

Joint Statement of Priorities for OECD-UNCTAD Partnership

Complementarity of two institutions

1. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (the “OECD”) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (“UNCTAD”) (individually a “Party” and together the “Parties”) are interlinked by a shared commitment to creating an enabling environment for inclusive growth, better jobs and improved sustainability nationally and internationally, the development of a rules- and values-based world economy to the benefit of all countries and global poverty reduction. Shared objectives call for furthering their co-operation, given the Parties’ convergence of interests, complementarity of membership and similar work methods in many areas. In fact, co-operation has developed over many years and involves numerous projects. In particular, the Parties signed a previous joint statement of priorities on 13 March 2002. The Parties have decided to continue their co-operation and hereby agree to this new Joint Statement of Priorities for OECD-UNCTAD Partnership (the “Joint Statement”), which supersedes the 13 March 2002 joint statement.
2. What follows is a reaffirmation of our commitment to this process and a statement of future priorities to give focus to and enhance co-operation between the Parties. We will seek to further improve the effectiveness of our partnerships at all levels.
3. The Annex to this Joint Statement sets out a work plan detailing key projects on which we already collaborate or are considering collaboration in the near term.
4. Any activities conducted pursuant to this Joint Statement are subject to their inclusion in our respective programmes of work and budgets and to the availability of funds. They shall be carried out in accordance with our respective rules and practices.

Building on comparative advantage

5. The Parties have accumulated considerable expertise on trade, investment and development policies in differing country contexts. Both Parties can mutually benefit from, and build on, each other’s work. Both the OECD and UNCTAD have developed policy know-how, standards and guidelines based on the experiences of their members and/or core constituencies. The partly diverging membership of the organisations can strengthen each organisation's work on trade, investment and development in general, and can notably help enhance both organisations’ policy dialogue with members and partner countries on topics related to trade, investment and development

Priority areas for co-operation

6. A unifying theme for our co-operation is the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We will advance this by promoting institutional and policy reforms to build competitive domestic productive capacity in order to enhance development and successful integration in global trade and investment.

7. We renew our commitment to continuing close co-operation in the following priority areas of great mutual interest:

- development;
- trade; and
- investment.

Other areas for co-operation

8. In addition to the priority areas listed above, we will seek opportunities to develop further our co-operation in areas either where it is not yet well-established, or indeed is functioning well on an ad hoc basis but could be expanded in the coming years. Examples may include work on competition law and policy, and governance.

Staff development and exchanges

9. We are committed to strengthening our knowledge networks, especially by including each other's staff in formal and informal staff development initiatives, continuing to facilitate the participation of staff in high-level events as appropriate, staff exchanges, and participation in technical development programs, subject to separate written agreements.

Reviews of progress

10. We will jointly review progress in the above areas, periodically discuss prospects for future collaboration based on such agendas, in Geneva and Paris respectively, and report our findings to our respective members.

Mutual access to information

11. We are committed to joining forces to make fuller use of opportunities to make information available electronically to each Party, as well as to different categories of third parties. Examples of such access to information include the involvement and collaboration of both Parties in the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financial Statistics, the Inter-Agency Task Force on International Trade Statistics, or in the preparation of the Agricultural Market Access Database (AMAD).

12. The Parties may disclose to the public this Joint Statement and information with respect to activities carried out under this Joint Statement in accordance with our relevant policies.

13. Any sharing of confidential information between the Parties will be subject to our respective policies and procedures relating to the disclosure of confidential information. Each Party will take any action to protect confidential and/or classified information of the other Party.

Intellectual Property

14. We recognise the importance of protecting and respecting intellectual property rights. This Joint

Statement does not grant the right to use any work created outside the framework of this Joint Statement, of which one Party is the author or holds the intellectual property rights.

15. Intellectual property rights over any joint work created by the Parties' collaborative activities under this Joint Statement of which both Parties are the authors will be jointly held by the Parties. Each of the Parties may use and reproduce this work separately, subject to an appropriate acknowledgement of the other Party's contribution to the work and provided that each Party will seek the written consent of the other before granting any license to a third party. Without prejudice to the above, any joint publication will be subject to a separate written agreement by the Parties.

Responsibility

16. Each Party will be responsible for its activities and for its staff members, including for their acts and omissions. In particular, a Party will not be liable for any damage or injury suffered or caused by the other Party or that other Party's staff.
17. However, if a damage or injury arises out of or results from the actions carried out by one Party (the "First Party"), the First Party will hold the other Party and its staff harmless from any resulting claim or damages.

