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UNIDO approach to Trade Facilitation

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Overview of



Established in 1966

173 member states

Headquarters in Vienna

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations, whose mandate is:

- ➡ to promote and **accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development** in developing countries and economies in transition;
- ➡ to work towards **improving living conditions in the world's poorest countries** by drawing on its combined global resources and expertise.

In recent years, UNIDO has assumed an enhanced role in the global development agenda by focusing its activities on **three thematic priorities**:

Poverty reduction through
productive activities

Trade Capacity Building

Energy and Environment

Trade Capacity Building

TCB Mission Statement:

- We endeavour to be a globally recognized provider of innovative trade development services through technical assistance, driven by the private sector and delivered in synergy with other partners.

Linkage with Trade Facilitation:

- **Harmonization** of compliance requirements and mutual recognition of conformity through consultation between quality infrastructures (**standardization**, accreditation, testing, inspection and certification bodies) on both sides of the border at national and regional level.
- Increasing **transparency** by strengthening quality infrastructures to obtain international recognition (MRA/MLAs managed by BIPM, IAF, ILAC, OIML)
- Strengthening WTO/TBT-SPS Enquiry Points to contribute to the **simplification** of trade flows.

Highlights of TCB Projects (1)

Myanmar

- Developing national quality infrastructure (standards, metrology, quality, accreditation) of various public and private institutions to enable trade facilitation on medium and long term basis.

Harmonization:

- 5 testing laboratories in the process of being accredited.
- Creation of accreditation body in progress.

Pakistan/India Trade Facilitation

- Develop a web portal to inform traders on both sides on comprehensive trade flow map of procedures, duties, taxes, logistics, quality standard requirements and due diligence on SPS and TBT requirements for specific products.
- Support the harmonization of compliance requirements and mutual recognition of conformity through consultations between the quality infrastructures (accreditation, standards, testing, inspection and certification bodies) on both sides of the borders.

MLA/MRA:

Pakistan National Accreditation Committee (PNAC):

- MRA – APLAC/ILAC recognition in testing and calibration laboratories.
- MLA – PAC/IAF recognition of inspection and certification bodies.
- NPSL got MLA BIPM/OIML.

Harmonization:

- 60 laboratories.
- 4 certification bodies.
- 3 inspection bodies accredited.
- 3 inspection bodies in the process of getting accredited.

Highlights of TCB Projects (2)

Mekong project (Cambodia, Vietnam and Lao PDR)

- Setting up and strengthening the legal and regulatory framework relating to TBT/SPS compliance, in particular, national standards, metrology legal framework, product certification, testing and metrology laboratories.

Harmonization

- 4 testing and 1 metrology laboratories accredited.
- 1 testing laboratory in the process of being accredited.

SAARC

- Countries such as Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal and Bhutan have been receiving technical assistance from UNIDO, particularly in terms of strengthening the standards and conformity assessment institutions. This sub-regional projects supports regional trade integration and Trade facilitation.

MRA/MLA:

- Bangladesh accreditation body is expected to reach the MRA status early 2015.

Harmonization:

- 7 calibration and 15 testing laboratories accredited.

ECO region

- Assist in developing a regional quality policy and guidelines for developing national quality policies. The goal will be achieved also through building capacity and increasing awareness among ECO Member States policy makers and quality professionals on the importance of the development and implementation of an effective and efficient National and Regional Quality Policies.



thank you!



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