



# UNCTAD EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

for National Trade Facilitation Committees

## E-LEARNING COURSES FOR NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES

UNCTAD provides an intensive dedicated professional capacity building programme for the members of national trade facilitation committees (NTFCs) and their secretariats. The main objective is to empower NTFCs to successfully undertake their mandate to implement, in a coordinated manner, trade facilitation reforms, including the provisions of the World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement. Successful and efficient NTFCs will help countries streamline their international trade.

### Methodology

- Online courses can be provided as a complement to the face-to-face modules of UNCTAD Empowerment Programme for National Trade Facilitation Committees or as a stand-alone training package
- Close monitoring and follow up of online course participants by UNCTAD experts
- Continuous assessment of performance
- The short courses last from 20 to 75 minutes each and are provided to participants during a period of up to three months
- A certificate of completion is awarded to each participant who completes the course and passes all assessments



### Description of online courses

#### Understanding trade facilitation

This lesson deals with key concepts of trade facilitation and why trade facilitation is increasingly important.

#### Trade Facilitation and Development

This lesson discusses what the key benefits of implementing trade facilitation reforms are, and how these reforms can contribute to a country's development.

#### Trade Facilitation Indicators

This lesson explores the most largely used trade facilitation Indexes and Reports and explains the importance of using trade facilitation indexes and reports.

#### National Trade Facilitation Committees

This lesson introduces the concept of national trade facilitation committees and identify key factors that contribute to the success and sustainability of a committee.

#### Introduction to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

This lesson deals with the history, structure, nature of obligations and importance of the preferential and differential treatment provisions under the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

#### WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement: understanding the provisions - Part 1 and Part 2

These two lessons explore the different provisions of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. For each of the specific provision, it explains:

1. What the measure requires,
2. What is not included in the measure,
3. And what countries should check to make sure they are in compliance with the measure.

#### Technical Barriers to Trade and Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures in the context of Trade Facilitation

This lesson deals with the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, and the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and their relationship with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

#### Trade facilitation and e-business standards and recommendations by UN/CEFACT

This lesson explores various international standards, recommendations and tools designed and published by organizations such as the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT). It shows how UN/CEFACT works and why these international organizations are important for the efficient functioning of the global trading system.