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Agenda Item: VII.f

**Presentation – Final Review of the APEC Supply-
Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan 2017-
2020 (SCFAP-II)**

Purpose: Information

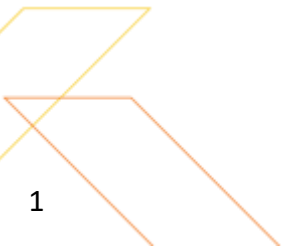
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Phase Two: Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (SCFAP II)

- **SCFAP II Final Review on track for publication at end-2021**
- **Received a total of 8 case studies**
- **Welcome more case studies from economies for SCFAP III**
- **Welcome ideas for SCFAP III**



Checkpoint 1: Lack of coordinated border management and underdeveloped border clearance and procedures

Indicators	% of improvement (% of change)
DB Cost to Import (documentary and border compliance)	-4.6%
DB Time to Import (documentary and border compliance)	-13.6%
DB Cost to Export (documentary and border compliance)	-4.3%
DB Time to Export (documentary and border compliance)	-11.8%
Trading Across Borders Score	+2.1%

Examples of Initiatives

- WTO TFA Implementation
- Single Window Interoperability
- Authorized Economic Operators (MRAs and SMEs)
- Digital Technology Adoption: GDS and APMEN

Integrating SMEs in Authorized Economic Operator Certification: Improving SME Participation in APEC Secure Trade

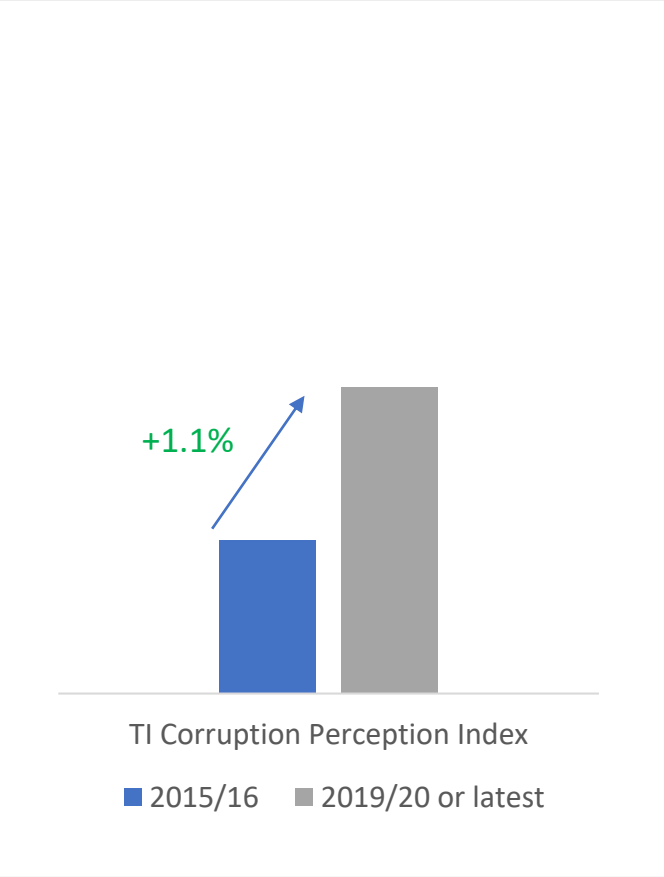
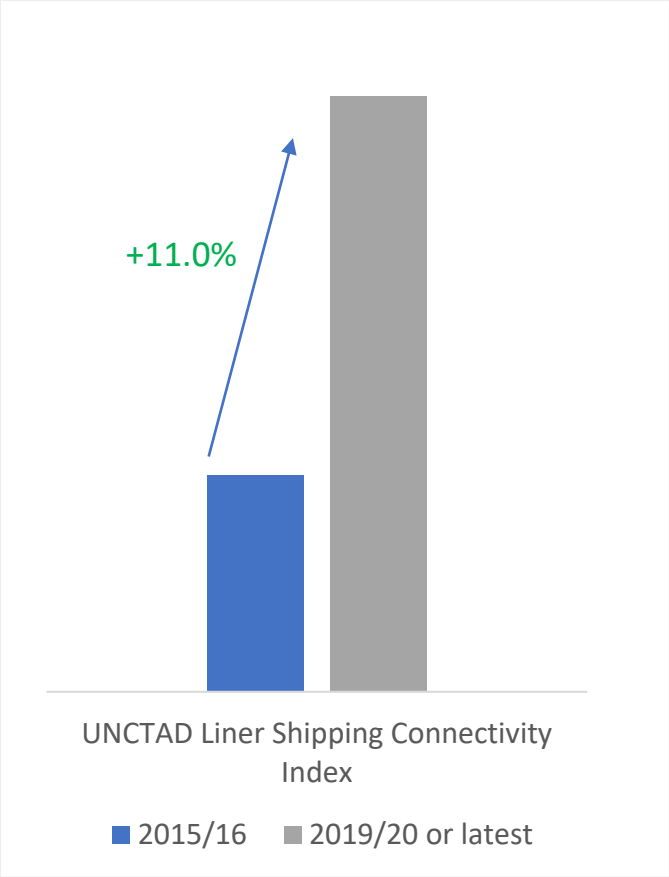
Chile and Chinese Taipei collaborated to facilitate the integration of SMEs in AEO certification by enhancing awareness and understanding of opportunities and benefits for AEO operators. Two workshops and three studies were conducted for this purpose.

