

TRADE FACILITATION PROCEDURES DOMAIN

WHITE PAPER ON WOMEN IN TRADE FACILITATION

CONFERENCE CALL 3

NOVEMBER 14TH 2016, 9:00 -11:00 EST

Attendance

Present:

Paloma BERNAL TURNES (US)
Daniel SARR (SN)
Arantza SANCHEZ (UNECE)
Lorenza JACHIA (UNECE)
Estelle IGWE (NG)
Matah Christine
Eldine Glees (US)

Absents:

Josephine BIAMONTE (USA)
Maria Rosaria CECCARELLI (UNECE)
Malinka KOPARANOVA (UNECE)
Mitsuru ISHIGAKI (JP)

Summary of the meeting

During the meeting the results achieved during the 27th Forum of UNCEFACT in Bangkok about Women in Trade Facilitation, which are:

- The recognition of the need to gather information about gender within the final draft of UNCEFACT Recommendation on Trade and Transport Facilitation of Monitoring Mechanisms (TTFMM). The final draft of the Rec. on TTFMM is on public review.
- The agreement about launching a proposal of a general statement/clause that introduce the gender scope in future deliverables of UNCEFACT, especially Recommendations, to ensure the protection of gender equality within the activities of UNCEFACT. The task of designing this general statement is in a very early stage and we will share with experts the initial draft as soon we will create it.
- We reviewed the version of 0_2 of the White Paper on Women in Trade Facilitation

During the conference call, the need to highlight the general scope of considering gender inequalities in labour market, institutional representation, and all the services connected with trade facilitation arose, to avoid to merely considering a narrower scope of women as traders.

During the conference call, We also agreed to consult to other bodies in United Nations if the concepts of "woman-owned enterprise" and "woman-managed enterprise" already exists, and if those concepts are already defined and measured. We consider these concepts as instruments to measure not only the activity of women as entrepreneurs and players in international business, also as instruments to measure of dimensions of trade facilitation for women (number of days needed to trade abroad for women -"woman-owned enterprise" and "woman-managed enterprise"- , cost to export/import for women - "woman-owned enterprise" and "woman-managed enterprise" - ; etc.

We agreed to add some text about standards and their implications to reduce trade barriers, and the need to think about more services that must be tailored designed for women to facilitate trade than new credit services.