

United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT) Advisory Group Meeting on Agricultural Trade Facilitation

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Outline

- Introduction to ESCAP
- Introduction to UNNExT
- UNNExT Guide on Paperless Systems for Agricultural Trade Facilitation
- UNNExT publications
- Forthcoming events



Introduction to ESCAP

- Regional (Asia and the Pacific) Branch of the United Nations Secretariat
- 63 member countries covering Central, South, Southeast, East and South Pacific countries
- Mandate: Promote sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development in Asia and the Pacific
- Areas covered: Trade and Investment, Transport, Macroeconomic Policy, Environment, Emerging Social issues, Information and Communication Technologies...
 - Trade and Investment: (1) Trade Facilitation; (2) Trade Policy; (3) Investment and Enterprise Development



- ***“community of knowledge and practice to facilitate the implementation of single window and paperless trade in the region ”***
 - Tools and guides development activities
 - Advocacy and Technical Training Workshops
 - Knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer support



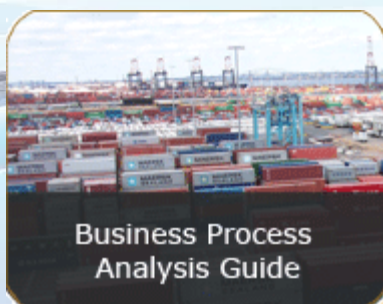
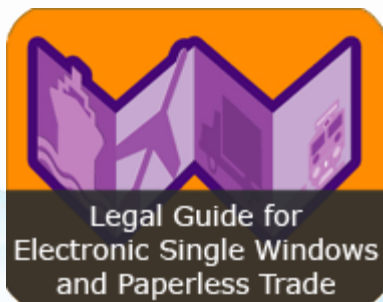
UNNExT Structure



UNNExT Tools

SINGLE WINDOW IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT

FOR TRADE FACILITATION



Other UNNExT Tools

Performance Monitoring for Trade Facilitation

–BPA+: Towards integrated and sustainable trade and transport facilitation performance monitoring systems (July 2013)

<http://www.unescap.org/tid/unnext/tools/bpa+.pdf>



New addition to the UNNExT Tool

- **Guide for Paperless Systems for Agricultural Trade Facilitation**



What Should be the Guide?

- Enable delivery of 3-day UNNExT workshops aimed at building the capacity of Government officials and relevant private sector stakeholders in developing countries
- Define what is a 'paperless trade system' and what is a 'paperless trade system for agricultural or food trade facilitation' supported with examples.
- Answer why is paperless systems for agricultural/perishable products important or needed
- Practical recommendations for implementation of agro-paperless systems
- Step by step approach to developing paperless systems for agro-trade facilitation
- It should highlight inter-connectivity between regulatory systems and agriculture paperless systems
- It should include practical examples of paperless systems with examples

Selected TF Publications

- *Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade in Asia: Results from an Expert Survey*, ESCAP Staff Working Paper, available at:
<http://www.unescap.org/tid/publication/swp113.pdf>
- *Trade Costs in the Developing World 1995-2010*, ARTNeT Working Paper, available at:
<http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/pub/wp12112.pdf>
- *ESCAP-ADB Designing and Implementing Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific: 2013 Update* (september 2013)
<http://www.unescap.org/tid/publication/adbescapbook13.asp>
- ARTNeT Publication on Trade Facilitation and Poverty, e-launch today

Forthcoming events

- South Asia Regional Training for Electronic Traceability for Agricultural Trade Facilitation, 24-26 September 2013, New Delhi, India
- ECO-ESCAP Conference on Paperless Trade Facilitation, 2-3 October 2013, Tabriz, Iran
- Global Trade Facilitation Conference, 18-19 November, 2013, Bangkok (in cooperation with four Regional Commissions)



Thank you

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