UNECE’s advisory services in trade facilitation, trade and economic cooperation

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Advisory services and capacity-building

UNECE Regional Adviser - support transition economies in the implementation of trade facilitation standards, best practice recommendations and other tools (notably UNECE / CEFACT tools); assist trade policy development and regional cooperation; and other programmes of the ECT Division.

- WTO TFA readiness assessment for Azerbaijan in 2017
- Ukraine – support for the Single Window (functioning since Feb. 2018), IWG on TF, PCS in Odessa (include info flows on agri exports).
- Support to EU Task Force on legal aspects of Single Window
- BSEC Trade Facilitation Strategy and seminar on SW interoperability
- Eurasian Economic Union – seminar on data sharing, Moscow, Dec. 17

Paradox: UNECE and CEFACT in 2000 at centre of international trade facilitation. After Bali WTO Conference and TFA entry into force 22 Feb. 2017 – many other IOs active. Now that wave may have passed: UNECE may come closer to the centre again.

- Finalized a project on seed potato labs in Russia
- General support to SPECA, including: SPECA WG on Trade (regional TF strategy; principles for sustainable trade; water-trade-environment nexus for SD)
Advisory services and capacity-building

Two projects on capacity-building on 4 items of TFA, where ECE has comparative advantage (TFA art. 10.1, 10.3, 10.4, 23.2) + BPA and monitoring mechanism (with ESCAP) developed by RA, launched in 2018:

a. UNDA focus on 4 pivotal countries (Georgia, fYR Macedonia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine);

b. Russian funding: for SPECA countries (AF, AZ, KZ, KG, TJ, TM, UZ)

Possible projects in support for data harmonization and national data model development in transition economies that need it (e.g. AZ or UA), aligned with EU Support for SW interoperability – e.g. in the BSEC
Project to support the establishment of (3) seed potato laboratories, in compliance with UNECE standards

Shushari seed potato laboratory (St Petersburg)

1. Fact finding mission; agreement with host laboratory on their needs
2. Plan and list of equipment to be procured.
3. Procurement (UNOG)
4. Last visit, checking equipment, training for staff, opening of the laboratory
План реконструкции

Лаборатория in vitro Шушары / Санкт-Петербург

Расположение зонтов вытяжки горячего воздуха

Помещение 1

Поток 1

Зона очистки и стерилизации

Зона подготовки и хранения

Помещение 2

Зона работы в стерильных условиях

Помещение 3

Зона выращивания растений in vitro

Помещение 4

Вход

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Выход

План, разработанный д-ром Ле Конг Линь / 19.07.2016
Project on seed potato labs in Russia finalized

Training of laboratory staff

Opening the laboratory
Policy advisory work and capacity-building

The Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 and the SDGs now at the centre of UN’s work

Two sub-regional events on the SDGs and trade:

a. 10 July 2017 for Central Asia (SPECA)
b. 11-12 Oct. 2017 Podgorica for the Western Balkans: Trade and Transport-related SDGs

14 principles for sustainable trade: two background documents for the two sub-regions.

Trade – not duly represented in the SDGs

Trade Facilitation – cutting waste (1-pager on TF and SDGs)
Glossary of trade facilitation terms

- An English-Russian dictionary of trade facilitation terms
- Second edition 2012
- Now: third edition + make it multilingual
- Currently, review the English texts (TFA terms added)
- Translation into Chinese negotiated
- Translation into Arabic, French and Spanish to be agreed
- Discussion with UNOG publications for an electronic multilingual dictionary

Assistance needed

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