Study on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in the SPECA region

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Objective

Support a regional approach to achieving the successful integration of the SPECA countries into global value chains through analysis of non-tariff barriers to trade and recommendations for their reduction in a manner consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
Deliverables

- Study on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade (NTBs) in the SPECA subregion / Needs assessment.
- A time-bound action plan for sequencing the implementation of the recommendations emerging from the study.
- Organization of regional workshops to promote experience sharing and regional cooperation.
Institutional Framework

- Activities to be based on national participatory approach;
- Involve relevant public and private stakeholders;
- Each SPECA country to assign relevant Ministry to interface with the UNECE secretariat and act as its main counterpart;
- Survey of enterprises to be conducted by national consultants or, if available, national research institutions that will be trained on the use of the UNECE evaluation methodology.
Identify focal point at the national level

Provide UNECE with relevant national policy documents

Prepare a detailed concept note and adopt it at a session of the Governing Council

Fund-raising. Once funds are available, recruit national consultants to conduct interviews

Prepare a survey-based evaluation methodology and pilot test with the focal points

Preparation of the project document by the UNECE secretariat

Assemble the results of the surveys; draft the report and its recommendations

Discuss the draft report with the relevant State agencies and private sector representatives

Based on the outcome of the discussion, prepare the final study and recommendations for publication (EN & RU)
Thank you!

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