

# Role of Regional Network: UNNExT

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

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Session 2: Advances in Single Window Concept and Implementation

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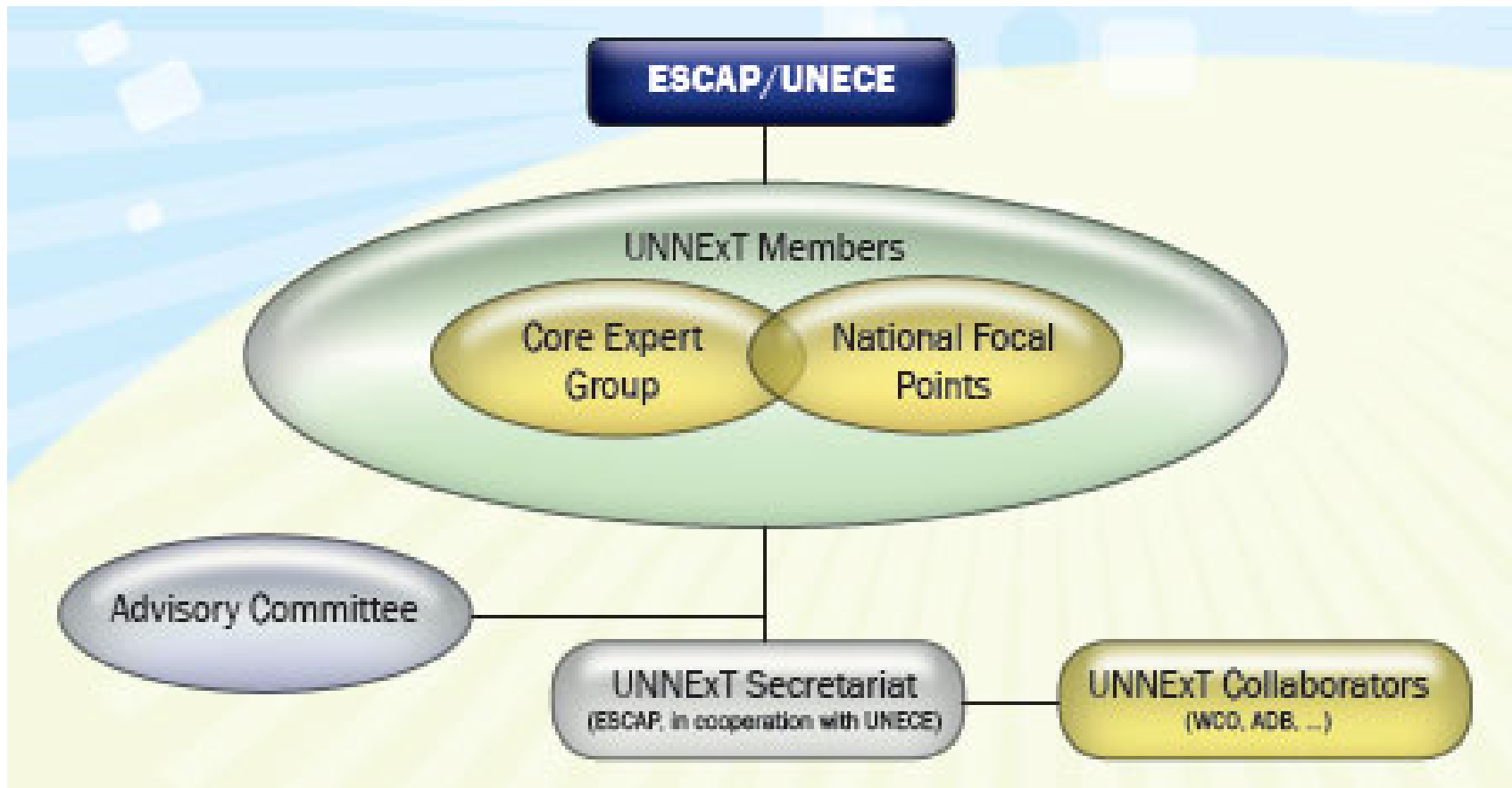
***“an ongoing community of  
knowledge and practice  
to facilitate the implementation of  
single window and paperless trade  
in the Asia-Pacific region ”***

**... As part of ESCAP's effort with  
the collaboration from UNECE to enhance  
regional connectivity and integration**

# Objectives of UNNExT are to:

- **Support** delivery of national, sub-regional 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 paperless trade initiatives
  - **Emphasize on training, knowledge sharing, and application of international standards and guides** developed by UN/CEFACT, WCO, UNESCAP, UNECE and other relevant organizations.

# UNNExT Institutional Structure



# UNNExT Advisory Committee

## Members of the UNNExT Advisory Committee 2010-11

- Mr. Tahseen Ahmed Khan, UN/CEFACT Vice Chair and DDG, MICT, **India**
- Mr. Sang-Bee Shim, Director of Paperless Trade Office, **Korea** (Rep. of)
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- Mr. Koh Tat Tsen, Director, Crimson Logic, **Singapore**
- Mr. Demberel Sambuu, Chairman and CEO, MNCCI, **Mongolia**
- Prof. Igbal Babayev, Chief, Customs Department, **Azerbaijan**
- Ms. Anarkan Rakhmanova, DG, Ministry of ED&Trade, **Kyrgyzstan**



# Activities of UNNExT



## ❑ Tools and guides development activities

- 1. Business Process Analysis (BPA) Guide for Simplification of Trade Procedures**  
(published Dec. 09, and a draft updated version being peer-reviewed)
- 2. Data Harmonization Guide**  
(final draft under reviewing; peer-reviewed)
- 3. SW Legal Issues Guide/Training Materials**  
(Preliminary draft available; peer-reviewed in July 2011)
- 4. SW Planning and Implementation Guide**  
(Preliminary draft available; peer-reviewed)





