

Regional Organizations Cooperation Mechanism for Trade Facilitation (ROC-TF) Annual Meeting

Update from ESCAP

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Introduction to ESCAP

- Regional (Asia and the Pacific) Branch of the United Nations Secretariat
- 63 member countries covering Central, South, Southeast, East and South Pacific countries
- Mandate: Promote sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development in Asia and the Pacific
 - through facilitation of REGIONAL COOPERATION
- Areas covered: Trade and Investment, Transport, Macroeconomic Policy, Environment, Emerging Social issues, Information and Communication Technologies...
 - Trade and Investment: (1) Trade Facilitation; (2) Trade Policy; (3) Investment and Enterprise Development

- ***“community of knowledge and practice to facilitate the implementation of single window and paperless trade in the region ”***
 - Tools and guides development activities
 - Advocacy and Technical Training Workshops
 - Knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer support



UNNExT Tools

SINGLE WINDOW IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT

FOR TRADE FACILITATION



Legal Guide for
Electronic Single Windows
and Paperless Trade



Data Harmonization
and Modelling Guide



Business Process
Analysis Guide



Guide for Design of
Aligned Trade Forms



Single Window Project
Implementation Guide



UNNExT Tools

Upcoming Guide

- UNNExT Guide on Paperless Trade Systems for Agricultural Trade Facilitation (drafting initiated Aug. 2013)

Performance Monitoring for Trade Facilitation

- BPA+: Towards integrated and sustainable trade and transport facilitation performance monitoring systems (July 2013)

<http://www.unescap.org/tid/unnext/tools/bpa+.pdf>



Major Activities (1)

UNNExT Masterclass 2013: Implementing Single Window and Paperless Trade

In Cooperation with Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF) Korea



With the Support of:

- 2-week intensive course
- Based on the **UNNExT Single Window Implementation Toolkit for TF**
- 7-18 October 2013
- 23 participants from 10 developing countries
- Participants sponsored by WCO, RoK, ESCAP, ADB, WB, GIZ



Major Activities (2)

ESCAP-World Bank Trade Cost Database 2012

Figure: Intra and extra regional comprehensive trade costs in the Asia-Pacific region, excluding tariff costs (2006-2011)

Region	ASEAN-4	East Asia-3	North and Central Asia	Developing Pacific Islands	SAARC-4	AUS-NZL	EU-3	USA
ASEAN-4	77.09%	76.77%	386.70%	263.29%	124.44%	98.68%	111.25%	83.61%
	(10.10%)	(7.73%)	(5.58%)	(31.28%)	(2.24%)	(2.38%)	(8.49%)	(12.98%)
East Asia-3	76.77%	52.06%	219.98%	268.15%	124.38%	91.22%	86.45%	63.16%
	(7.73%)	(-7.91%)	(-10.86%)	(36.04%)	(1.87%)	(-2.27%)	(-4.30%)	(-0.96%)
North and Central Asia	386.70%	219.98%	141.06%	307.87%	270.16%	323.44%	165.97%	188.57%
	(5.58%)	(-10.86%)	(-0.13%)	(16.59%)	(-9.54%)	(-4.54%)	(-3.01%)	(1.81%)
Pacific island developing economies	263.29%	268.15%	307.87%	106.85%	342.34%	137.32%	326.77%	227.79%
	(31.28%)	(36.04%)	(16.59%)	(-30.62%)	(13.25%)	(48.36%)	(38.12%)	(19.20%)
SAARC-4	124.44%	124.38%	270.16%	342.34%	106.82%	144.29%	114.14%	106.80%
	(2.24%)	(1.87%)	(-9.54%)	(13.25%)	(3.74%)	(4.70%)	(6.82%)	(7.89%)
AUS-NZL	98.68%	91.22%	323.44%	137.32%	144.29%	53.86%	109.91%	96.53%
	(2.38%)	(-2.27%)	(-4.54%)	(48.36%)	(4.70%)	(3.76%)	(0.52%)	(2.41%)
EU-3	111.25%	86.45%	165.97%	326.77%	114.14%	109.91%	46.04%	67.01%
	(8.49%)	(-4.30%)	(-3.01%)	(38.12%)	(6.82%)	(0.52%)	(-0.19%)	(0.79%)
USA	83.61%	63.16%	188.57%	227.79%	106.80%	96.53%	67.01%	
	(12.98%)	(-0.96%)	(1.81%)	(19.20%)	(7.89%)	(2.41%)	(0.79%)	

Source: ESCAP-World Bank Trade Cost Database, available at: <http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/trade-costs.asp>

Major Activities (3)

