

TRADE FACILITATION PROCEDURES DOMAIN

RECOMMENDATION ON TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION

MONITORING MECHANISM (TTFMM)

CONFERENCE CALL 1
JUNE 9TH 2016, 13:00 -15:00 CET

Attendance

Present:

Somnuk KERETHO (TH)
Tengfei WANG (UN)
Paloma BERNAL TURNES (US)
Lance THOMPSON (FR)
Jari SALO (FI)
Mitsuru ISHIGAKI (JP)
Tasheen A. KHAN (IN)
A. BASSE (SN)
Yann DUVAL (UN)
Jan HOFFMAN (UN)
Bismark SITORUS (UN)
Shanta DE SILVA (SL)
Willian LUDDY (US)
Bassil EID (FIATA)
Erwan GAMBERT (FR)
Maria Raffaella MIGLIORINI (IT)
Prabir DE (IN)
Tania GARCIA-MILLAN (UN)

Absents:

Ersay CETE (TR)
Mohammad SAEED (ITC)
France LAFARGUE
Gordon CRAGGE (UK)
Arantzazu SANCHEZ (UN)
Rémy MARCHANT (FR)
Daniel SARR (SN)
Estelle IGWE (NG)
Koji TSUBAKI (JP)
Abdullahi SIDI-ALIYU (NG)
Julian ABRIL (IMO)
Giuseppe DICAPUA (UN)
Syed TAHIR (IATA)
Giovanna CHIAPINNI (IT)
Anders GRANGARD (BE)
Malcolm MCKINNON (GB)
Francesca ZADRO (IT)
Maurice DIAMOND (UK)
Guillaume LAURENCY (FR)
Pier Alberto CUCINO (IT)
Johan PONTEN (SE)

Summary of the meeting

The project on Recommendation on Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanisms (TTFMM) (including, among others, project purpose and scope) was introduced to the participants.

Initial outline of contents was presented for discussion. Experts were allocated to work on drafting different sections of the Guidelines for Recommendation, as detailed in Annex 1. The target date for completion of the first draft is June 27, 2016 (grace deadline of 30 of June Thursday).

An expert survey on TTFMM would be carried out and the completed questionnaire should be returned to the project team (Somnuk Keretho <sk@ku-inova.org>, Tengfei Wang <wangt@un.org>) by June 27, 2016 (grace deadline of 30 of June Thursday).

The next conference call will be held on July 5, 2016 at 8AM Washington Time

Specific points

1. Questions were asked regarding the difference between TTFMM and BPA+, it was explained that TTFMM is focused a long-term mechanism for monitoring trade and transport facilitation, while BPA+ is a data collection methodology which may be adopted by the countries in establishing TTFMM.

2. It was proposed that the definition of “Trade and Transport Facilitation” should be included in the Recommendation. “Buy-Ship-Pay” should underline the definition of Trade and Transport Facilitation.
3. It was proposed that World Economic Forum, international organizations related to transport facilitation, private sector, academics, industry associations (especially the members of FIATA), private sector should be invited to join the project.
4. It was proposed that countries can customize methodology for data collection and analysis according to the situation of the countries.
5. It was proposed that indicators and data for monitoring trade and transport facilitation should ideally be included in automation systems for trade and transport facilitation.
6. It was proposed that the initial monitoring of trade and transport facilitation should cover a few selected strategically important products and corridors. More products and corridors can be included for monitoring when more resources are available and more experiences are developed.
7. It was proposed that TTFMM should be ideally anchored with National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC). However, this may not be possible if there is not an effective or active NTFC in a country. The country should have flexibility to choose the most suitable agency to establish and operate TTFMM.

Annex 1. Draft Outline of the Recommendation on TTFMM

I. Recommendation No. ##: Establishment of Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism (TTFMM)

- A. Introduction
- B. Purpose
- C. Scope
- D. Benefits
- E. Recommendation

II. Guidelines to Recommendation No. ##:

- A. Introduction
- B. Institutional arrangement (YANN DUVAL, BILL LUDDY)
- C. Scope of monitoring (TENGFEI, SOMNUK, MITSURU)
 - C1. Evolving strategy
 - C2. Products (Erwan)
 - C3. Trade routes and corridors (Erwan)
 - C4. Overall national trade and transport facilitation performance (Erwan and Bismark)
- D. Data collection (PALOMA, TENGFEI)
 - D1. Principle for data collection and benchmarking: SMART
 - D2: Business Process Analysis Plus
 - D3. International cross-country indicators
 - D4. Construction and updating of national database
- E. Data analysis and recommendations (PALOMA, TENGFEI)
 - E1. Presentation of data and key results
 - E2. Analytical report (including, among others, key policy recommendations)
- F. Policy formulation and action plans (BILL LUDDY)
 - F1. Communicate the results and recommendations
 - F2. Formulating policy or action plans
- G. National capacity development (Tengfei and other experts tbc)
- H. Resources (Tengfei and other experts tbc)
- I. International support (Tengfei and other experts tbc)
- J. Collaboration with neighboring countries (Tengfei and other experts tbc)