

UNECE Economic Cooperation and Trade Division



Challenges arising from the
“Liquidity Crisis”

Parliamentary documents and standard-setting



Reduction in the number of parliamentary documents (SP 4 and SP 6)

Delayed publication of standards

- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (FFV) (SP 6)**
 - Approx. 57*2 languages = 114 standards documents to be completed & published.
- **Dried and Dried Produce (DDP) (SP 6)**
 - Approx. 35*3 languages = 100+ standards documents to be completed & published.

Delayed publication of standards

- **UN/LOCODE Updates (SP 6)**
- **Reduced regularity of annual release of the UN/LOCODE updates (from twice a year to once a year). Concerns recorded in report of annual UN/LOCODE AG meeting (April 2024).**

Delays in addressing IT challenges (SP 4 and SP 6)

- **Broken links on the ECTD website.**

Delays in publication of UNECE parts of UN-wide documents (SP 6)

- **The UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation.**

Capacity-building, inter-governmental/expert deliberations and outreach/partnerships



Capacity-building

- The **timely updating of XB budgets** was affected, creating delays, undermining the timely implementation of CB activities (and related official documents).

Lack of travel budget

- **ECTD was unable to finance the participation of speakers** inter-governmental/expert deliberations, which affected the quality of deliberations.

ECTD was unable to participate in major events, including:

- UNCTAD WIF, Abu Dhabi, UAE, Oct. 2023.
- WTO Ministerial, Abu Dhabi, UAE, Feb./March 2024.
- CoP 28, Dubai, UAE, Nov.-Dec. 2023.
- UNCTAD Global Supply Chain Forum, Bridgetown, Barbados, May 2024 (XB).



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