## ❑ Capacity building (training) activities

1. National Workshops on Single Window and BPA, Mongolia (Nov.-Dec.09)
2. BPA Workshop, Azerbaijan (Jul.10)
3. Workshop on advancing trade facilitation, Cambodia (Jul.10)
4. BPA Training-of-Analyst Workshop, Cambodia (Aug.10)
5. CAREC Single Window Implementation Seminar (Jul.10)
6. Regional Workshop on Data Harmonization and Paperless Trade (Oct.10)
7. National Workshop on Trade Facilitation and SW, Nepal (Feb.11)
8. Regional Workshop on BPA for Trade Facilitation and SW, Bangkok (Apr.11)
9. Follow-up National Workshop on BPA for Trade Facilitation and Single Window, Mongolia (Jun.11)
10. National Workshop on BPA for Trade Facilitation and SW, Kazakhstan (Jun.11)
11. Regional Workshop on Legal Issues for SW and Paperless Trade (Pilot; Oct.11)
12. Regional Workshop on Data Harmonization for SW (Pilot; Oct.11)

# Activities of UNNExT



## ❑ Knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer support

- UNNExT Brief "Towards a Single Window Trading Environment"
  - Senegal case brief (Jan.2011); Japan case brief (Apr.2011);
  - Coordination good practice brief (Sept.2011)
- Online working groups/discussion list established (April 2011)
- Online Expert databases established (May 2011; 88 registered experts as of Sep.2011)
- Region-wide Forums
  - Symposium on Single Window and Paperless Trade (Mar 2009)
  - Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum (2009; 2010)
  - Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2011, Seoul



# Activities of UNNExT



## ❑ Advisory Services / Research & Analysis

- Mongolia Single Window Master Plan
  - drafting support; Expert review support (Oct. 10)
  - Donor consultation meeting
    - » Masterplan endorsed by donors and Gov. (Feb.11)
- Cambodia Trade Facilitation and Process Analysis Report (Mar.11)
- Nepal Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Report (Jul.11)
- ARTNeT / UNNExT Regional Study on Improving Trade Procedures
  - Application of BPA guide
  - Working papers on China, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand available (Nov.10-Jun.11)

# UNNExT Work Programme 2010/11

## UNNExT Work Programme

Strengthened national and regional capacity to implement single window and paperless trade facilities for trade facilitation in the Asia-Pacific region

Advisory Group  
on  
Trade Process  
Analysis

Advisory Group  
on  
Document  
Simplification  
and Data  
Harmonization

Advisory Group  
on  
Legal  
Framework for  
National and  
Regional Single  
Window

Advisory Group  
on  
Single Window  
Master Plan and  
Implementation

The work programme of UNNExT for 2010/11 focuses on 4 priority areas mentioned above. Activities in each area are supported by an Advisory Group (AG) of core UNNExT experts. The AG assists in the development and review of the specialized guides and training materials in their focus area; in delivering training and workshops; and advisory services. Additional advisory groups are expected to be established as new priority issues are identified, in line with capacity building needs of the region.

# UN Development Account on Deepening Regional Connectivity (draft; 2012-15)

- ❑ *"Strengthening Capacities of Asian Developing Countries to Increase Intra-regional Trade by Implementing Paperless Trade and Transport Facilitation Systems"*
  - Launch expanded UNNExT → UNNExT<sup>2</sup>: UN Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Transport
    - Proposed new UNNExT Advisory Groups:
      - UAG - Agricultural trade facilitation
      - UAG - Paperless transit transport
      - UAG - Paperless trade systems for SMEs
  - Development of capacity building material and delivery of training-of-trainer workshops supported by each Advisory Group
    - Building on the material and guides developed during UNNExT (2010/11)
  - Organization of (2) Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forums
    - Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2012 (Colombo, Sri Lanka)

# How can you contribute?



## ■ Countries

- nominate national focal points
- identify experts and institutions involved in Trade Facilitation
- disseminate UNNExT tools and provide updates on progress towards SW and paperless trade

## ■ Experts

- Register and contribute to the knowledge base e.g. by preparing case studies or briefs

## ■ Donors and Development Organizations

- provide financial support
- enter into partnerships with the UNNExT Secretariat to organize joint activities



**Thank you**  
**[www.unescap.org/unnnext](http://www.unescap.org/unnnext)**

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the UNNEXt website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.unescap.org/unnnext>. The website header features the UNNEXt logo with the tagline "United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific", alongside the ESCAP and UNECE logos. Navigation buttons for "Home" and "Forum" are present. The main content area includes a large image of a modern building interior with a curved, ribbed ceiling. Overlaid on this image is the text: "A community of knowledge and practice to facilitate the implementation of single window and paperless trade in the Asia-Pacific region". Below the image are three buttons: "Regional Network", "Paperless Trade", and "Knowledge Sharing". To the right, a "Latest News" section contains a link to "Conclusions and Recommendations from the High-Level Symposium on Building Regional Capacity for Paperless Trade." Below this is a "Menu" section with links to "How To Join?", "Events", "Activities", and "Reference Reading". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including "시작" (Start), "MMX300G 3G USB...", "EDICOM 2009\_UN...", and "UN Network of Ex...". The system clock in the bottom right corner indicates the time is 3:48 on October 4, 2011.

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UNITED NATIONS  
ESCAP  
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

UNECE  
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Home Forum

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A community of knowledge and practice to facilitate the implementation of single window and paperless trade in the Asia-Pacific region

Regional Network Paperless Trade Knowledge Sharing

**Regional Network**

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 (UNNEXt) has been spearheaded and

**Latest News**

Conclusions and Recommendations from the High-Level Symposium on Building Regional Capacity for Paperless Trade.

**Menu**

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