



Facilitating the Effective Integration of Developing Countries in the Global Economy through Aid for Trade

Inter-Regional Forum

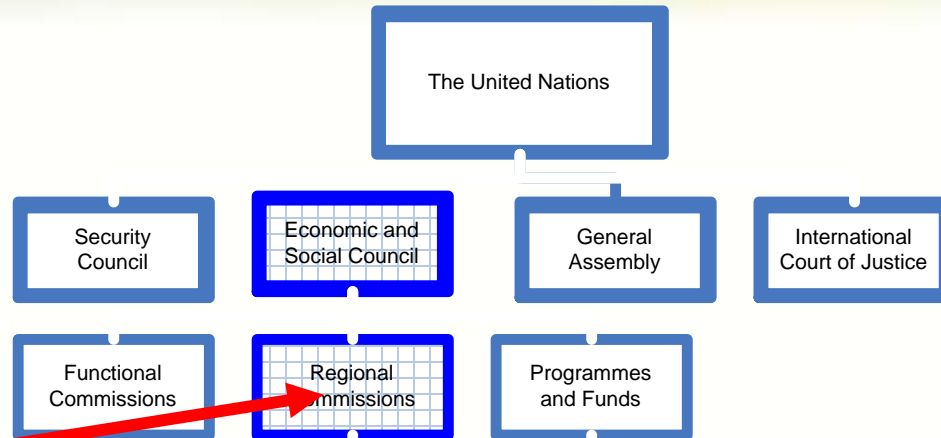
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UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Within the UN



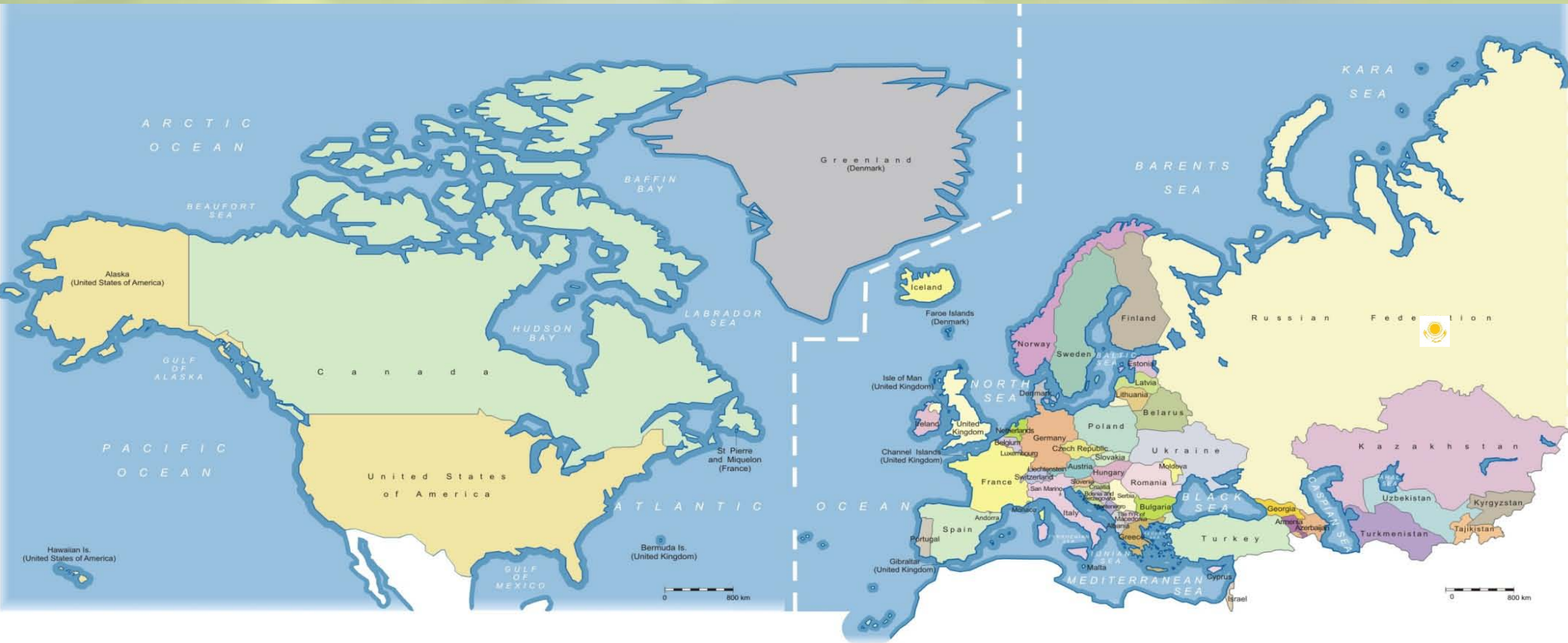
- Economic Commission for Europe
- Economic Commission for Africa
- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
- Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Economic Commission for Latin America