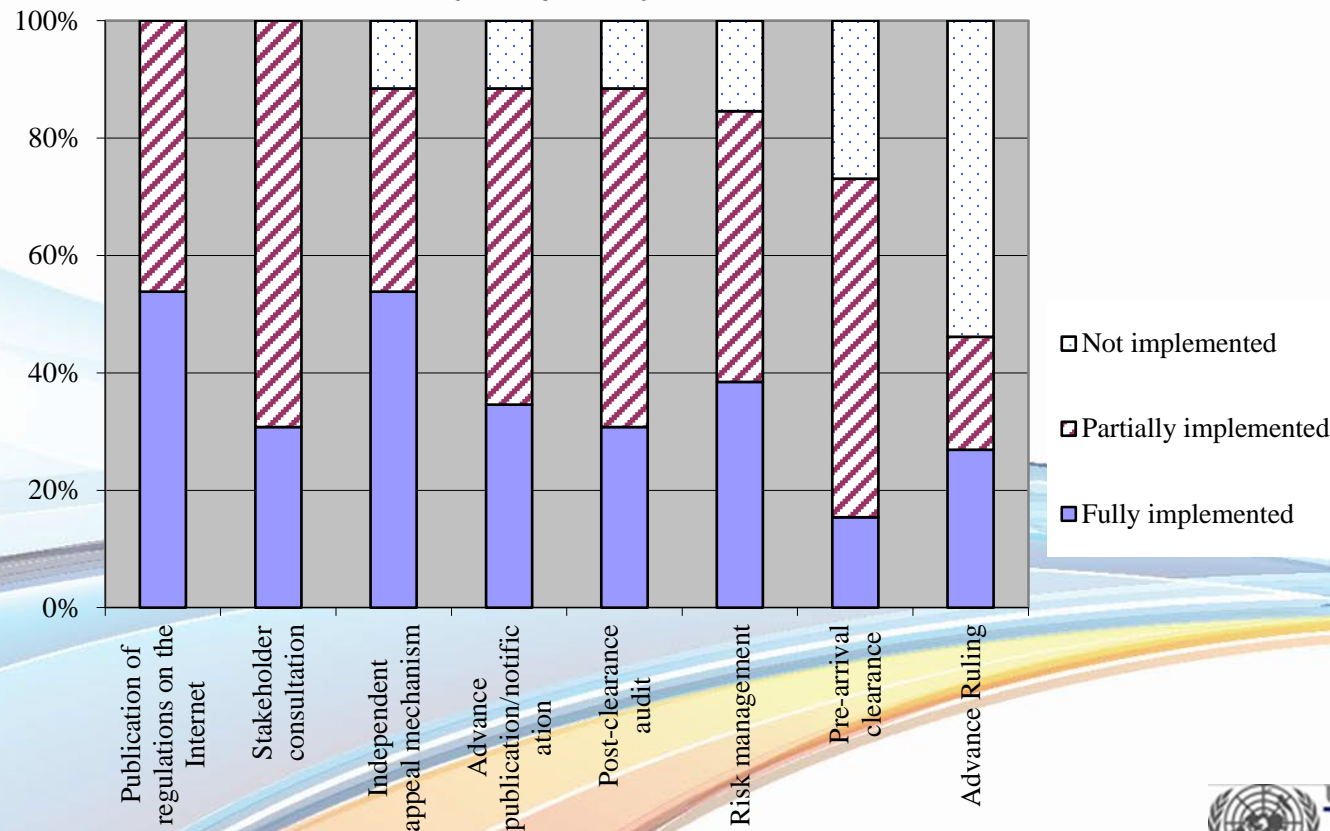
- APTFF Country Expert Survey
 - **Objective:** to assess the progress made in implementing trade facilitation and paperless trade measures in Asia and the Pacific.
 - **Main components of the survey includes**
 - **Trade Facilitation Measures**
 - **TRADE related information availability**
 - **Key challenges and recommendations for trade facilitation and paperless trade**



Major Activities (4)

- Second year of Country Expert Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade

Figure: Implementation of selected WTO related trade facilitation measures in Asia Pacific countries (Survey 2012)



Source: APTFF 2012 Country Expert Survey

Major Activities (5)

- Subregional Consultations on Regional Arrangement for Exchange of Electronic Trade Documents (concluded for Southeast, South, and East and Northeast Asia)
- Global Trade Facilitation Conference, 18-19 November, 2013, Bangkok (in cooperation with five Regional Commissions)
- South Asia Regional Training for Electronic Traceability for Agricultural Trade Facilitation, 24-26 September 2013, New Delhi, India

Major Publications

- *ESCAP-ADB Designing and Implementing Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific: 2013 Update* – being launched at APTFF2013
- Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade in Asia: Results from an Expert Survey, ESCAP Staff Working Paper, available at: <http://www.unescap.org/tid/publication/swp113.pdf>
- Trade Costs in the Developing World 1995-2010, ARTNeT Working Paper, available at: <http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/pub/wp12112.pdf>
- Publication on Trade Facilitation and Poverty, being launched this week.



Thank you

