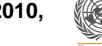


# United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade in Asia & the Pacific

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Session 3 – Emerging Instruments and Initiatives for paperless trade facilitation







## From Global Paperless Trade Solutions to Implementation...

National/
Subregional
Policies and
Implementation
Strategies



Regional Single Window and Paperless Trading initiatives (ASEAN, APEC)

National Single Window Projects

**UN Network of Experts** 

International Standards and Technology



UNTDED, UMM, NDR

Core Components
ebXML





#### Bridging this gap...

- ...the local experts need a platform that can provide access to:
  - Technical knowledge and expertise
  - Capacity building support and training
  - Exchange of best practices and experience with their peers in other countries of the region
- ...the local policy makers need a platform that can link them with the technical experts to be able to make better-informed decisions
- → UNNEXT launched at high-level regional symposium in 2009





## UN Network of Experts for Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

"an ongoing community of knowledge and practice to facilitate the implementation of single window and paperless trade in the Asia-Pacific region"

... As part of ESCAP's effort to enhance regional connectivity and integration



#### Objectives of UNNExT are to:

- Support delivery of national, subregional and transcontinental paperless trade initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region;
- Contribute to the building of local expertise in adopting the global standards and solutions for simplification, harmonization and electronic exchange of trade data and documents



#### **Activities of UNNExT**



- Tools and guides development activities
  - Business Process Analysis (BPA) Guide for Simplification of Trade Procedures (published Dec. 09)
  - Data Harmonization Guide (Oct. 10)
- Capacity building (training) activities
  - National Workshops on Single Window and BPA, Mongolia (Nov.-Dec.09)
  - BPA Workshop, Azerbaijan (Jul.10)
  - Workshop on advancing trade facilitation, Cambodia (Jul. 10)
  - BPA Training-of-Analyst Workshop, Cambodia (Aug. 10)
  - CAREC Single Window Implementation Seminar (Jul. 10)
  - Regional Workshop on Data Harmonization and Paperless Trade (Oct. 10)
    - In cooperation with ECE, ADB, WCO and ASEAN Sec.





#### Activities of UNNExT



- Knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer support
  - UNNExT Brief "Towards a Single Window Trading Environment"
  - Online working groups and expert databases
  - Region-wide forums
    - Symposium on Single Window and Paperless Trade (Mar.. 09)
    - Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum (2009; 2010)
- Regional Advisory Services
  - Mongolia Single Window Master Plan
    - drafting support; Expert review support (Oct. 10)
- Research and Analysis
  - Regional Study on Improving Trade Procedures
    - With ARTNeT (<u>www.artnetontrade.org</u>); using BPA guide





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