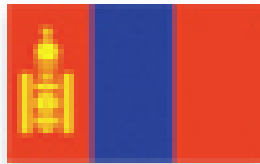
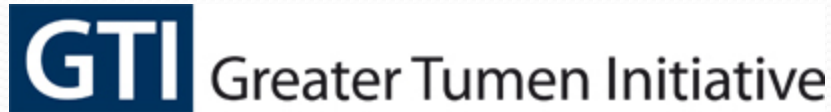




UPDATE ON UNDP CHINA'S TRADE FACILITATION INITIATIVES

GTI at a Glance



*Building a Great Partnership for
Common Prosperity between Neighbours*

Five Priority Sectors:

- Transport
- Trade and Investment (Trade Facilitation Committee)
- Energy
- Tourism
- Environment as a cross-cutting theme

UNDP

- Initiator and supporting partner of GTI





GTI Trade Facilitation Study

Background

Built on the basis of supporting the GTI cooperation, the UNDP NEA Programme aims to assist the GTI Trade Facilitation Committee to increase the volume of regional trade, and promote policy dialogues and actions for regional development.

The GTI Trade Facilitation Study, as a significant part of the Programmes will seek to identify the existing unjustified administrative barriers hampering trade between GTI countries and suggest measures needed for the elimination of such barriers and simplification of trade procedures.

Major Tasks

- Develop a questionnaire for the Survey of Technical Trade Barriers and disseminate it among member countries
- Conduct the Survey in GTR and carry out a stocktaking of what has been done in this region
- Survey Report after field visit, interviews and consultation meetings
- Trade Facilitation Strategy Paper based on the Survey Report

Expected Outputs

- Survey of Technical Trade Barriers in the GTI Region
- GTI Trade Facilitation Strategy Paper

GTI Trade Facilitation Study

GTI Meeting in Ulaanbaatar (UB), Mongolia

6 August, 2013, UB

GTI supported by UNDP jointly organized
The North-East Asian Forum on Trade Facilitation/
The 3rd Meeting of the Trade Facilitation Committee

UNDP consultant shared his study results related to trade facilitation among the northeast Asian countries, recognizing current challenges and recommendations to move forward.



5 August, 2013, UB

UNDP held a series of consultation meetings with key stakeholders from the public sector, the private sector as well as others stakeholders, including representatives from international organizations and TFC members.



GTI Trade Facilitation Study

Wrap-up Workshop

9 August, 2013, Beijing

A GTI TF Consultation Meeting was convened by UNDP China to facilitate information and practices sharing, and to elicit opinions from experts and industry insiders.

Attendees

- UNDP international consultant
- Different stakeholders from China's public sector attended the workshop, including the National Development and Reform Committee and General Administration of Customs.

Highlights

- The consultant presented the preliminary results of his studies, and measures to enhance trade facilitation employed in China were also introduced.
- Concrete and substantial discussions yielded valuable results.

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Knowledge products

•A Survey of Technical Trade Barriers in the GTI Region (work completed)

1. Desk review of related documents
2. Designing and disseminating of a questionnaire for the Survey of Technical Trade Barriers
3. Identification of bottlenecks to trade facilitation by collecting and analyzing the data
4. Interviews/consultation meetings with key stakeholders during field visit to member countries
5. Drafting of a survey report

•A GTI Trade Facilitation Strategy Paper (work in progress)

The Strategy Paper is being compiled covering issues revealed by the survey, as well as those discussed in interviews/consultation meetings



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Work to be done

The GTI Trade Facilitation Strategy Paper will be finalized as part of the UNDP NEA Programme's efforts to identify and reduce technical or 'soft' barriers to trade, and boost regional integration.

- The Strategy Paper will be circulated among GTI TFC members and national focal points for review and comments
- The Strategy Paper will be revised and finalized, taking into consideration the comments collected from member countries, before submitted to the forthcoming GTI CC Meeting for further consideration and actions