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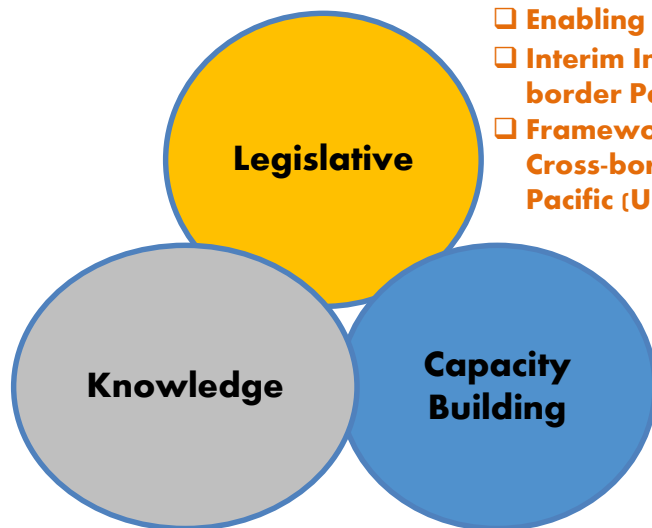
## Update on Trade Facilitation Activities

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# UN ESCAP Trade Facilitation Programme

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- ❑ **Enabling paperless trade (Res. 68/3)**
- ❑ **Interim Intergov. Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation (Res. 70/6)**
- ❑ **Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (UN treaty, 2016)**

- ❑ **WTO TFA related implementation support**
- ❑ **Business/Trade Process Analysis**
- ❑ **Single Window & Paperless Trade Implementation**
  - ❑ **UNNExT Masterclass**
- ❑ **Trade & Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism**
- ❑ **Agricultural & SME trade facilitation**
- ❑ **NTM data collection (with UNCTAD)**

- ❑ **ESCAP-World Bank Trade Cost Database**
- ❑ **UN Global Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation Survey (UNtfsurvey.org)**
- ❑ **UNNExT Single Window & Paperless Trade Implementation Guides & Impact analyses**
- ❑ **ESCAP-OECD Guide on Indicators for Trade Facilitation**
- ❑ **NTM indicators for sustainable development, cost estimates, case studies**

# LEGISLATIVE: Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific - Update

- ☐ Five countries signed and one acceded
  - ✓ Signed: Armenia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China and Islamic Republic of Iran
  - ✓ Acceded: Azerbaijan
- ☐ Implementation plan on the way
  - ✓ Draft road map for implementation
  - ✓ Supporting documents: Legal and Technical Readiness checklists



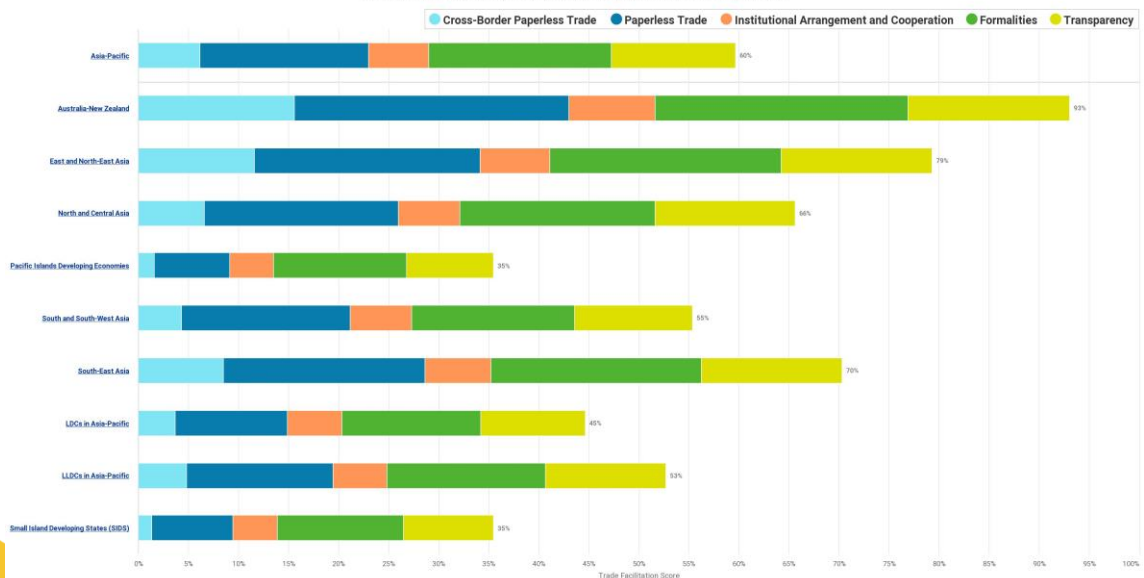
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# KNOWLEDGE: UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2019

- Conducted by United Nations Regional Commissions, including ECA, UNECE, ECLAC, ESCAP and ESCWA

Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation in Asia and the Pacific (2019)

Source: UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2019



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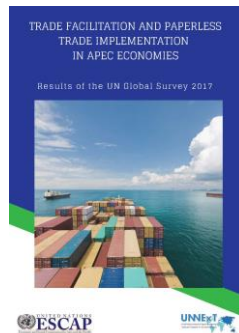
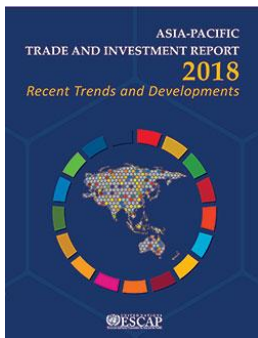
# OTHER KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

ESCAP-World Bank  
Trade Cost  
Database



Databases

Publications



## Framework Agreement



# CB PROJECTS



## UNNExT Task Force on Cross-border Electronic Data Exchange

- Aims at improving readiness in electronic exchange of data between Northeast Asian economies to achieve higher levels of regulatory compliance and trade facilitation.
- China, Mongolia, Republic of Korea and Russian Federation

## UNNExT Masterclass: intensive two-week capacity building programme on trade facilitation and Single Window

- 4th WCO-ESCAP UNNExT Masterclass: License, Permits, Certificates and Other regulatory requirements (e-LPCO) in a Single Window Environment, 5-14 November 2018, Cheon-an, Republic of Korea



# CB PROJECTS: Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade

- Capacity building effort on cross-border paperless trade facilitation, by conducting technical and legal readiness assessments on cross-border paperless trade (as well as business process analysis for BRI corridors)
- LDCs (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal and Timor Leste) (EIF funded)
- BRI corridors (Armenia, Mongolia, Myanmar and Uzbekistan) (China funded)



# CB PROJECT: UPCOMING

## Facilitating Cross-Border Paperless Trade along the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Corridors for Regional Integration and Sustainable Development - Phase II

- Study for developing guidelines on development of national policy framework for cross-border paperless trade and collecting of good (best) practices
- Feasibility and scoping study on the electronic exchange of trade-related data and documents between Bangladesh, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and other relevant South Asian economies





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