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Since its foundation more than 50 years ago, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – UNCTAD – has been a key partner supporting countries in meeting their development objectives. UNCTAD has helped countries in the pursuit of shared prosperity by backing policymaking with sound research and analysis, providing a forum for open and constructive dialogue on development issues, and providing technical support to make a difference on the ground.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals aim to ensure dignity for all, prosperity for all and a sustainable planet for all. Sustainable development is at the heart of the work of UNCTAD. UNCTAD provides high-quality and evidence-based analysis that feeds national, regional and international policies with the aim of generating inclusive sustainable development. Based on such analysis, UNCTAD technical assistance builds the capacities needed in developing countries and countries with economies in transition for equitable integration into the interconnected, global economy and to improve the well-being of their populations. It does so in a non-standardized, flexible and customizable way. UNCTAD technical cooperation is tailored to the needs of its beneficiaries; involves donors, partners and other stakeholders; and aims to achieve concrete, measurable results, to be disseminated and shared with stakeholders from different countries.

The technical cooperation products presented in the *UNCTAD Toolbox* aim to multiply the intended effects by adopting integrated approaches and coordinating technical cooperation operations both internally and with other stakeholders.

The *UNCTAD Toolbox* contains information on our technical cooperation products that can assist countries in putting in place the policies, regulations and institutional frameworks and in mobilizing the resources needed to fulfil the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UNCTAD stands ready to help developing countries and countries with economies in transition achieve the world we want by 2030.

UNCTAD delivers results. We count on our partners to help bring about the ambitious transformations that, together, we can deliver.

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Dignity for all, prosperity for all and a sustainable planet for all

PRODUCTS IN THE *UNCTAD TOOLBOX*

EMPOWERING PEOPLE, INVESTING IN THEIR FUTURE

- Trade, gender and development
- Entrepreneurship for sustainable development
- TrainForTrade



FOSTERING ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY, IMPROVING GOVERNANCE

- Voluntary peer reviews of competition and consumer protection law and policy
- Competition and consumer protection policies and frameworks
- Business facilitation
- Trade facilitation
- ASYCUDA – Automated System for Customs Data
- Statistics
- Enabling accounting and reporting on the private sector's contribution to implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Investment and public health
- International investment agreements



TACKLING VULNERABILITIES, BUILDING RESILIENCE

- Support to graduation from least developed country status
- DMFAS – Debt Management and Financial Analysis System
- UNCTAD contribution to the Enhanced Integrated Framework
- Market access, rules of origin and geographical indications for the least developed countries
- Breaking the chains of commodity dependence
- Sustainable and resilient transport and logistics services



TRANSFORMING ECONOMIES, FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Investment policy reviews
- Services policy reviews
- Trade policy framework reviews
- Science, technology and innovation policy reviews
- E-commerce and the digital economy
- Non-tariff measures
- Trade negotiations and the international trading system
- Sustainable trade and the environment
- Investment promotion and facilitation
- Investment guides



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



End poverty in all its forms everywhere



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



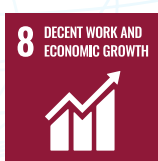
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



Reduce inequality within and among countries



Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development



Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss



Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

PARTNERING WITH UNCTAD

Governments, international institutions – including international and regional development finance institutions – and other public and private entities wishing to become a partner of UNCTAD and provide funding for its technical cooperation activities are welcome to contact the Technical Cooperation Section of UNCTAD. The Technical Cooperation Section can provide further information on technical cooperation work and funding needs and can organize meetings, and/or correspond in writing as necessary, in order to define the scope and areas of an eventual agreement with a partner.



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The annual reports on UNCTAD technical cooperation work, as well as up-to-date information on publications, technical cooperation projects and meetings, can be found on the UNCTAD website at unctad.org.

HOW TO REQUEST TECHNICAL COOPERATION

A State member of UNCTAD or a regional institution wishing to obtain technical cooperation from the UNCTAD secretariat should submit a formal request. Formal requests refer to official letters, or emails in exceptional cases, from relevant authorities in beneficiary countries or regions, addressed to the UNCTAD secretariat and requesting UNCTAD technical cooperation.

Key elements in a formal request

A formal request for UNCTAD technical cooperation should include the following key information:

- Requesting country or regional institution.
- Requesting authority and contact details.
- Request date.
- Main areas where UNCTAD technical cooperation is requested or main *UNCTAD Toolbox* product(s) requested.
- Reasons for which UNCTAD technical cooperation is requested.
- How UNCTAD technical cooperation can contribute to the national development strategy.
- Source of funding.

Member States and regional organizations are requested to provide complete information with respect to the above-mentioned elements. If necessary, the Technical Cooperation Section can provide further information on the technical cooperation work of UNCTAD, including its technical cooperation products, and can organize meetings to provide advice on the preparation of formal requests.

Clearance and uploading of a formal request

Upon receipt of a request, the UNCTAD secretariat will verify whether all the key information has been provided, designate the responsible division(s), ensure that the scope of UNCTAD technical cooperation is clearly defined and clarify the budget information and funding status. In consultation with the requesting country or organization, the UNCTAD secretariat may consider organizing additional meetings and/or sending a fact-finding mission, if funding is available, in order to better define its technical cooperation activities.

Upon clearance by the UNCTAD secretariat, the request will be uploaded to the online request database on the UNCTAD website, at unctad.org under “Projects”. If there are requests for which funds are not fully secured, UNCTAD will seek to support beneficiary countries in their efforts to mobilize the funds necessary for implementation of the project.

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EMPOWERING PEOPLE, INVESTING IN THEIR FUTURE

The transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a plan of action for people, the planet and prosperity. It aims to end poverty in all its forms and improve human well-being. The successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals require, on the one hand, sound strategies and policies by Governments and, on the other hand, the active participation of all people from different sectors of society, including local authorities, farmers, business and industry and non-governmental organizations. To support policymaking and the effective participation of people in this new development process, it is essential to strengthen their skills and update their knowledge bases through capacity-building activities. UNCTAD has developed well-targeted technical assistance programmes, including training, to build capacity for various stakeholders. For example, it promotes entrepreneurship through practical programmes for small and medium-sized enterprises and support to Governments in formulating national entrepreneurship strategies. It strengthens the knowledge and skills of developing countries on port management, e-commerce and trade statistics through blended learning. Furthermore, UNCTAD supports developing country policymakers in mainstreaming gender equality in trade policy and empowering women in trade.



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