Contact points

18. Individual activity managers in charge of specific work areas for both Parties are indicated in the Annex and remain directly responsible for co-operation in these areas.
19. Mr Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, shall be responsible for the overall co-ordination of UNCTAD's relationship with the OECD.
20. Ms Mari Kiviniemi, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD, shall ensure overall co-ordination of the OECD's responsibilities for the relationship with UNCTAD.
21. For activities related to Investment, Global Governance and G20/G7 and other bodies, Ms Gabriela Ramos is the OECD's contact point, as well as Mr Andreas Schaal.

Entry into Effect and Duration

22. This Joint Statement shall become effective upon signature by both Parties. It shall remain in effect for a period of three years and may be renewed for further periods of no more than three years upon written agreement of the Parties.
23. This Joint Statement may be terminated by either Party by providing three months' prior written notice to the other Party. In such a case, the Parties will agree, as appropriate, on the steps to ensure that the activities initiated under this Joint Statement are brought to a prompt and orderly conclusion.

Divergence of Views

24. Any divergence of views between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Joint Statement, including interpretation or application of any provision herein, shall be settled amicably by the Parties.

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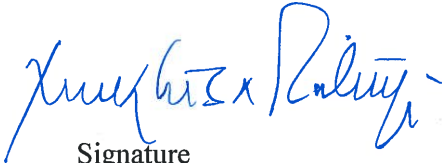
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Annex

OECD / UNCTAD Co-operation

As of September 2015

Directorate	Issue-area	Type of Co-operation (Joint activities; events; joint reports; invitations; exchange of information)	Status (Ongoing; Planned; Under consideration)	Contacts
<p>OECD: CTP/DCD DEV/ENV</p> <p>UNCTAD: SUC</p>	<p>Commodities I:</p> <p>Contribute to shaping the Framework on Public-Private Collaboration for Shared Resource Based Value Creation and its Compendium of Best Practices. Collaboration on country reviews on resource-based development. Collaboration on export restrictions on raw materials and on providing assistance to revenue authorities to verify prices for mineral commodities in conjunction with the OECD's Tax and Development Programme.</p>	<p>Joint activity</p>	<p>Under consideration</p>	<p>Samuel Gayi, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities (SUC), UNCTAD.</p> <p>Lahra Liberti, Senior Advisor, OECD Development Centre (Lahra.LIBERTI@oecd.org)</p> <p>Peter Borkey, Principal Administrator, Environment and Economic Integration Division, OECD Environment Directorate (Peter.BORKEY@oecd.org)</p>
<p>OECD: CTP/DCD DEV/ENV</p> <p>UNCTAD: SUC</p>	<p>Commodities II:</p> <p>Support each other's high level events by facilitating both high-level and staff participation as appropriate. Examples of such events include: The Global Commodities Forum (GCF) and the</p>	<p>Event</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Samuel Gayi, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities (SUC), UNCTAD.</p>

	<p>Multi-Year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development (both normally held in March/April each year); African OILGASMINE Conference and Exhibition (normally held in the last quarter of the year);</p> <p>Policy Dialogue on Natural Resource-based Development and its Expert Advisory Board</p>			
<p>OECD: DEV, TAD, STI, STD, DCD DAF</p> <p>UNCTAD: GDS</p>	<p>Global Value Chains I:</p> <p>UNCTAD is a Member of the Advisory Board of the OECD Initiative for Policy Dialogue on GVCs, Production Transformation and Development (PD GVCs) and is contributing to the Working Group on Production Transformation Strategies.</p>	Joint activity	Ongoing	<p>GVC I: Richard Kozul Wright, Director of Globalisation and Piergiuseppe Fortunato, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD;</p> <p>Annalisa Primi, Senior Economist, OECD Development Centre (Annalisa.PRIMI@oecd.org)</p>
<p>UNCTAD: DIAE,DITC</p>	<p>Global Value Chains II:</p> <p>Joint work on issues related to Global Value Chains and Trade and Investment.</p>		Ongoing	<p>Nick Johnstone, Head of Structural Policy Division, OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (Nick.JOHNSTONE@oecd.org)</p>
<p>OECD: TAD, STI and STD</p> <p>UNCTAD: DITC</p>	<p>Global Value Chains III:</p> <p>Global Value Chains and Non-Tariff-Measures play an important role for trading opportunities of developing countries. OECD and UNCTAD could undertake joint research on the interaction between these two areas and their effects on trade in developing countries.</p>		Already discussed between TAD and UNCTAD/DITC	<p>GVC II: Guillermo Valles, Director Trade Division; James Zhan, Director Investment Division, UNCTAD</p>
<p>UNCTAD: DITC</p>				<p>GVC III: Ralf Peters, Senior Economics Affairs Officer, UNCTAD</p> <p>Trudy Witbreuk,</p>

