Trade, investment and innovation as powerful engines for growth and sustainable development

OUR FOCUS

ESCAP's trade, investment and innovation policy advice and capacity building covers varied topics at the regional and international levels. Our focus is on issues of particular relevance for developing economies including:

Trade related strategies
We prepare member States for trade negotiations (both WTO and PTAs), assist with policy implementation, and evaluate impacts. Workstreams cover all major trade policy instruments such as tariffs, non-tariff measures, subsidies, countervailing measures, and trade defense measures.

Trade facilitation and paperless trade
We assist countries in simplifying and harmonizing regulatory procedures to make trading easier for all, and bring them together to enable the electronic exchange of data and documents across borders to cut trade costs, increase compliance and support e-commerce development.

 Preferential market & investment access for developing countries
We inform member States on how to make the most of opportunities provided by preferential treatment for developing countries, reciprocal as well as non-reciprocal, and we build their capacity and capability to use such preferences to the maximum benefit for all.

Competitiveness & integration into regional & global supply chains
To enhance opportunities for intra-regional trade and regional integration, we assist with SME development and crafting inclusive investment policies.

Innovation & technology
We provide advice on innovation and technology policy, helping governments to put in place concrete strategies and instruments to build innovation capabilities, to take advantage of available technologies, and to facilitate inclusive innovation, our aim is to enable member States at all levels of development to maximise science, technology and innovation as a mean for the achievement of the SDGs.

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