

Project Proposal

Recommendation on Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanisms (TTFMM)

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1. Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to develop a recommendation and guidelines for designing and implementing a Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism (TTFMM) to support decision making, harmonize efforts in data collection and promote homogeneity for assessing and monitoring the effectiveness of policies and action plans to facilitate trade. Also, TTFMM will serve as a basis for designing strategies, identifying strengths and weakness and enhancing policies.

2. Project Scope

Recommendation 4 suggests that governments establish national trade facilitation bodies (NTFB) for trade facilitation policy formulation and collaboration. It is later complemented by Recommendation 40 which provides approaches and best practices on trade and government consultation for trade facilitation matters. Among other, Recommendations 18, 33, 34 and 35 offer guidelines on several trade facilitation implementation measures. However, sustainable trade facilitation monitoring mechanism has not been fully addressed by the existing recommendations. The new recommendation would cover institutional mechanism and guidelines on monitoring trade and transport facilitation. This recommendation would address the need for establishing the capability of sustainable trade and transport facilitation monitoring mechanism at the national level.

3. Project Deliverables

The project deliverables are as follows:

- a) Recommendation on Trade and Transport Monitoring Mechanism;
- b) Guidelines on Trade and Transport Monitoring Mechanism; and

4. Exit Criteria

The exit criteria that will indicate the deliverable has been completed, are specified as below.

- a) Recommendation on Trade and Transport Monitoring Mechanism
 - Internal and external review logs showing how comments have been addressed.
 - Final draft of text ready for publication.
- b) Guidelines on Trade and Transport Monitoring Mechanism
 - Internal and external review logs showing how comments have been addressed.
 - Final draft of text ready for publication.

5. Project Team Membership and Required Functional Expertise

Membership is open to experts with broad knowledge in the area of trade facilitation, logistics, trade & transport documents and advanced techniques in statistics. In addition, Heads of Delegations may invite technical experts from their constituency to participate in the work. Experts are expected to contribute to the work based solely on their expertise and to comply with the UN/CEFACT Code of Conduct and Ethics and the policy on Intellectual Property Rights.

6. Head of Delegation Support

- India
- Iran
- *Third to be determined*

7. Geographical Focus

The geographical focus of the project is global.

8. Initial Contributions

The following contributions are submitted as part of this proposal. It is understood that these contributions are only for consideration by the Project Team and that other participants may submit additional contributions in order to ensure that as much information as possible is obtained from those with expertise and a material interest in the project. It is also understood that the Project Team may choose to adopt one or more of these contributions “as is”.

- “Towards a National Integrated and Sustainable Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism: BPA+”, UNESCAP/ADB, 2014. (<http://www.unescap.org/resources/towards-national-integrated-and-sustainable-trade-and-transport-facilitation-monitoring>).

9. Resource Requirements

Participants in the project shall provide resources for their own participation. The existence and functioning of the project shall not require any additional resources from the UNECE secretariat. The project will be prepared in between Forums, in face-to-face meetings, as feasible, and using conference call facilities (provided by the UNECE secretariat).

10. Proposed Project Leadership

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11. Milestones

The following are draft milestones of the project.

Yes/No	ODP Stage	Expected Completion Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
Yes	Project Inception	2016-03-14
Yes	Requirements gathering	2016-03-14
Yes	Draft development	2016-08-31
Yes	Public Draft Review	2016-12-15
Yes	Project Exit	23rd Plenary
Yes	Publication	23rd Plenary