- FAO
- UNICEF
- UNIDO
- etc...



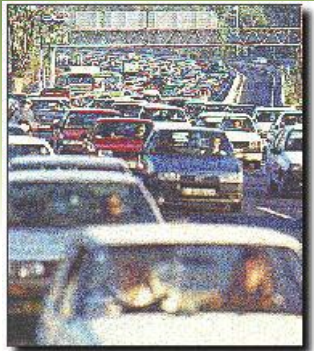


56 member States





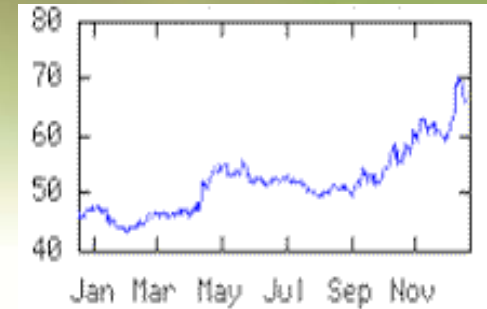
Areas of work



Transport



Economic integration



Statistics



Sustainable energy



Housing



Trade



Environmental policy



Forestry

Trade

Bringing Practical Tools

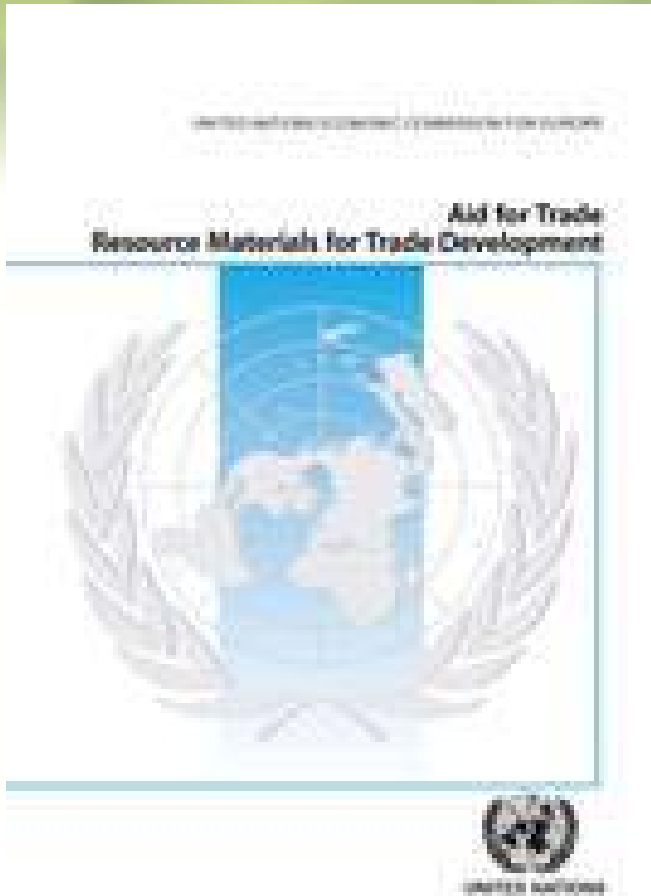
For Supporting Integration into global value chains



A conceptual graphic featuring a man's silhouette from behind, with a glowing lightbulb above his head. The background is a dark grey gradient. Various white icons and text elements are scattered around the man, representing business and trade concepts. On the left, there are several plus signs of varying sizes, a world map, and the text "global solutions". Below the map is a large white arrow pointing right, with the text "business plan" underneath. At the bottom left, there is a signpost with three arrows pointing up, down, and right, and a silhouette of four people standing in a line. On the right side, there is a bar chart with four bars labeled "04", "05", "06", and "07", with the text "new strategies" above it. Below the bar chart is a large white arrow pointing right, with the text "insurance" underneath. To the right of the arrow is a hierarchical tree diagram and several more plus signs. At the bottom right, there is a silhouette of an airplane.



