

Activities and initiatives on trade facilitation by ESCAP

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- Introduction to ESCAP
- UNNExT & its Trade Facilitation Tools
- Activity (Major) Highlights



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What is UNNExT?

The United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Transport in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT) is a community of knowledge and practice for experts from developing countries and transition economies from Asia and the Pacific involved in the implementation of electronic trade systems and trade facilitation. It was established by the UN ESCAP and UNECE in 2009.

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Upcoming & recent events

Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2017, 5-8 September 2017, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Seventh Global Review of Aid for Trade, Side Event 14 "Implementing Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade for Sustainable Growth", 12 July 2017, Geneva, Switzerland

National Consultation Workshop on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation, 23 June 2017, Suva, Fiji

Second Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017

Workshop on Advancing Interoperability of Single Windows, 31 May-1 June 2017, Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan

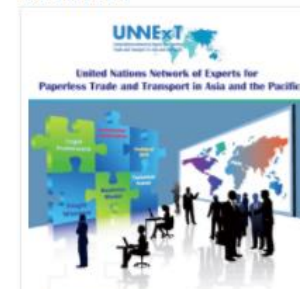
ESCAP-ARTNeT/ITD Training course on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade, 25-26 May 2017, Bangkok, Thailand

3rd UNNExT Masterclass: Digital Customs and Single Windows in the context of the WTO TFA, 19-28 April

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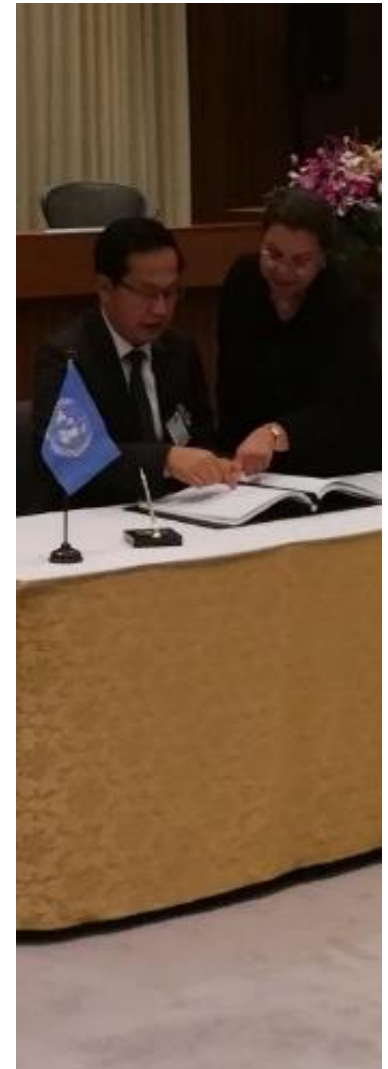
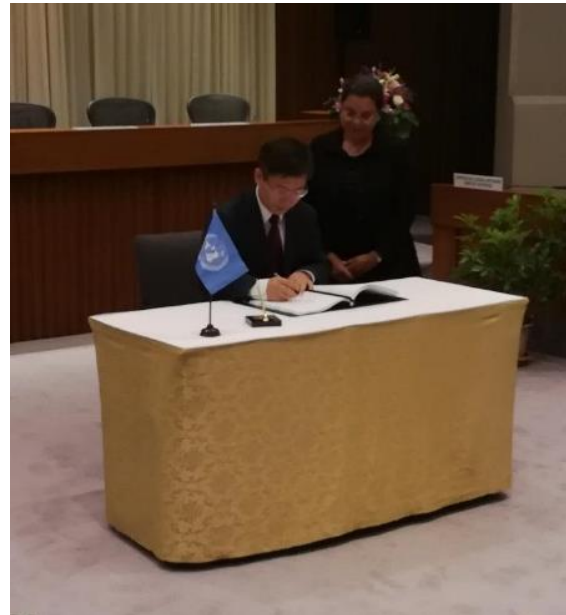
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Major Activities (1)

Framework Agreement on facilitation of cross-border paperless trade

- Bangladesh, Cambodia and China signed the treaty on 29 August 2017.
- Other countries such as Republic of Korea and Thailand show keen interest to sign the treaty soon.



