

UNNExT Task Force on Cross-border Electronic Data Exchange: Northeast Asia

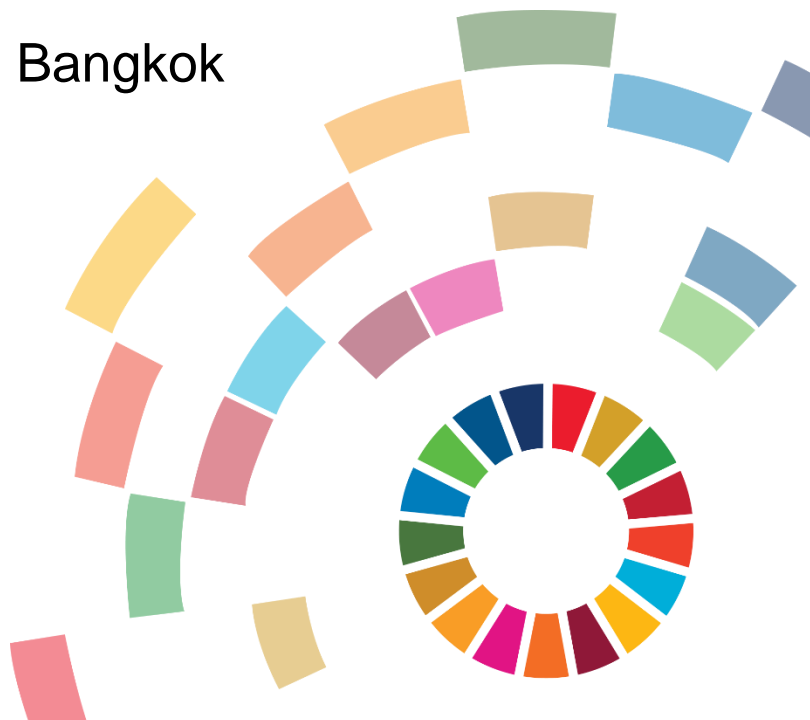
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❑ Objective:

- To work towards improving readiness for exchanging trade-related data electronically across borders for better regulatory compliance and improved trade facilitation

❑ Main Activities

1. Analyze processes that can be streamlined through electronic data exchange,
2. Identify and prioritize data elements that can be exchanged electronically,
3. Design practical mechanism for electronic data exchange, and
4. Verify feasibility of electronic data exchange through proof of concept/pilot-based approach.



Mode of Operation

❑ Participants

- Government officials from China, Mongolia, Republic of Korea and Russian Federation (mainly Customs)
- Experts and resource persons, including WCO and GTI

❑ Meetings

- Physical meetings: once every two or three months
- Virtual meetings: between each physical meetings
- Group mail for real-time interaction

❑ Capacity building

- Organized back-to-back with each physical meeting
- Focusing on topics helping electronic data exchange



Partnering Organizations



- ✓ Intergovernmental organization in Northeast Asia with identical target countries with the Task Force
- ✓ Trade facilitation: one of key areas for its work programme
- ✓ Long-standing cooperation with ESCAP

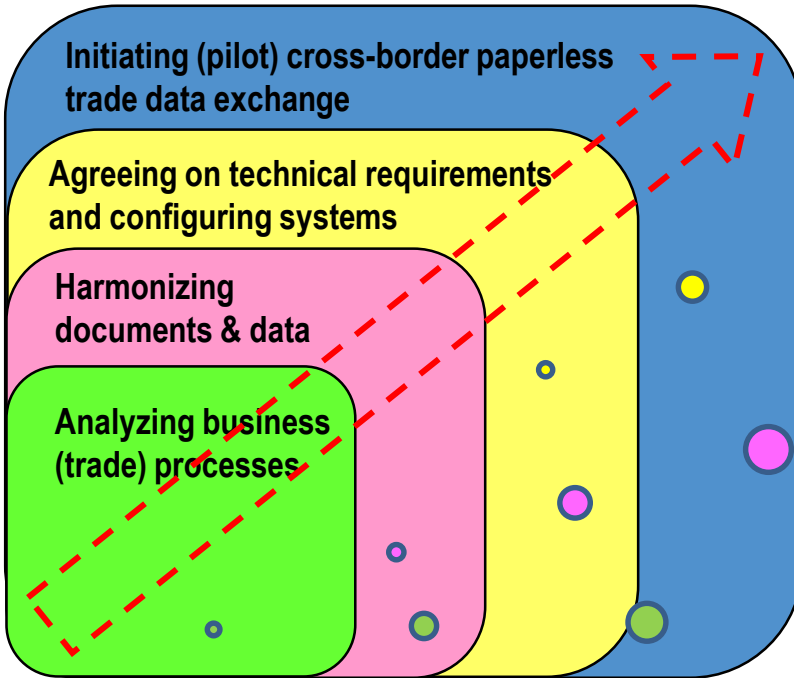


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- ✓ Long-standing cooperation with ESCAP: UNNExT Masterclass
- ✓ Working on related issue: Globally Networked Customs (GNC)
- ✓ WCO Data Model: Reference data model for data harmonization



