A tool for simplifying cross-border trade
The UNECE Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide (TFIG)

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ABOUT THE GUIDE

Purpose:
• Present concepts, standards and recommendations that can help simplify trade throughout the ISC, along with implementation approaches & methodologies.

Target:
• Policymakers and high-level managers
• Implementers and technical experts
…..from governments, businesses and international organizations

Format:
• A web-based interactive tool
• In a wikipedia style (with entry points and cross links to navigate contents)

Key milestones:
• Sept 2011: launch of the project
• Jul-Aug 2012: final draft and peer review
• Sept 2012: online publication
• Jan -June 2013: translation into French and Russian
• Feb-Nov 2013: TFIG Training
**CONTENTS OF THE WIKI**

**Why**

- About TF
  - Principles and Benefits & the Generic Approach to TF Implementation

**Where**

- Domains:
  - Business: Purchasing, Shipping & Transport, Customs & Cross Border Management, Payment
  - Approaches and Methodologies: Business Process Analysis, Consultation_Collaboration, E-Business Solutions

**How**

- Suggested Itineraries:
  1. Reducing border delays
  2. Documents simplification and data harmonisation
  3. Creating partnership with trade
  4. ICT application
  5. WTO negotiations,....

**With what**

- Instruments
  - Conventions, Standards and Recommandations, Guides, Case Stories

**Who**

- Organisations
  - UNECE – UN/CEFACT, UNESCAP, WTO, UNCTAD, ITC, WCO, etc.
The Second Phase

Capacity Building
Guide Maintenance and Upgrade
2013-2014
The ToT package:

- Helps organize, conduct and evaluate workshops based on the Guide

**ToT workshops:**

- **Where and when?**
  - In the 5 regions of the world
- **For whom?**
  - Experts/trainers who will train policy makers and managers involved in TF reforms
Workshops Dates and Venues

- **Europe** – Turin Italy, 12 to 14 Feb 2013
- **East Africa** – Kigali Rwanda, 1 to 3 May 2013
- **Middle East** – Aqaba Jordan, 13 to 15 May 2013
- **Central Asia** – Bishkek Kyrgyzstan, 10 to 13 June 2013
- **West Africa** – Porto Novo Benin, July 2013 (tbc)
- **Latin America** – Bogota Colombia, 23 to 25 Sept 2013
- **South East Asia** – Bangkok Thailand, 20 to 23 Nov 2013
GUIDE MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE

- Based on users’ feedback through:
  - An ad-hoc workshop, training sessions and a dedicated mailbox.
Thank you!

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