Major Activities (2)

ESCAP-World Bank Trade Cost Database (**updated 2017**)

Intra- and extra-regional comprehensive trade costs in the Asia-Pacific region
(excluding tariff costs), 2010-2015

Region	ASEAN-4	East Asia-3	North and Central Asia - 4	Pacific Islands Developing Economies	SAARC-4	AUS-NZL	EU-3
ASEAN-4	76%						
	(6.7%)						
East Asia-3	76%	51%					
	(4.1%)	(-2.9%)					
North and Central Asia - 4	343%	167%	116%				
	(5.4%)	(-9.9%)	(-0.9%)				
Pacific Islands Developing Economies	172%	173%	370%	130%			
	(-9.0%)	(-3.1%)	(21.6%)	(-8.8%)			
SAARC-4	130%	123%	302%	300%	119%		
	(3.5%)	(-2.1%)	(7.7%)	(-4.6%)	(12.9%)		
AUS-NZL	101%	87%	341%	82%	136%	51%	
	(2.9%)	(-5.4%)	(-4.9%)	(-8.9%)	(-6.7%)	(-4.9%)	
EU-3	105%	84%	150%	204%	113%	108%	42%
	(-3.4%)	(-3.4%)	(-7.1%)	(-7.1%)	(0.3%)	(-2.3%)	(-8.1%)
USA	86%	63%	174%	161%	112%	100%	67%
	(8.0%)	(0.4%)	(-3.5%)	(-5.4%)	(6.7%)	(2.9%)	(0.4%)

The **Second** Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation **in 2017**

The survey was conducted by five UN regional commissions, with support from other partners such as UNCTAD, International Trade Centre, OECD, Oceania Customs Organization and Eurasian Economic Commission.



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Major Activities (4)

- Led the development of UN/CEFACT Recommendation 42

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Recommendations and standards

Recommendations for approval

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Recommendation N°42:

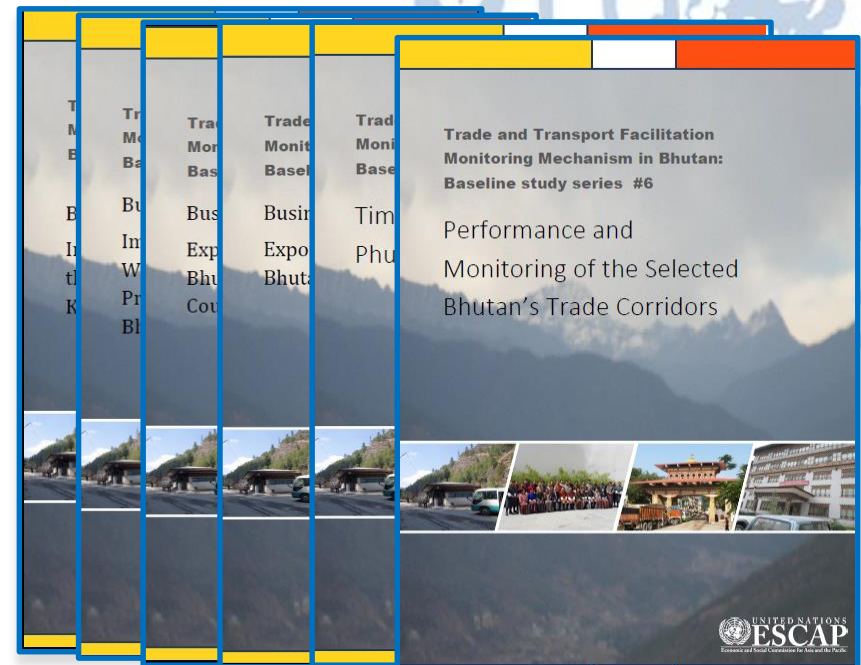
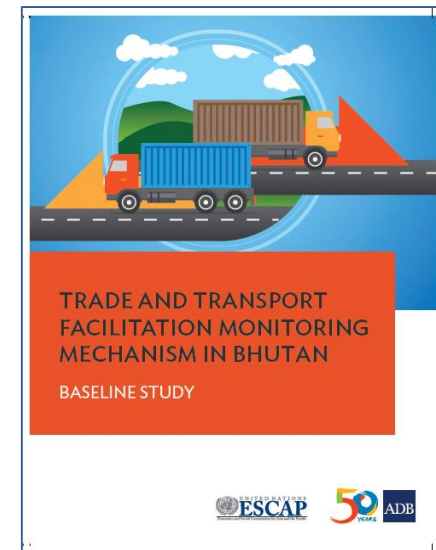
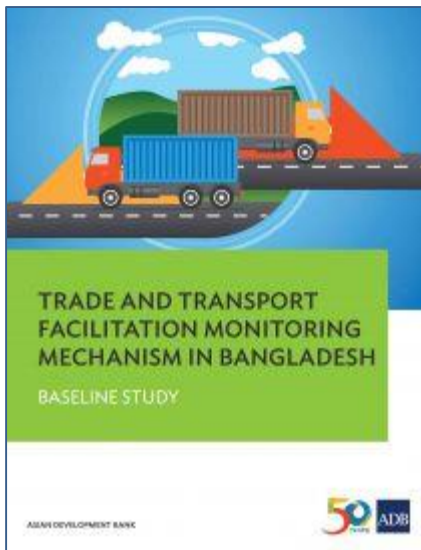
Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism

Summary

Many countries around the world have made efforts to facilitate trade and transport. Few, however, have established sustainable mechanisms to monitor the effectiveness of policies and procedures that facilitate trade and speed up international supply and value chains. There is, therefore, a need for countries to establish sustainable national trade and transport facilitation monitoring mechanisms to measure and assess progress, and to assist in policymaking and modernization efforts.

The purpose of this Recommendation is to encourage governments, business communities,

Major activities (5): TTFMM baseline studies in Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal



E-Learning Series on Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation

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Module 5 - Data Collection

Module 6 - Process Analysis

Module 7 - From BPA to TTFMM

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Course Study Guide

UNNEXT BPA Guide for TF

TTFMM Guide

BPA Case Studies

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E-Learning Series on Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation

The Business Process Analysis (BPA) online training course has been developed by the ESCAP Trade, Investment and Innovation Division based on the UNNEXT BPA Guide to Simplify Trade Procedures. BPA is considered the first necessary step to simplifying trade procedures. The course consists of seven modules and introduces a step-by-step approach to conducting BPA. It is aimed at government officials and other stakeholders responsible for trade facilitation.

The course is divided as follows:

- Module 1: BPA for Trade Facilitation - An Introduction
- Module 2: Unified Modeling Language

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Course Study Guide

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Development Account Achievements

Progress reports on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account are submitted to the General Assembly every biennium and provide a mechanism to report on results achieved. All official progress reports submitted to the General Assembly are available on the [Development Account Official Documents](#) site.

Traditionally, the progress reports have focused on the on-going and recently closed tranches of the Development Account. However, the full range of results achieved through projects is often not immediately apparent at the close of project implementation and may only become evident some time thereafter. Hence, in the 10th Development Account progress report on the implementation of projects financed from the Account, the scope of reporting has been extended to cover a broader range of projects from previous tranches.

The below stories, referenced in the [10th Development Account progress report](#), represent examples of successful project areas that the ten implementing entities of the Development Account have implemented with support from the Account.

Selected sample stories of successful Development Account project areas

- [Strengthening modelling capacity for development policy analysis](#) (DESA)
- [Strengthening the capacity of Member States to collect and produce high quality data](#) (ECA)
- [Supporting implementation of international standards for commercial agricultural products](#) (ECE)
- [Strengthening national capacities for sustainable energy policies in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) (ECLAC)
- [Paperless trade facilitation in Asia and the Pacific](#) (ESCAP)
- [Promoting the Knowledge Society and Information, Communication and Technology in the Arab Region](#) (ESCWA)

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