

ESCAP Activities Report to 2014 AFACT Plenary 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 (<http://unnexnext.unescap.org/fcpt-igm.asp>)

- ✓ Discussed and revised the draft text of regional arrangement, and 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
- ✓ The decision of the meeting was endorsed by the 70th Session of the Commission as another resolution (70/6)

2. Implementation webpage of ESCAP Resolution 68/3

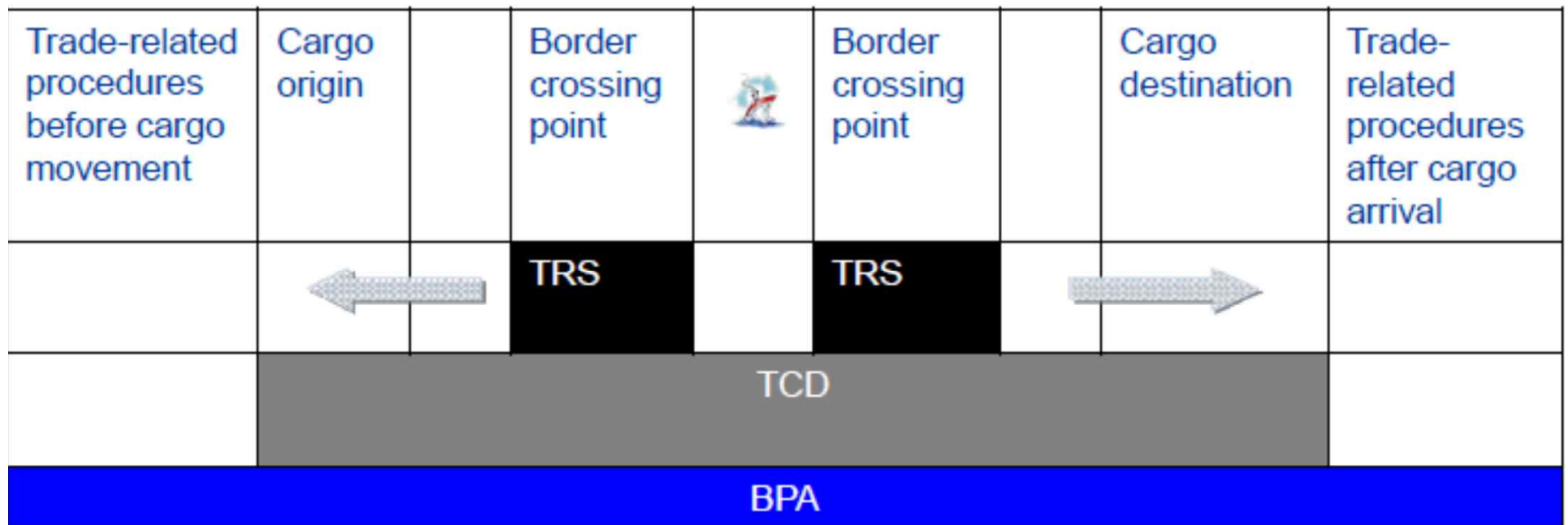
- ✓ Regularly updated and enriched with related information and references
- ✓ More details at <http://unnex.unescap.org/reso683.asp>
- ✓ Webpage of Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation to be created

3. Support from implementation community (PAA)

- ✓ 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 was organized in target countries
- ✓ The project is completed.

2. National Capacity Building Support

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

ESCAP Work Programmes in 2014 - 2015

- Asia Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2014: 24-25 September 2014, BITEC Bangna, Bangkok, Thailand, in partnership with the Thai International Logistics Fair (TILOG) 2014, was successfully held**
- Asia Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2015: to be confirmed**
- 2nd UNNExT Masterclass in Cheon-an, ROK, 12-21 January 2015**
- Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism (TTFMM)**
- UNNExT: Advisory groups on SMEs and Transit Facilitation launched**
- Implementation of ESCAP Resolution 68/3 and 70/6: Operation of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation (first meeting to be held on 1-3 April 2015)**



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