Liaison with other organizations

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UNECE Frame

• One UN (deliver as one)
• Partnership
• Resources
Cooperation Mechanisms

- Annex D+
- Global Facilitation Partnership (GFP)
- Joint UN Regional Approach to Trade Facilitation (the Approach)
- MOU UNCTAD, ITC and UNECE
- MOU IATA
- MOU WCO, etc
WTO TFA
ARTICLE 22: INFORMATION ON ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR CAPACITY BUILDING TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE

5. The Committee shall invite relevant international and regional organizations (such as the International Monetary Fund, the OECD, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the WCO, United Nations Regional Commissions, the World Bank, or their subsidiary bodies, and regional development banks) and other agencies of cooperation to provide information .......
GFP

- UNECE Founding member, Core Partner and member of the Steering Committee
- World Bank provides the secretariat and hosts the website
- GFP Meeting tomorrow, jointly hosted by UNECE, UNCTAD and ITC
- www.gfptt.org
Joint UN Regional Commission Approach to TF

- Agreed by the Executive Secretaries of all five UNRCs
- Speak with one voice on TF
- UNECE is the Chair for now (rotating chair)
- UNECE provides secretariat
- Joint events and activities
MOU UNCTAD, ITC, UNECE

• Specific areas of collaboration include:
  • Joint missions to assist countries identify trade facilitation needs and approach to implementing the WTO TFA
  • Joint publications related to Trade Facilitation implementation
  • Joint support for the UN Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide (tfig.unece.org)
  • Joint maintenance of repositories of Trade Facilitation Committees and related matters
  • Support for the development and maintenance of UN Trade Facilitation Recommendations and Standards

• Will be signed tomorrow by DGs of each org.
Other MOUs

- IATA
- WCO
- E
- Other?
Feeding into UN/CEFACT Process

- Updates to Bureau
- ITPD WTO TFA Focal Point
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