



**UN Armenia
UNECE Steering Committee
on Trade Capacity and
Standards Sixth session**

2021-2025 UN ARMENIA COOPERATION FRAMEWORK PRIORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

Priority I. People's well-being and capabilities

1. People benefit from a **universal, affordable, accessible and quality health system**, while **adopting healthy lifestyle practices**
2. People benefit from a progressively **universal, inclusive and shock-responsive social protection** system across the lifecycle
3. People **exercise their talents and skills**, benefitting from age-appropriate, life-long learning, **inclusive and quality education** in an enabling and safe environment

Priority II. Green, sustainable and inclusive economic development

4. People, communities and regions benefit from equitable **economic opportunities, decent work and sustainable livelihoods**, enabled through competitiveness and inclusive green growth
5. **Ecosystems are managed sustainably**, and people benefit from participatory and resilient development and climate smart solutions

Priority III. Responsive and effective governance

6. People benefit from **effective and accountable governance** systems and institutions that safeguard **human rights** and uphold the **rule of law**, and a **public administration** that ensures effective and **human centered service delivery** for all
7. People benefit from **evidence-based, human-centric and SDG-aligned policies** supported by diversified sources of **financing, innovation, and partnerships** for sustainable development for all

8. All persons benefit from **gender equality** and **equal opportunities** to realize their human rights, fulfil their economic, political and social potential and contribute to the sustainable development of the country

UNECE Recommendations: Focus on the vulnerable enterprises

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- MSMEs end-to-end supply chains
- Breaks down how non-tariff measures affect trade and productive capacity
- Integrates the concept of linking relief to development and addresses impact on households' livelihoods
- Emphasizes the importance of linking relief to development

Worrying signals

- MSMEs' ability to engage in high value added activities undermined (Outcome 4)
- MSME households' access to health services is undermined (Outcome 1)
- MSME households' access to education is undermined (Outcome 3)

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Recommendations:
Actions for
sustainable and
inclusive growth

Transition to paperless trade should be accompanied by support services to enable MSMEs to benefit from such a system

Investments in new equipment is of limited use if not accompanied by efforts to help MSMEs implement standards

Helping MSMEs implement standards will be of limited benefit unless the national system of quality infrastructure is improved

All the above is of limited benefit unless the transport challenges are addressed.

UNRC engagement in follow up

- Reflecting findings and recommendations in UN country plans and thematic discussions
- Linking UNECE to relevant members of the UN Country Team
- Ensuring complementarity with ongoing and planned UN activities in Armenia

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