UNDA project 1213AA
Project evaluation

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General evaluation

1. Increased capacity to **exchange secure electronic C2C transit information** by the pilot countries with their neighbouring countries and trade partners.

    Achieved my means of the workshops, expert group meetings, the technical assistance, the availability of the central exchange platform and the seminar
    Project started (UNECE); Action plans / Road maps devised (UNECA, UNECLAC, UNESCAP and UNESCWA)

2. Increased capacity to **utilize international standard electronic messages** in the field of transit procedures by the pilot countries and their neighbouring countries, in particular B2C information.

    Achieved my means of the workshops, expert group meetings, and the seminar

    Total number of participants to the events: 261

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Evaluation by activity 1/5

- Activity 1
  - Gap Analyses: Completed in all Regions

  - 1st inter-regional Expert Group meeting
    - Participants: 18
    - Evaluation: 4.6/5
    - Attendance: Costa Rica, Croatia, Georgia, IRU, Turkey, UNECA, UNECE, UNECLAC, UNESCAP, UNESCWA.
    - Recommendations
      - UNECA
        - Action plan for Morocco
      - UNECE
        - Pilot project between Georgia and Turkey
      - UNECLAC
        - Action plan for Costa Rica
      - UNESCAP
        - Action plan for Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan
      - UNESCWA
        - Action plan for Tunisia

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Evaluation by activity 2/5

- Activity 2
  - C2C versatile electronic exchange platform
    - Sucessfully developed and deployed (development and production environements)
    - Documentation to be finalized and published on the project website

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Evaluation by activity 3/5

- Activity 3
  - Technical assistance to undertake actual C2C exchange of transit data or devise action plans
    - UNECA/UNESCWA
      - Preparation of a report to assist Tunisian Customs to connect to a C2C data exchange platform in the context of the recent agreement signed by the members of Agadir declaration (Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, and Egypt) on developing electronic exchange of data among the customs of the four countries
      - Preparation of a report to assist UMA to take steps with its Members States with indicative comprehensive roadmap as well as technical specification for a regional exchange platform
    - UNECE
      - Provision of a technical assistance consultantcy contract in favor of Georgia Customs
      - 2 Technical meeting between Georgia and Turkey to prepare the terms of reference for the eTIR pilot project.
      - Provision of a team collaboration space (not funded by the UNDA project)
      - Provision of hosting and staffing for the CEP (not funded by the UNDA project)
    - UNECLAC
      - Technical advice to Costa Rica customs with a roadmap to address technical and legal gaps steps to be addressed to step up data exchange with other Central American countries through the irTransport of International Merchandise ITIM) system
      - Provision of technical assistance to Costa Rica customs to improve data exchange with other Central American countries through the development of an electronic import invoice and improvement in risk management
    - UNESCAP
      - Provision of technical assistance through consultancy contract for Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to study the feasibility of electronic C2C data exchange between the two countries
      - Technical assistance mission to Kyrgyzstan to meet with customs and transport authorities and discuss the prospects of establishment of C2C data exchange with neighboring countries
      - Development of roadmap for electronic C2C data exchange between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

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Evaluation by activity 4/5

- Activity 4

    - Technical Workshops

        - UNECA/UNESCWA

            - Casablanca – 2-4 Dec. 2015
              Number of participants: 50
              Evaluation: (57% of respondants from public sector, 24% from NGO and international organisation, 6% from private sector and 3% from University). Rate more than 95% Very good to excellent
              Attendance: Mauritania, Morocco, Jordania, Egypt, Lybia, IRU, UNECE, UNECA, UNESCWA, Senegal, Tunisia, UNDP, Agadir Committee, Magreb Arab Union, WCO, EU, LAS

        - UNECE

            - Tbilisi – 22-23 June 2015
              Number of participants:30
              Evaluation: 4.5/5
              Attendance: Armenia, Azerbaijan, European Commission, Georgia, IRU, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Ukraine, UNCTAD, UNECE and Uzbekistan

        - UNESCAP

            - Issyk Kul – 7-8 Sept. 2015;
              Number of participants: 19
              Evaluation: Very good to excellent
              Attendance: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, IRU, UNECE, UNESCAP

            - Dushanbe – 24 May 2016
              Number of participants: 20
              Attendance: Tajikistan Customs and transport authorities , road transport associations (ABBAT and AIIAT), UNESCAP

        - UNECLAC

            - San José – 16-17 June 2015
              Number of participants: 30
              Evaluation: Very good to excellent
              Attendance: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, IIDB, IRU, SIECA and UNECLAC.

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Evaluation by activity 5/5

- Activity 5
  - Seminar for the Promotion of Electronic Exchange of Customs Information and the Adoption of Standard Electronic Messages
    Number of participants: 70
    Evaluation: 4.4/5
    Attendance: AMU, Armenia, Belarus, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Costa Rica, European Commission,Finland, Georgia, IRU, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Morocco, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, SIECA, Spain, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, UNCTAD, UNECA, UNECE, UNECLAC, UNESCAP, UNESCWA, UNOHRLLS, UN/CEFACT, WCO and WTO.
  - 2nd inter-regional Expert Group meeting
    Number of participants: 24
    Evaluation: 4.3/5
    Attendance: AMU, Costa Rica, Georgia, Morocco, Kyrgyzstan, UNECA, UNECE, UNECLAC, UNESCAP, UNESCWA.

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Evaluation by sub-project

RC	Evaluation
UNECA	The project greatly contributed to assess the region's capacity to undertake electronically custom to customs exchange thru comprehensive gap analysis for Mauritania, Tunisa, Morocco, Algeria. Technical assistance provided to UMA to engage its Member states using the prepared action plan to take steps for the implementation of electronic exchange. A technical platform developed and pilot experience with Agadir Countries being jointly experimented with ESCWA
UNECE	The project greatly contributed to starting the Georgia-Turkey eTIR pilot project. The protocol signed by ministers of both countries shows the importance of the project and will ensure its continuity. The technical assistance helped Georgian Customs to connect their IT system to the CEP.
UNECLAC	Through this project, the Central American region and Costa Rica in particular has increased its awareness on how the current Transport of International Merchandise (TIM) C2C electronic data exchange system can be improved in areas such as processing electronic import invoices and risk management.
UNESCAP	The project identified mutual interest of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan in the electronic exchange of data between Customs authorities. The roadmap for establishment of C2C electronic data exchange between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan was developed.
UNESCWA	The project contributed to the development of a platform to exchange data between the customs of Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt and Jordan through the Tunisian single trade window: Tunisia Trade Net. The platform has been finalized and its concrete application will depends on the decision of the four member countries of the Agadir declaration.

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Remarks

– 50'000 USD planned for Equipment and supplies were reallocated to seminars and workshops to allow to make a 2 days seminar. The planned hardware and software costs for hosting the platform were covered by UNECE.