				Head of Development Division, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD (Trudy.WITBREUK@oecd.org)
	<p>Statistics:</p> <p>Trade in Value added (TiVA) and Creative Industries: Enhanced statistical collaboration on TiVA and on conceptual frameworks of creative industries.</p>	Exchange of information	Under consideration	<p>Alessandra Colecchia, Head of Economic Analysis and Statistics Division, OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (Alessandra.COLECC HIA@oecd.org)</p> <p>Guillermo Valles, Director Trade Division, UNCTAD</p>
<p>OECD: DAF</p> <p>UNCTAD: DIAE</p>	<p>Investment I:</p> <p>Support each other's high level events by facilitating both high-level and staff participation as appropriate. Examples of such events include:</p> <p>World Investment Forum which will take place during the UNCTAD fourteenth Ministerial Conference in Lima, Peru, from 14 to 18 March 2016</p> <p>Freedom of Investment Roundtable Conference on Investment Treaties (first week March 2016). Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct (June 2016) Investment for Development: Implementation of the PFI (December 2015)</p>	Event	Under consideration	<p>Ana Novik, Head of Investment Division, OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs (Ana.NOVIK@oecd.org)</p> <p>James Zhan, Director Investment Division, UNCTAD</p>
	<p>Investment II:</p> <p>Preparation of joint reports on investment-related issues as per</p>	Joint reports	Under consideration	James Zhan, Director Investment

UNCTAD: DIAE	requests by G20. G20 Leaders requested (since the Washington summit) OECD, UNCTAD and WTO to report on their countries' trade and investment policies on a quarterly (and after Los Cabos, biannual) basis. Cooperation and inputs as appropriate to any separate contributions to G20 by OECD or UNCTAD in relation to investment under their respective responsibility.			Division, UNCTAD
UNCTAD: DITC	<p>Competition policy:</p> <p>Participation in OECD Competition Committee and Global Forum on Competition, as well as UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts meetings and quinquennial meetings to review the UN Set of Principles on Competition. Coordination of agendas between meetings to build on one another's work.</p> <p>Co-ordination of timing and scope of peer reviews of competition law and policy, to build synergies between the two programmes.</p> <p>Collaboration in the area of Competition Policy and Consumer Protection, for example through joint events in developing countries.</p>	Joint activity	Under consideration	<p>John Davies, Head of Competition Division, OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs (John.DAVIES@oecd.org)</p> <p>Juan Luis Crucelegui, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD.</p>
OECD: STD UNCTAD: DIAE	<p>Measuring Entrepreneurship:</p> <p>Collaboration on entrepreneurship for development, to identify suitable indicators and define a framework for assessing the impact of entrepreneurship on relevant SDGs</p>	Joint activity	Under consideration	<p>Mariarosa Lunati, Head of Entrepreneurship, Productivity and Microdata Section, Trade and Competitiveness Statistics Division, OECD Statistics Directorate (Mariarosa.LUNATI@oecd.org)</p>

				James Zhan, Director, Investment Division, UNCTAD
OECD: STD UNCTAD: DITC	International Trade Statistics Collaboration in: the Task Group on Measuring Trade in ICT Services; the Inter-Agency Task Force on International Trade Statistics; and the newly established Inter-Secretariat Working Group on International Trade and Economic Globalization;	Exchange of information	Under consideration	Nadim Ahmad, Head of Trade and Competitiveness Statistics Division, OECD Statistics Directorate (Nadim.AHMAD@oecd.org) Ralf Peters, Senior Economics Affairs Officer
OECD: STD UNCTAD: DITC	Trade in Value Added Collaboration on developing TIVA estimates for Africa and Central Asia	Exchange of Information	Under consideration	Nadim Ahmad, Head of Trade and Competitiveness Statistics Division, OECD Statistics Directorate (Nadim.AHMAD@oecd.org) Steve MacFeely, Chief of Statistics and Information, UNCTAD
OECD: STI UNCTAD: SUC	Commodities: The OECD contributes occasionally to the Iron Ore Trust Fund's publications on iron ore markets by reviewing current and future prospects for steel demand and production (The Iron Ore Market Report, Chapter II on steel). UNCTAD also reciprocates by contributing to OECD work related specifically to steelmaking raw materials.	Exchange of information; invitations	The most recent cooperation activity dates back to the 74th Steel Committee meeting, 1-2 July 2013. Restart cooperation with the Steel committee.	Alexei Mojarov, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD Anthony de Carvalho, Senior Economist/Policy Analyst, Structural Policy Division, OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (Anthony.DECARVALHO@oecd.org)
OECD: CTP UNCTAD:	Tax issues: Collaboration on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) -- Action 11 (measuring the investment impact)	Joint activity	Under consideration	James Zhan, Director Investment Division, UNCTAD

