Inter-regional Expert Group Meeting
on the Unite Nations Development Accounts Project 1213AA -
Strengthening the capacities of developing countries
and countries with economies in transition
to facilitate legitimate border crossing,
regional cooperation and integration

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Note by the secretariat

I. Background

On the basis of the findings of the first inter-regional Expert Group Meeting (EGM) aimed at the assessment of the legal and technical needs of candidate countries to extend the exchange of electronic information with other countries, including the considerations of the studies ("gap" analyses) prepared by independent consultants, and the nomination of the pilot countries (A1.1), the Expert group may wish to discuss the remaining activities planned in the project.

II. Remaining activities by Regional Commission

1. Economic Commission for Europe

Activities	Timeline
A1.2 Development and deployment of a secure C2C versatile electronic exchange platform, taking due account of the specific requirement of the pilot countries.	January-September 2015
A1.3 Provision of technical assistance to the pilot country to link national or regional Customs IT systems to the C2C exchange platform or development of an Action Plan setting out the steps needed increase the C2C secure electronic exchange of transit information.	January-September 2015
A1.4 Deliverance of a technical workshop to build capacity in the pilot country (and possibly neighbouring countries) on: C2C secure	March-April 2015

electronic exchange of transit information, the use of the C2C exchange platform to increase their electronic exchange of Customs information with neighbouring countries and the adoption of international standards for electronic data exchange.

Preparation of a report on the outcome of the technical assistance/action plan and technical workshops.	September-October 2015
External evaluation	November-December 2015

2. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Activities	Timeline
A1.3 Provision of technical assistance to the pilot country to link national or regional Customs IT systems to the C2C exchange platform or development of an Action Plan setting out the steps needed increase the C2C secure electronic exchange of transit information.	January-September 2015
A1.4 Deliverance of a technical workshop to build capacity in the pilot country (and possibly neighbouring countries) on: C2C secure electronic exchange of transit information, the use of the C2C exchange platform to increase their electronic exchange of Customs information with neighbouring countries and the adoption of international standards for electronic data exchange.	March-April 2015
Preparation of a report on the outcome of the technical assistance/action plan and technical workshops.	September-October 2015

3. Economic Commission for Africa

Activities	Timeline
A1.3 Provision of technical assistance to the pilot country to link national or regional Customs IT systems to the C2C exchange platform or development of an Action Plan setting out the steps needed increase the C2C secure electronic exchange of transit information.	January-September 2015
A1.4 Deliverance of a technical workshop to build capacity in the pilot country (and possibly neighbouring countries) on: C2C secure electronic exchange of transit information, the use of the C2C exchange platform to increase their electronic exchange of Customs information with neighbouring countries and the adoption of international standards for electronic data exchange.	March-April 2015
Preparation of a report on the outcome of the technical assistance/action plan and technical workshops.	September-October 2015

4. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Activities	Timeline
Finalization of the "Gap-analysis"	December 2014-

	January 2015
A1.3 Provision of technical assistance to the pilot country to link national or regional Customs IT systems to the C2C exchange platform or development of an Action Plan setting out the steps needed increase the C2C secure electronic exchange of transit information.	January-September 2015
A1.4 Deliverance of a technical workshop to build capacity in the pilot country (and possibly neighbouring countries) on: C2C secure electronic exchange of transit information, the use of the C2C exchange platform to increase their electronic exchange of Customs information with neighbouring countries and the adoption of international standards for electronic data exchange.	March-April 2015
Preparation of a report on the outcome of the technical assistance/action plan and technical workshops.	September-October 2015

5. Economic Commission for and Latin America and the Caribbean

Activities	Timeline
Finalization of the "Gap-analysis"	December 2014-January 2015
A1.3 Provision of technical assistance to the pilot country to link national or regional Customs IT systems to the C2C exchange platform or development of an Action Plan setting out the steps needed increase the C2C secure electronic exchange of transit information.	January-September 2015
A1.4 Deliverance of a technical workshop to build capacity in the pilot country (and possibly neighbouring countries) on: C2C secure electronic exchange of transit information, the use of the C2C exchange platform to increase their electronic exchange of Customs information with neighbouring countries and the adoption of international standards for electronic data exchange.	March-April 2015
Preparation of a report on the outcome of the technical assistance/action plan and technical workshops.	September-October 2015

III. Joint activities

Activities	Timeline
Coordinate the ToR of the A1.2 and A1.3 consultancies.	December 2014-January 2015
Coordination of the organisation of the technical workshops (identification of experts, satisfaction questionnaires, …)	February-March 2015
Organisation of the second EGM and seminar (agendas, identification of experts and participants, satisfaction questionnaires, …)	June-August 2015
A2.1 Delivering a second inter-regional Expert Group Meeting at the end of the project to present and evaluate the results achieved in the five pilot countries.	October-November 2015
A2.2 Delivering a seminar (back to back with the second inter-regional Expert Group Meeting) to promote the electronic exchange of Customs information and the adoption of standard electronic messages, with special focus on the specific requirement of developing countries and countries with economies in transition on the basis of the results achieved in the five pilot countries (the project will provide funding for 45 participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in particular from countries other than the pilot countries).	October-November 2015

IV. Considerations by the Expert Group

The Expert Group may wish to review the remaining project activities and their schedule and start considering the best venue and timing for the second Expert Group meeting, which will revise the project outcome, as well as the Seminar that will be organized back to back.

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