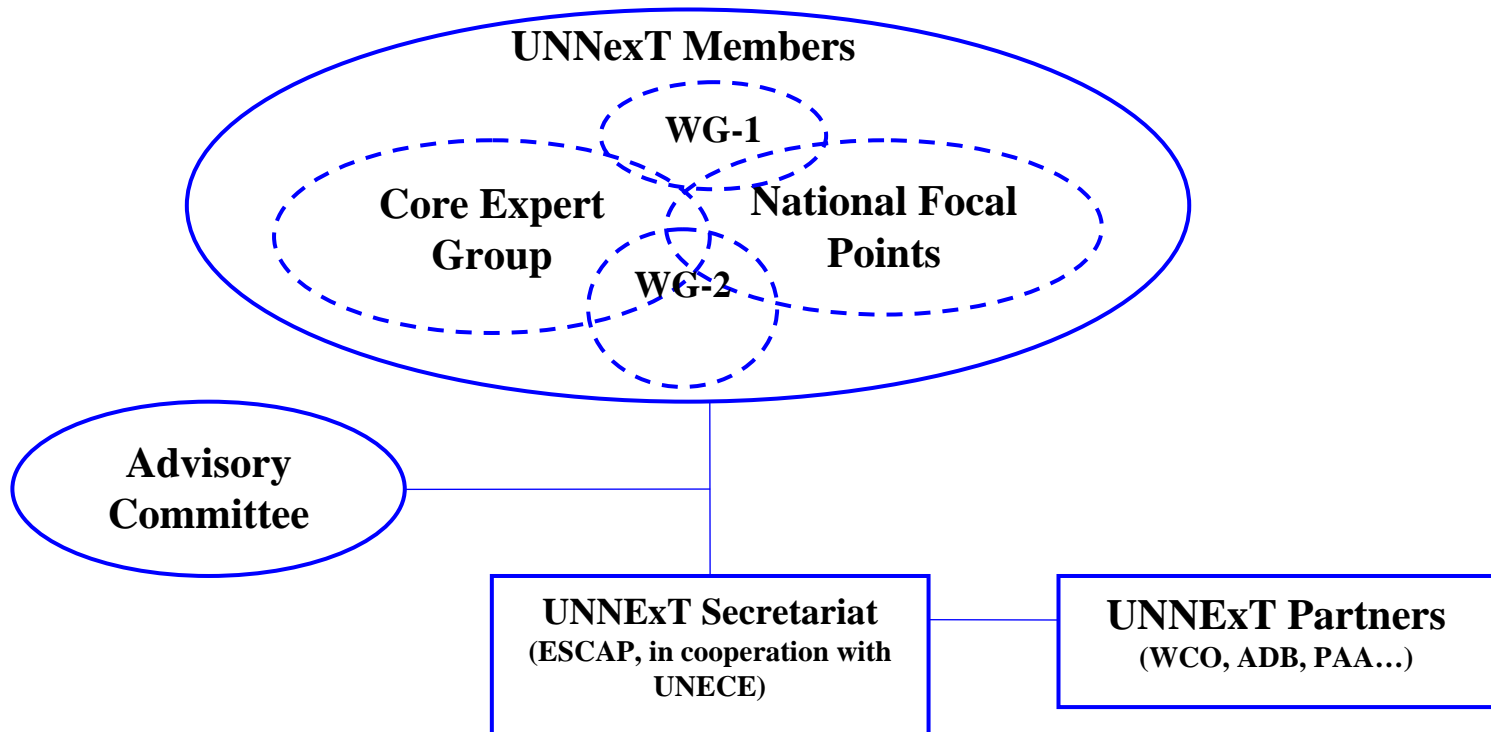
Mission:

“establish an **ongoing community of knowledge and practice** to facilitate the implementation of single window and paperless trade in the Asia-Pacific region ”

Objectives of UNNExT are to:

- Support delivery of national, subregional and transcontinental initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region;
- Contribute to the building of local expertise to adopt the global standards and solutions for aligned trade documents and data requirements, single window and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