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<p>OECD: DCD</p> <p>UNCTAD: GDS</p> <p>UNCTAD: ALDC</p>	<p>Statistics: South-South co-operation providers: Collaboration on establishing concordance between DAC statistics (CRS) and the corresponding UNCTAD information.</p>	<p>Joint activity</p>	<p>Under consideration</p>	<p>Steve MacFeely, Head of Statistics and Information, Igor Paunovic, Senior Economic Affairs Officer Division of Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD</p> <p>Suzanne Steensen Manager, Development Finance Architecture Unit, OECD Development Cooperation Directorate, (Suzanne.steensen@oecd.org)</p>
<p>UNCTAD: DITC</p>	<p>Aid Statistics: Closer collaboration with the OECD/DAC/CRS on aid figures for LDCs and African countries</p>	<p>Exchange of information</p>	<p>Under consideration</p>	<p>Rolf Traeger, Senior Economic Affairs officer, UNCTAD</p> <p>Suzanne Steensen Manager, Development Finance Architecture Unit, OECD Development Cooperation Directorate, (Suzanne.steensen@oecd.org)</p>
	<p>Post-2015 monitoring framework: Collaboration on monitoring processes of proposed indicators for SDG 17, including the proposed framework of "total official support for sustainable development"-- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the</p>	<p>Joint activity</p>	<p>Under consideration</p>	<p>Guillermo Valles, Director Trade Division, UNCTAD</p> <p>Suzanne Steensen Manager, Development</p>

	global partnership for sustainable development (partnering with UNCTAD around a side event in Addis Ababa Financing for Development Conference)			Finance Architecture Unit, OECD Development Cooperation Directorate, (Suzanne.steensen@oecd.org)
OECD: ENV and TAD UNCTAD: DITC UNCTAD: DITC	<p>Trade and environment: Continue collaboration and information sharing between the UN Forum on Sustainability Standards and the OECD's work on trade and environmental impacts of environmental labelling schemes.</p> <p>Environmental Provisions in RTAs: Seek collaboration regarding OECD work on environmental provisions in Regional Trade Agreements, in particular seeking opportunities for outreach and dialogue with developing countries.</p>	Joint activity, exchange of information	Ongoing, under consideration	<p>Guillermo Valles, Director Trade Division, UNCTAD</p> <p>Franck Jesus, Head of Natural Resources Policy Division, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD (Franck.JESUS@oecd.org)</p> <p>Shardul Agrawala, Head, Environment and Economic Integration Division, OECD Environment Directorate (Shardul.AGRAWALA@oecd.org)</p>
OECD: STI UNCTAD: DTL	<p>ICT Statistics:</p> <p>OECD participates with UNCTAD and other relevant IOs in the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development (an international, multi-stakeholder initiative to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries).</p>	Exchange of information; joint activities and reports.	Ongoing	<p>Vincenzo Spiezia, Senior Economist, Economic Analysis and Statistics Division, OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (Vincenzo.SPIEZIA@oecd.org)</p> <p>Torbjorn Fredriksson, Chief, ICT analysis section, Division on Technology and Logistics</p>
International	Transport:			

<p>Transport Forum (ITF)</p> <p>UNCTAD: DTL/TLB</p>	<p>Information and data sharing; and consultations on maritime transport and logistics issues, including in relation to climate change, sustainable transport, energy, and finance; and, collaboration in relevant ITF and UNCTAD events (e.g. participation as speakers both at high level and staff working level).</p>	<p>Information sharing, participation in events, data sharing Consultations on technical issues</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>ITF Research Center: Philippe Crist, Administrator</p> <p>ITF, Transport Outlook and Statistics: Jari Kauppila, Senior Economist</p> <p>UNCTAD, TLB, DTL</p>
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