Examples of Practical Tools

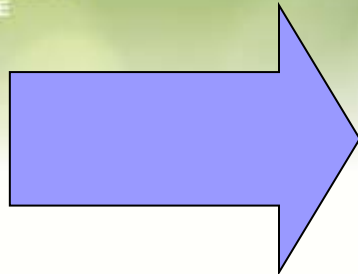


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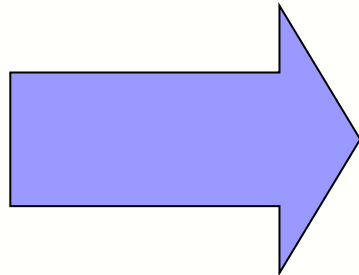
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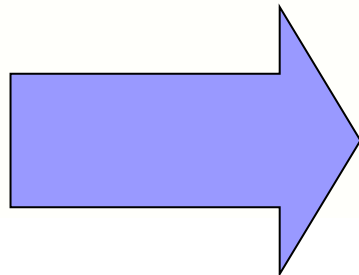
Trade: Objectives



Facilitating trade flows



Simplifying and harmonizing technical regulations and quality control



Supporting standards-based agricultural trade



Trade: Expert Groups

**UNECE -
UN/CEFACT
WP.6, WP.7**

**UNECE in partnership
with other
organizations**

**UNCTAD, WB,
UNIDO, UNDP,
others**

Recommendations/ Standards

Development and
Maintenance
(These are
instruments that
can be used for
compliance with
WTO rules)

Capacity Building and Coordination

(such as helping
governments
elaborate strategies
for implementing ECE
recommendations or
coordinating AfT
activities with others)

Technical Assistance

(To implement
national strategies -
Done by other
agencies – UNECE
does not provide long
term TA)

WTO

Develops rules such as those for minimum transparency, equal treatment and, perhaps in the future, for simplified procedures (however, WTO does not develop the recommendations and instruments needed for implementation)



Support to AfT processes

- National assessments of regulatory and procedural barriers to trade: **using UNECE evaluation methodology** to support decision makers and reform
- Assisting countries in establishing **AfT action matrices** to improve planning, coordination and benefits from the AfT initiative
- **Coordinating** the UNECE trade programme **with other UN organizations** (ESCAP, UNCTAD, UNIDO, etc) as well as regional and international organizations





Activities under the UNDA project

A) 5 bankable projects to support the removal of regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in SPECA countries

Azerbaijan (1 project), Kyrgyzstan (1 project), Kazakhstan (1 project), Tajikistan (2 projects)

B) National and regional priorities for integration into global value chains

- Regional workshop on “Implementing Aid-for-Trade (AfT) Road Maps”, in Geneva on 10-11 July 2013 back-to-back with the WTO’s Fourth AfT Global Review
- A regional workshop: Leveraging Aid-for-Trade for Supporting Regional Integration, Dushanbe, Tajikistan (8-9 October 2013)



Activities under the UNDA project

C) Updating national AfT action matrices

Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (ongoing)



Follow-up to UNDA activities

A) Mandate from the Committee on Trade

Priority issues and challenges identified during the workshops were presented to UNECE member States during the Committee on Trade annual session (10-12 February 2014), and member States requested ECE to address these issues and report back on progress made

B) Assist governments in mobilizing the required financial resources for implementing these projects

C) Help countries integrate the AfT national action matrices into their UNDAFs (United Nations Development Assistance Framework)



UNECE Speakers

Azerbaijan

Mr Zaur Gardashov, Head of Investment Promotion Department, AZPROMO (Azerbaijan Export and Investment Promotion Foundation)

Kyrgyzstan

Mr. Daniel Ibraev, Deputy Minister of Economics
Mr. Kubat Umurzakov, UNECE consultant

Tajikistan

Mr. Saidrahmon Nazriev, Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade



Thank you