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SPECA AfT Implementation and Monitoring Council: A Regional Mechanism

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In order to:

- Use trade as an engine for growth and human development in the SPECA region
- Strengthen regional economies
- Support integration into the world economy
SPECA Countries agreed the following priorities for trade development:

- Within-border supply-side measures
- Cross-border cooperation
- Matters relating to the multi-lateral trading system
SPECA Countries also agreed

- To take targeted measures to address these priorities
- To use as a first basis the action matrices found in the national and regional AfT assessments
- To set up a follow-up mechanism
- To hold a major donor conference
The Follow-up Mechanism

The SPECA Regional Aid-for-Trade Implementation and Monitoring Council (SPECA AfT Council)
SPECA AfT Council

Will have a unique membership:

- High-level Country representatives from the SPECA Project Working Group on Trade
- Donors active in the region such as regional banks, bilateral aid agencies, etc.
- Interested members of the UN Trade and Productive Capacity Cluster (ITC, UNCTAD, UNECE, UNESCAP, UNDP, UNIDO, World Bank, etc)
SPECA AfT Council

Will be coordinated by

• UNECE: overall implementation between all council participants

• UNDP: collection of information related to development assistance, help in ensuring national input, facilitation of contacts with local officials
Increased implementation of AfT as well as improved alignment with country priorities, coherence, coordination and country ownership in the SPECA region
SPECA AfT Council will

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• Provide dedicated leadership for an integrated regional AfT programme

• Identify, in consultation with countries, bankable projects that meet country priorities and matching resources

• Monitor and revise of AfT activities and priorities in line with evolving trade and economic developments and country priorities

• Involve all country stakeholders

• Address, through its unique membership, strategic AfT issues in the region
SPECA AfT Council Outputs

• *Regional and national implementation inventories with gap analyses*

• *Prioritized multi-year National and Regional AfT implementation action plans for SPECA countries*

• *A regional forum* for identifying gaps in activities and funding for country and regional AfT priorities and identifying projects and mobilizing funding to fill these gaps

• *Monitoring and evaluation reports and meetings*

• *Organization of a Donors Conference*
SPECA AfT Council

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SPECA AfT Council Perspective

National
Regional
International
SPECA AfT Council

Timeframe: 3 years
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Budget: USD 910,215

In order to ensure:

• Expertise
• Timeliness
• Full participation and input from national and regional stakeholders (well over half the budget)
Thank you

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