

ESCAP Activities Report to 2014 AFACT Mid-term StC Meeting

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Update on ESCAP Work Programmes and Projects

❖ Implementation of ESCAP Resolution 68/3

1. Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Meeting on a Regional Arrangement for the Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade, 22-24 April 2014, Bangkok

- ✓ Discussed and revised the draft text of regional arrangement
- ✓ Decided to establish an Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation to a) further improve the draft text of the regional arrangement as a potential intergovernmental agreement, b) prepare a draft roadmap for the implementation of substantive provisions in the draft text, and c) other functions as agreed by the Steering Group
- ✓ Organized a Capacity Building Workshop on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade on 22-24 April 2014 in parallel
- ✓ More details at <http://unnex.unescap.org/fcpt-igm.asp>

2. Implementation webpage of ESCAP Resolution 68/3

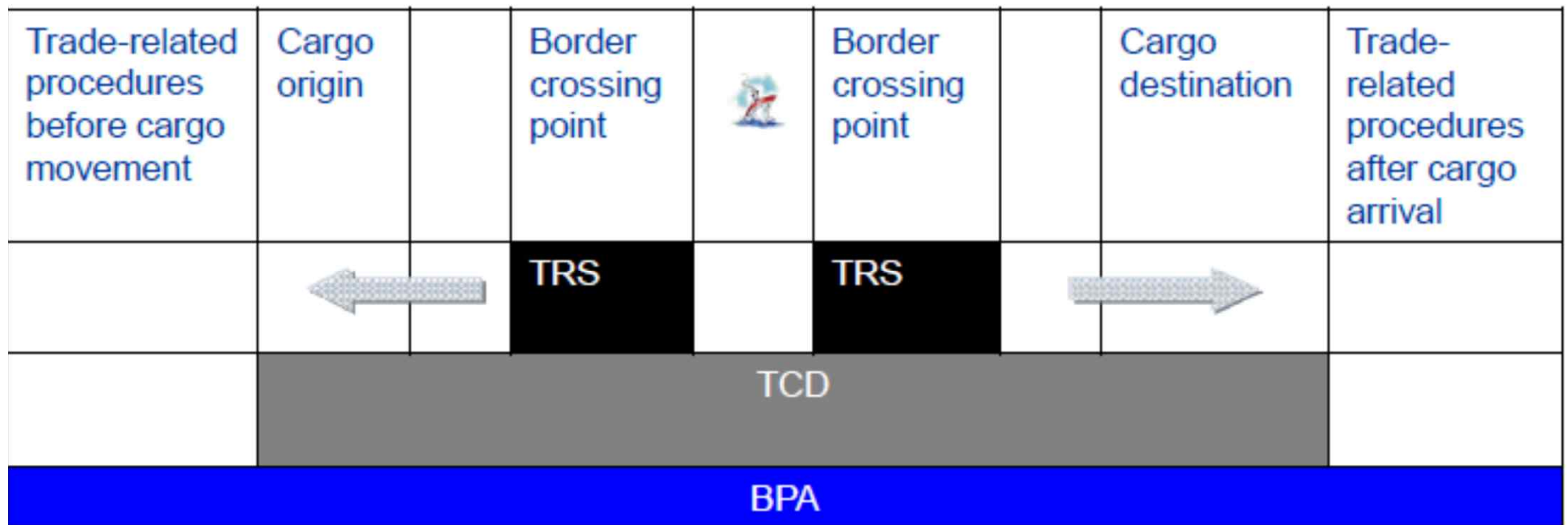
- ✓ Regularly updated and enriched with related information and references
- ✓ Pages on reference readings and press release/coverage were added
- ✓ More details at <http://unnex.unescap.org/reso683.asp>

3. Support from implementation community

- ✓ PAA declares its support during 45th Meeting of PAA Steering Committee
- ✓ *“Strong collective support to the proposed Regional Agreement/Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade of the United Nations ESCAP”*
- ✓ More details at <http://www.paa.net/?p=69>

❖ Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism (TTFMM)

- ✓ An integrated method to monitor trade and transport facilitation performance, by combining three relevant methods – Business Process Analysis (BPA), Time/Cost/Distance Methodology and Time Release Study (TRS)
- ✓ Organized national workshops on TTFMM in Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan (with ADB)
- ✓ Actual TTFMM implementation project in Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan will kick start soon as a joint project with ADB



❖ Other work programmes

1. Network for Knowledge Transfer on Sustainable Agriculture Technologies and Improved Market Linkages in South and South-East Asia (SATNET)

- ✓ BPA on selected agricultural projects were done in target countries
- ✓ A guide on e-traceability of agro-food is at a finalization stage.
- ✓ National Training on Electronic Traceability for Agricultural Trade Facilitation and Smallholder Integration is organized in target countries

2. National Capacity Building Support

- ✓ National Workshop for Mongolia Single Window implementation (March 2014)
- ✓ National BPA Workshop for Maldives (March 2014).

ESCAP Work Programmes in 2014

- ❑ **Asia Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2014: 24-25 September 2014, BITEC Bangna, Bangkok, Thailand, in partnership with the Thai International Logistics Fair (TILOG) 2014**
- ❑ **UNNExT Masterclass 2014 in Thailand in 4th Quarter 2014 (dates TBC)**
- ❑ **Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism (TTFMM)**
- ❑ **UNNExT: Advisory groups on SMEs and Transit Facilitation to be launched (around APTFF 2014)**
- ❑ **Implementation of ESCAP Resolution 68/3: Launch and operation of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation**

Our Websites URLs are updated.

ESCAP Trade and Investment Division

<http://www.unescap.org/our-work/trade-investment>

UNNExT Website

<http://unnnext.unescap.org/>

ESCAP Resolution 68/3

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