UNNExT Institutional Structure



UNNExT Advisory Committee

(approved members as of 29 June 2010)

- Mr. Tahseen Ahmed Khan, UN/CEFACT Vice Chair and DDG, MICT, **India**
- Mr. Shim, Sang-Bee, Director of Paperless Trade, KITA, **Korea** (Rep. of)
- Mr. Hisanao Sugamata, Sec. General, **Japan** EDI Council
- Ms. Mee Wan Wong, **Malaysia** Customs
- Mr. Khemdeth Sihavong, DDG, MIC, **Lao PDR**
- Dr. Somnuk Keretho, Director, IITI, Kaset. Univ., **Thailand**
- Dr. Hong Xue, Prof. of Law and Director, IIPL, Beijing, **China**
- Mr. Koh Tat Tsen, Director, Crimson Logic, **Singapore**
- Mr. Demberel Sambuu, Chairman and CEO, MNCCI, **Mongolia**
- *Expert from Central Asia (to be determined)*

Activities of UNNExT



- Tools and guides development activities
 - E.g., *Business Process Analysis (BPA) Guide for Simplification of Trade Procedures*
- Capacity building (training) activities
 - E.g., *National BPA Training-of-Analyst Workshop*
- Knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer support
 - E.g., *UNNExT Brief “Towards a Single Window Trading Environment”*; *Online working groups and expert databases*
- Regional Advisory Services
 - E.g., *Single Window Readiness Assessments*
- Research and Analysis
 - With *ARTNeT* (www.artnetontrade.org)

UNNEXT Work Programme 2010/11

- **Trade Process Analysis**
 - Working Group (WG) on Trade Process Analysis
- **Doc. Simplification and Data Harmonization**
 - WG on Capacity Building for Data Harmonization
- **Legal framework for National and Regional Single Window**
 - WG on Capacity Building for SEW Legal Framework Development and Harmonization
- **Single Window Master Plan and Implementation**

How can CAREC countries contribute?



- Nominate national focal points
 - Match those responsible for (CAREC) single window development
 - Help shape UNNExT work programme and disseminate outputs of network activities
- Identify and commit experts
 - For participation in working groups / to enhance their skills
- Possibility of developing a sub-network of CAREC / Central Asia experts
 - Develop tools and activities in Russian language and/or tailored to the need of the region

Forthcoming 5-7 Oct. 2010, in Malaysia



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- Organized by ADB and ESCAP in cooperation with:



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Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2010: "Trade Facilitation for Regional Connectivity: Advancing Paperless Trade"

Background

The Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum aims to promote trade facilitation as an important component of a comprehensive strategy for national and regional development. The Forum, now held annually at the request of participants to the first event, provides an open regional platform to exchange information, experiences and practices for trade facilitation in Asia-Pacific, identify priority areas for regional cooperation and integration, and learn about new tools and services which can increase the efficiency of cross-border transactions that will ultimately improve the competitiveness of firms in the region.

Following up on the recommendations of the 2009 Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum, which emphasized the need to improve regional and subregional connectivity, the theme of this year's Forum is "Trade Facilitation for Regional Connectivity: Advancing Paperless Trade". Taking into account the varying stages at which trade facilitation initiatives, subregional trade facilitation efforts, subregional organizations and subregional organizations are developing trade facilitation efforts, the Forum will include a Subregional Session on Trade Facilitation for Regional Connectivity: Advancing Paperless Trade. The Subregional Session will focus on trade facilitation related facilities. A number of other side-events on trade facilitation will also be held in parallel or back-to-back with the Forum.

**Will include Central Asia/CAREC
Subregional Session**

Objectives

<http://www.unescap.org/tid/projects/tfforum.asp>



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Networking builds strong alliances and partnerships. It helps to exchange knowledge, experience, practices and lessons learned more effectively and may lead to tangible collaborations. The United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade in Asia Pacific (UN NExT) has been spearheaded and

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