Challenges arising from the “Liquidity Crisis”
Parliamentary documents and standard-setting

Reduction in the number of parliamentary documents (SP 4 and SP 6)

Delayed publication of standards

- Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (FFV) (SP 6)
  - Approx. 57*2 languages = 114 standards documents to be completed & published.

- Dried and Dried Produce (DDP) (SP 6)
  - Approx. 35*3 languages = 100+ standards documents to be completed & published.

Delayed publication of standards

- UN/LOCODE Updates (SP 6)
  - Reduced regularity of annual release of the UN/LOCODE updates (from twice a year to once a year).
    Concerns recorded in report of annual UN/LOCODE AG meeting (April 2024).

Delays in addressing IT challenges (SP 4 and SP 6)

- Broken links on the ECTD website.

Delays in publication of UNECE parts of UN-wide documents (SP 6)

- The UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation.
Capacity-building

- The timely updating of XB budgets was affected, creating delays, undermining the timely implementation of CB activities (and related official documents).

Lack of travel budget

- ECTD was unable to finance the participation of speakers inter-governmental/expert deliberations, which affected the quality of deliberations.

ECTD was unable to participate in major events, including:

- WTO Ministerial, Abu Dhabi, UAE, Feb./March 2024.
- UNCTAD Global Supply Chain Forum, Bridgetown, Barbados, May 2024 (XB).
THANK YOU

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