Lessons learned from practical implementation of Single Window in the region and beyond

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Introduction to ESCAP

• Regional (Asia and the Pacific) Branch of the United Nations Secretariat
• 62 members 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
Single Window Implementation Landscape At Global Level

Source: ESCAP, UNRCs TF Survey 2015
Single Window Implementation Landscape In Asia and the Pacific

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Key Success Factors in Implement a Single Window: Lessons Learnt

- Stakeholder Coordination
- Legal Framework
- Business Model
- Technical Issues
- Political Will (Mandate)
Futuristic Implementation of Single Window

Coordinative

Not only phased in implementation but also able to evolve in its services

Evolutionary

Able to support realizing seamless international supply chains

Adaptive

Capable of adapting its functions and roles to meet changing circumstances

Coordinating at inter-agency level as well as with private sectors for user buy-in

Single Window Environment

Enabling Cross-border Data Exchange
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Goods Flow

Exporting Country

Ship

Buy

Pay

Importing Country

Financial Flow

Information Flow

Seller

Buyer
Enabling Cross-border Data Exchange (Cont’d)
## Trade Facilitation beyond Borders: Regional Single Window/Paperless Trade Initiatives

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<td>Alliance of paperless trade service providers from 11 economies in Asia and the Pacific to enable electronic cross-border trade data exchange</td>
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<td>Intergovernmental initiative in the Southeast Asia for realizing regional economic community through connectivity among National Single Windows</td>
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<td>A UN treaty currently being negotiated and developed, for the facilitation of cross-border trade data exchange among ESCAP member states.</td>
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<td>Northeast Asia Logistics Information Service Network (NEALNET), SASEC, GTI, EEC, ECO, etc.</td>
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ESCAP Regional Arrangement on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation

- Development of a UN treaty
- Voluntary agreement: Becoming a party is an option
- Framework Agreement (FA): Focus on facilitation of cross-border paperless trade, with provision of basis for subsequent legal and technical protocols

Implementing a Single Window in a Future-oriented Way

- To support realizing a seamless international supply chain, Single Windows should be interoperable, not only at national level, but also across borders.

- Enabling a Single Window for cross-border paperless data exchange will be, at current stage being a competitive edge, will be a requirement in a near future.

- A future-oriented Single Window should be coordinative, evolutionary, adaptive, accommodating, and enabling (cross-border data exchange).
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