Framework for Activities of the Task Force and Progress Made



Reviewing technical requirements and emerging technologies

Identified priority documents (Cargo Mani., C/O and Declaration) and harmonizing

Identified common business processes



Deliverables from the operation of the UNNExT Task Force

- ✓ Template for compiling business (trade) processes
 - ✓ Template for harmonizing data requirements (data dictionary)
 - ✓ Template for initiating (pilot) cross-border electronic data exchange
 - ✓ Template sharing lessons learnt from (pilot) cross-border electronic data exchange
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- They contribute to developing supporting documents for implementation of Article 13: Pilot projects and sharing of lessons learnt.
 - Linkage to the Cross-border Paperless Trade Database



Next Steps

❑ Next meetings

- 4th physical meeting: 15 – 16 March 2019, Bangkok
- 5th virtual meeting: mid-April 2019
- 5th physical meeting: May 2019, China (tbc)

❑ Participate in the Forum on Trade Digitalization for Sustainable Regional Integration (14 – 15 March 2019) and demonstrate cross-border electronic data exchange

❑ Identify additional trade processes/data and develop feasible models for cross-border data exchange, including application of emerging technologies

❑ Regularized meetings: 3 physical meetings and 4 – 6 virtual meetings/year



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ANNEX:

Introduction to United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Transport in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT)



United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Transport in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT)

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



- ☐ Tools and guides development activities
- ☐ Advocacy and Technical Training Workshops
- ☐ Knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer support

Any expert is welcome and free to join the Network for contribution by registering at:

<https://unnex.unescap.org/registration-form>

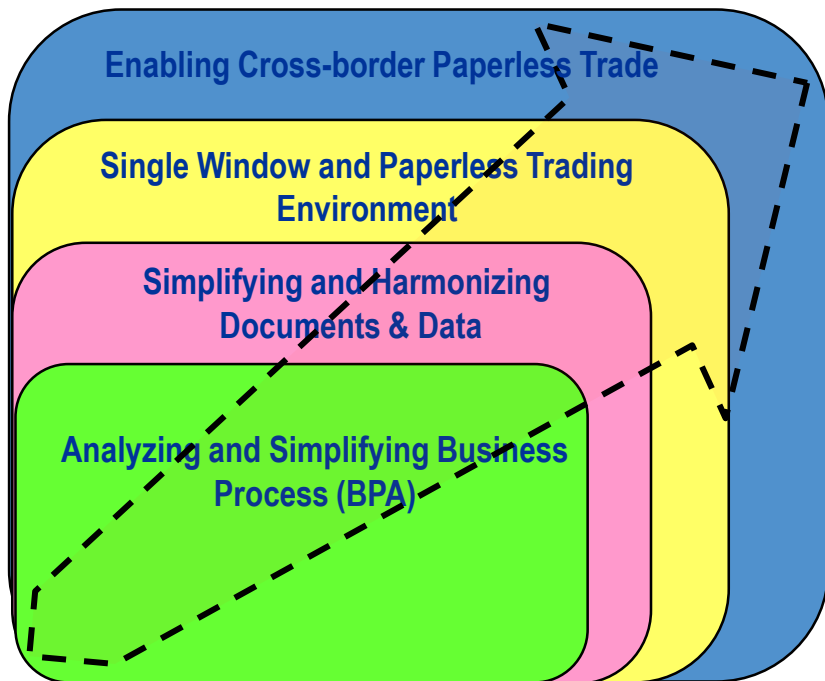


UNNExT Work Programmes

- ❑ Advisory Committee
- ❑ 8 Advisory Groups
 - 1) Trade Process Analysis
 - 2) Data Harmonization
 - 3) Single Window Master planning
 - 4) Legal Issues
 - 5) Paperless Transit
 - 6) Agricultural Trade
 - 7) SMEs
 - 8) Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation
- ❑ One Task Force - Cross-border Electronic Data Exchange: Northeast Asia



