

# UNNExT Work Programme 2013-14: Implementation Update

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# UNNExT Activities (Oct. 2012 – Oct. 2013)

- Capacity Building Tools Development
  - UNNExT Single Window Implementation Toolkit (Oct. 2012)
  - BPA+: Towards integrated and sustainable trade and transport facilitation performance monitoring systems (July 2013)
    - » <http://www.unescap.org/tid/unnext/tools/bpa+.pdf>
  - UNNExT Guide on Paperless Trade Systems for Agricultural Trade Facilitation (drafting initiated Aug. 2013)

- Capacity Building Activities

Capacity Building Workshop for Tajikistan Single Window Implementation

18-19 Nov. 2012, Thailand

CB Workshop for Cambodia Single Window Implementation

28-29 Mar. 2013, Thailand

Introductory Workshop on Business Process Analysis

14 Jun. 2013, Kyrgyzstan

Regional CB Workshop on Facilitating Cross-border Paperless Supply Chain

10-11 Jul. 2013, Thailand

Subreg. CB Workshop on Facilitating Cross-border Paperless Supply Chain

22-23 Jul. 2013, Rep. of Korea

South Asia Regional Training on Electronic Traceability

24-26 Sep. 2013, Delhi, India

ESCAP - ECO Conference on Paperless Trade and Supply Chain Efficiency

2-3 Oct. 2013, Tabriz, Iran

UNNExT Masterclass 2013: Implementing Single Window and Paperless Trade

7-18 Oct. 2013, Rep. of Korea





## UNNExT Masterclass 2013: Implementing Single Window and Paperless Trade

In Cooperation with Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF) Korea



With the Support of:

- 2-week intensive course
- Based on the **UNNExT Single Window Implementation Toolkit for TF**
- 7-18 October 2013
- 23 participants from 10 developing countries
- Participants sponsored by WCO, RoK, ESCAP, ADB, WB, GIZ...

# UNNExT Activities (Oct. 2012 – Oct. 2013)

- **Support to ESCAP Resolution 68/3 implementation**  
“Enabling paperless trade and the cross-border recognition of electronic data and documents for inclusive and sustainable intraregional trade facilitation”
  - **Regional study on regional arrangements for cross-border paperless trade facilitation (February 2013)**
  - **Expert reviews to refine a draft text of a Regional Arrangement for Cross-Border Paperless Trade Facilitation (March-May 2013)**
    - **UNNExT Advisory Group on Resolution 68/3**
      - » [http://www.unescap.org/tid/unnext/ag\\_reso683.asp](http://www.unescap.org/tid/unnext/ag_reso683.asp)
  - **Subregional consultations on the text with Member States focal points and experts (July 2013)**
  - **Regional consultation on further revised draft text (12 Sep. 2013)**
  - **Next Steps:**
    - **Reporting on implementation to Member States: 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of ESCAP Committee on Trade and Investment, 20-22 Nov. 2013**
    - **Additional consultation / adoption of draft text for Member States**
    - ...



## UNNExT Activities (Oct. 2012 – Oct. 2013)

- Establishment of UNNExT Advisory Group on Agricultural Trade Facilitation (UAG-Agri)
- First UAG-Agri Meeting: Beijing, 12 Sept. 2013
- UNNExT Guide on Paperless Trade Systems for Agricultural Trade Facilitation
  - Outline available for comments





# UNNExT Work Programme 2013-14: Way Forward

- Establishments of 2 more advisory groups & related capacity building tools development
  - UAG - transit facilitation
  - UAG – SME trade facilitation
- UAG - Agricultural trade facilitation
  - Finalization of Guide on Paperless Trade Systems for Agricultural Trade Facilitation [Dec. 2013]; Pilot training workshop [2014]
- UAG – Resolution 68-3 (& UAG – Legal)
  - Active engagement as expert group during future consultation, for promotion of a possible agreement, and for advising & guiding parties to the agreement if/when it enters into force
- Name change of UNNExT
  - United Nations Network of Experts for **Paperless Trade & Transport** in Asia and the Pacific
    - expected to be done once work on Transit Facilitation begins.



# UNNExT Work Programme 2013-14: Way Forward

- Capacity Building activities:
  - Organization of a UNNExT Masterclass in 2014 (RoK?)
  - Organization of on-demand national and regional trainings based on existing UNNExT guides
  - Implementation of ESCAP/ADB “BPA+” for South Asian LDCs (Nov. onward)
    - Inception meeting in Bangkok on 27-28 November 2013
  - Regional BPA workshop and study in Kyrgyzstan (Nov.- March 2014)
    - Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan likely to be involved (Islamic Dev. Bank funding)
- Global Forum on Trade Facilitation, Bangkok, 18-20 Nov. 2013
  - “Beyond Single Window: Cross-border paperless Supply Chain for Inclusive Development”
- APTFF 2014, October 2014
  - To be held in Bangkok, Thailand in cooperation with MoC of Thailand
  - Theme?
  - Side events?





**Ideas and suggestions welcome on**

**(1) Enhancing the effectiveness and impact of the network**

**(2) Overall network development [in terms of scope, size, institutional structure]**

**(3) Additional activities / programmes to be considered...**