SOURCE: World Bank Doing Business 2017 (reflecting 2016 figures) and 2020 reports (reflecting 2019 figures)

Checkpoint 2: Inadequate quality and lack of access to transportation infrastructure and services

UNCTAD Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (APEC Average)

TI Corruption Perception Index (APEC Average)



Examples of Initiatives

- Transportation Infrastructure Development

Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment in rapidly urbanizing APEC Region project discussed challenges in enhancing quality infrastructure investment and smart city development.

- Public-Private Partnership (PPP)

The Peer Review and Capacity Building on APEC Infrastructure Development and Investment project highlights the importance of PPP in infrastructure development and investment.

SOURCE: UNCTADstat database; and Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 database

Chokepoint 3: Unreliable logistics services and high logistical costs

APEC Initiatives & Case Studies

DHL Connectedness

Index

improved by

1.4%

APEC Green Supply Chain Cooperation Network

The APEC Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain encourages economies to develop green supply chain pilot centres, and boost cooperation in the area of green supply chain, green production and consumption and green trade.

National Logistics Ecosystem (NLE)

Indonesia established the National Logistic Ecosystem with the objective of harmonising the flow of goods and information across supply chains.

Structural Reforms in Logistics Services

The multi-stakeholder dialogue was conducted in Viet Nam in 2018 to exchange information on structural reforms among policy makers, regulators, businesses and related associations.

Digitalisation of Air Freight Logistics

The Digitalization of Air Freight Logistics Pilot Project at Xiamen airport comes as part of a two-phase project to connect stakeholders in the air freight logistic chain. It aims to shift to paperless transportation processes and connect systems for information sharing.

SOURCE:DHL Global Connectedness Index 2020 database

Chokepoint 4: Limited regulatory cooperation and best practices

Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2)

Provides guidance and technical inputs on capacity building programs and providing future direction on supply chain work in APEC.

APMEN Visualization of Sea Freight Logistics Project

The APMEN Visualization of Sea Freight Logistics project helps to develop comprehensive data standards to support the exchange of critical sea freight data and provide recommendations regarding the use and implementation of data standards for e-Port visibility.

Export Certificate Roadmap

The United States developed a roadmap in 2013 to reduce unnecessary certification requirements and harmonise international certification standards.

Peru Technical Assistance on Publication

Using the SCFAP sub-fund, the United States implemented assistance to develop a trade information portal within Peru's Domestic Single Window of Foreign Trade to fulfil commitments in WTO TFA Article 1.1 (Publication).

Indicators	% of improvement (% of change)
TFI on information availability	-5.1%
TFI on involvement of trade community	+13.7%
TFI on Internal border agency cooperation	-18.4%
TFI on External border agency cooperation	-13.5%

SOURCE: OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators database

Checkpoint 5: Underdeveloped policy and regulatory infrastructure for e-commerce

Indicators	% of improvement (% of change)
UPU Integrated Index for Postal Development	-4.8%
UNCTAD Availability of legal and regulatory framework	All APEC economies are equipped with the basic legal and regulatory frameworks.
UNCTAD B2C E-Commerce Index	+5.8%

<p>Initiatives to Improve Legislations among APEC economies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APEC Cross Border E-Commerce Training • Assessment of Capacity Building Needs • APEC SELI’s project on Developing a Cooperative ODR Framework for MSMEs in B2B Transactions 	<p>Paperless Solution for Delivery and Transportation in the Postal Sector</p> <hr/> <p>Viet Nam is working on improving postal services by testing paperless documentation and strengthening postal security to address transportation of illegal goods.</p>
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SOURCE: UPU Integrated Index for Postal Development 2016 and 2020; UNCTAD Global Cyberlaw Tracker database; and UNCTAD B2C E-Commerce Index 2017 and 2020