



# **UNECE trade-facilitation tools and capacity-building**

**and**

## **The joint approach of the UN Regional Commissions**

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## Capacity Building Activities

- ❑ Demand Driven – UN member States
- ❑ UN Development Account projects – with other UN RCs and other agencies – UN ECOSOC
- ❑ UNECE Regional Advisor
- ❑ Focus on high level assistance to help explain policy options to governments
- ❑ Technical training in specific areas, such as document alignment and data harmonization – with experts from UN/CEFACT, WCO, European Commission, etc

## Needs Assessments

- ❑ Needs assessment - regulatory and procedural obstacles to trade – based in part on the GFP Trade Facilitation Audit methodology
- ❑ 2 more needs assessments planned during 2011-12
- ❑ Platform for country level and regional discussions in the UNECE Committee on Trade that will feed into the work being done by UN/CEFACT

**UNECE -  
UN/CEFACT**

**UNECE in partnership  
with other UN RCs and  
other organizations**

**UNCTAD, WB,  
UNIDO, UNDP,  
Donors, others**

**Recommendations/  
Standards**

Development and  
Maintenance  
(These are  
instruments that  
can be used for  
compliance with  
WTO rules)

**Capacity Building**

(Helping governments  
elaborate TF  
strategies, where  
appropriate in  
compliance with WTO  
rules)

**Technical  
Assistance**

(To implement  
national strategies -  
Done by other  
agencies – UNECE  
does not provide long  
term Technical  
Assistance)

**WTO**

Develops rules such as those for minimum transparency, equal treatment and, perhaps in the future, for simplified procedures (however, WTO does not develop the recommendations and instruments needed for implementation)



# Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade



**GFPTT.org:** a collaborative tool for practitioners and policy makers involved in trade facilitation and transport facilitation (TTF).  
[More](#) [New GFP MOU](#)

## News

- Jul 27, 2010  
[GFP Meeting: Oct 7-8 Regional approaches to Trade ...](#)
- Jul 05, 2010  
[UNCTAD 5 July: Panel Discussion "Implementing the ...](#)
- Jun 30, 2010  
[IRU Seminar on "The Rotterdam Rules: Potential Eff...](#)

## Featured Topic

### Public-Private Partnerships



Partnerships between public and business sectors are critical in enhancing the efficiency and sustainability of transport and trade infrastructures and services. In the current economic condition, public-private partnerships (PPPs) in logistics and trade facilitation play a key role in the provision of new services with a high degree of sophistication using modern information and communication technologies. Single window facilities for international trade are increasingly being developed and operated by the public-private consortiums.

New forms of PPPs in trade facilitation, such as the authorized economic operator (AEO), or trade facilitation negotiation support groups, have emerged at the agency, national or regional level. [Read more...](#)

## Core partners



United Nations  
Economic  
Commission for  
Europe-UNECE



# UN Network of Experts UNNNext

- Markus Pikart

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# **Joint UN Regional Commissions Approach to Trade Facilitation**

## Background

- ❑ UN Regional Commissions (RCs) work in Trade Facilitation
  - UNECE
  - UN ESCAP (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)
  - UN ESCWA (Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia)
  - UN ECLAC (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean)
  - UNECA (Economic Commission for Africa)
- ❑ Original proposal for coordinating mechanism at Meeting of UN Regional Commissions in Beirut, January 2010 – received endorsement from all 5 RCs



## Objective

- Present a joint UNRC view on key Trade Facilitation issues – particularly at the regional and interregional level, and especially in relation to capacity building needs and approaches

## Deliverables

- ❑ Joint UNRC view ..... (on key Trade Facilitation issues – particularly at the regional and interregional level)
- ❑ Coordination and cooperation on Trade Facilitation work - especially in relation to Capacity Building – at the Regional and Interregional level
- ❑ Dissemination of information on UNRC activities in Trade Facilitation policy papers and reports on key Trade Facilitation issues
- ❑ Coordination with other key UN and related agencies on TF

## Coordinated Capacity Building

- UN Development Account Project 2010 – 2012 “Strengthening the Capacity of Developing and Transition Economies to Link to Global Supply Chains through the reduction of trade obstacles ”
- UN Development Account Project “Facilitating effective integration of developing countries in the global economy through aid for trade schemes”
- Joint UN RC Single Window Symposium – “Challenges and Opportunities of Single Windows in the next Decade” in 2011

## Coordinated Capacity Building .....

- UN Network of Experts (UNNNext)
- Establish synergies in developing and delivering capacity building with other agencies (UN Agencies, Donors, Global Facilitation Partnership (GFP), world Customs Organization (WCO), etc)
- Support implementation of TF measures negotiated under WTO Doha Round – at the regional level

## Institutional Mechanism

- ❑ Includes all UNRCs, each with a designated focal point and alternate
- ❑ Operates under the Joint UNRC Consultative mechanism, chaired by the UNRC Executive Secretaries
- ❑ Rotating Chair amongst all UNRCs (UNECE to be the Chair until August 2011)
- ❑ UNECE to provide Secretariat

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**Questions / Comments?**



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