ESCWA Regional Seminar on Lessons learnt and Best Practices of the Regional Project on Strengthening the Capacities in the Arab Region to Support Green Production Sectors
Muscat, Oman, 2-4 December 2014

UNCTAD's Programme on National Green Economy Reviews (NGERs)

Oman

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NGER Approach...

- A central component of UNCTAD’s response to Rio+20’s call for capacity building, SDGs
- To support public and private stakeholders to build national production and export capacity in green products/sectors
- To provide a national action plan for activities needed to stimulate national production and export of green products
- Country-owned with a country-driven set of national activities
Aims...

The NGER project aims to be:

• Supportive – of sustainable development
• Focused – green products (goods & services)
• Inclusive – a voice for all national stakeholders
• Timely – current opportunities & challenges
• Practical – real issues, problems & solutions
• Catalytic – generate new ideas, approaches, attract funding
Sectoral focus...

• Ideally, NGERs are focused on 2 sectors
• What green goods/services will Oman’s NGER focus on?
Exports...

Crude Petroleum

57.17%

Liquified Petroleum Gases

14.34%
Exports...
Product space...
Competitive exports...

Uses concept of Revealed Comparative Advantage...

\[ RCA = \frac{X_{Ai}}{X_{Wi}} \frac{\sum_j X_{Aj}}{\sum_j X_{Wj}} \geq 1 \]

Promising exports...
Process...

**GHD Green Help Desk**

Input from National Stakeholders

National Stakeholder Workshops, Interviews, Questionnaires

Set of Recommendations adopted by stakeholders

An Action Plan

Country Report

Policy Analysis

Guidance for National Policymakers and Trade Negotiators

International Exchange of Results and Lessons Learned

Technical, Administrative and Workshop Facilitation Support from UNCTAD

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Process...

National Stakeholders

- IGOs
- Government
- Academics/NGOs
- Business
- Donors
Countries with NGERs...

During 2014-2016, UNCTAD will support 6 national projects:

- Ecuador
- Vanuatu *started earlier this year*
- Pakistan
- Oman
- Additional NGERs to be implemented in 2 more countries
Sultanate of Oman
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Muscat

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Dear Secretary General,

It was indeed a great pleasure for me and my delegation to meet with you in your office during our visit to Geneva last year.

With a view to further enhance cooperation between the Sultanate of Oman and UNCTAD, I would like to extend an official request on behalf of the Sultanate of Oman to UNCTAD to undertake a National Green Export Review in 2014 in cooperation with UNCTAD’s Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch.

While I look forward to receiving a positive response, please accept, Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Date: 19/02/2014

Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations Organizations in Geneva presents its secretariat and has the pleasure to enclose Minister of Commerce and Industry to the regarding Oman’s request to undertake a 2014.
Timeline:

- **National Action Plan Implementation**
  - **Stakeholder Recommendations**
    - Government considers/adopts recommendations
    - Policymakers, institutions and all other stakeholders begin implementing National Action Plan
  - **National Workshop II**
    - NT leads stakeholders through study and manages discussion of results.
    - Stakeholders make recommendations for green sectors/products with national action plan
    - NT revises and finalises NGER report with NFP and UNCTAD (UNCTAD later publishes report)
  - **National Study**
    - National Team (NT) undertakes study according to UNCTAD methodology
    - NT prepares National Study Report
    - Report is reviewed & approved by NFP and UNCTAD
    - Report is circulated to National stakeholders
    - NT, NFP & UNCTAD invite 40-50 stakeholders to NWI
  - **National Workshop I (NWI)**
    - UNCTAD presents Green Product Space results and overview of NGER project
    - NFP and national stakeholders present perspectives on specific green sectors
    - National Stakeholders choose green sectors/products for focussed study in NGER
    - UNCTAD and NFP select national experts (2) to form national team for NGER project
  - **UNCTAD Desk Study**
    - Reviewed and approved by NFP
    - NFP notifies national stakeholders about project
    - NFP & UNCTAD organize NWI
    - NFP & UNCTAD invite 40-50 stakeholders to NWI
  - **Country NGER Request**
    - Formal acceptance by UNCTAD
    - National Focal Point (NFP) designated

- **During 2016**
  - January 2016
  - November-December 2015 (2-3 Day Workshop)
  - June-October 2015
  - April-May 2015 (2-3 Day Workshop)

- **2016 and onwards**

- **Oman NGER**
  - Formal Written Request from Govt to UNCTAD SG needed ASAP (February 2014)
Status of NGERs in implementing countries available on the UNCTAD website...

Thank you for your attention.

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