UNNExT Technical Guides and Tools: Step by Step to Single Window Implementation



UNNExT Online Course and Certificate on Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation

- ❑ 6 mandatory modules
 - Expected study time needed: 5 hours
- ❑ 2 online tests
 - Certificate awarded, with names of those who pass listed on UN ESCAP website
- ❑ Available in:
 - English
 - Russian
 - Chinese



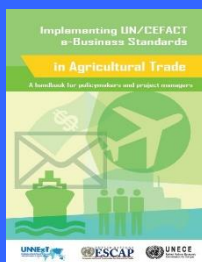
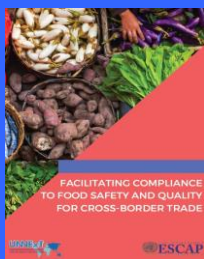
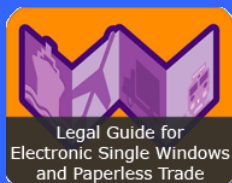
The screenshot shows the website www.unescap.org/our-work/trade-investment-innovation/trade-facilitation/bpa-course. The page features a navigation bar with links to Home, Trade, Investment & Innovation, and BPA TRAINING. The BPA TRAINING section lists the following modules: Training Overview, Module 1 - BPA Introduction, Module 2 - UML, Module 3 - Project Scope Setting, Module 4 - Project Planning, Module 5 - Data Collection, Module 6 - Process Analysis, and Module 7 - From BPA to TTFMM. Below this, the ADDITIONAL RESOURCES section lists Course Study Guide, UNNExT BPA Guide for TF, TTFMM Guide, BPA Case Studies, and Trade Process Analysis Database. The main content area is titled "E-Learning Series on Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation" and describes the course as a step-by-step approach to conducting BPA, aimed at government officials and other stakeholders responsible for trade facilitation. It mentions that the course consists of seven modules and introduces a step-by-step approach to conducting BPA. For more information, testing and certification, please contact: escap-tid@un.org. The course is divided as follows:

- Module 1: BPA for Trade Facilitation - An Introduction
- Module 2: Unified Modeling Language
- Module 3: Project and Scope Setting
- Module 4: Project Planning
- Module 5: Data Collection and Process Documentation
- Module 6: Process Analysis and Recommendations Development
- Module 7: From BPA to Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism

For guidance on how to study this course download the Study Guide.



UNNExT Technical Guides and Tools: Other guides

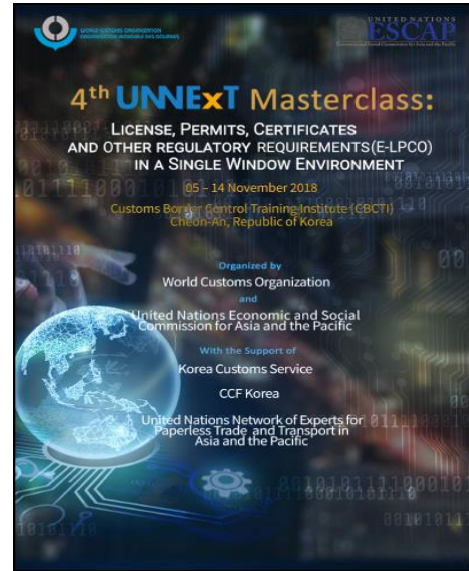


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UNNExT Masterclass

- ❑ 10-day intensive training on implementation of Single Window and paperless trade
- ❑ ESCAP partnership with World Customs Organization and Korea Customs Service
- ❑ Built capacity of more than 100 officials from the region, including developing countries with special needs

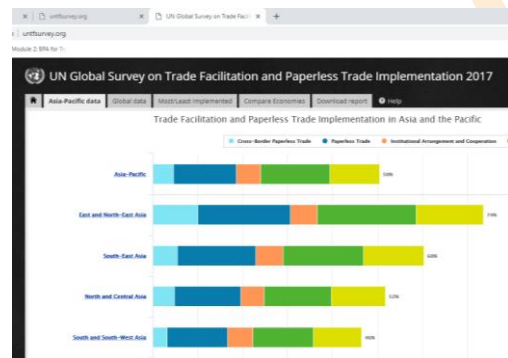


ESCAP Research and Analysis

❑ ESCAP-World Bank Trade Cost Database

- ❖ Bilateral trade cost data from 1995-2016 for 180 countries
- ❖ <https://artnet.unescap.org/databases>

❑ UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation (<http://untfsurvey.org/>)



❑ Cross-border Paperless Trade (CBPT) Database: To be launched on 12 March 2019

