

Talking Points for the JAG

- **ITC continues to play an important role in the integration of small businesses into the global economy. This work has made a useful technical contribution to UNCTAD's larger political goal of gainful integration of developing countries into the global economy.**
- **ITC technical support for small businesses complements our intergovernmental deliberations, research analysis and technical cooperation on Entrepreneurship and Enterprise**
 - UNCTAD and ITC are working together in Bangladesh on promoting transparency of administrative procedures applicable to export. eRegulations Bangladesh provides step-by-step information on export procedures, with all legal bases, forms and requirements, costs and contact details of entities in charge.
- **The UNCTAD-WTO-ITC trade information hub continues to be the global source for trade data**
 - This includes our well-established collaboration on non-tariff measures (NTM) information by coordinating their data collection efforts and harmonising methods. As part of the UNCTAD-led Multi-Agency Support Team, ITC has helped in the maintenance and revision of the NTM classification in order to better reflect the changing regulatory environment and allow for better integration of the respective databases.
- **ITC is a proven technical partner in UNCTAD's broader support to Trade Facilitation**
 - UNCTAD and ITC are also continuing to develop National Trade Facilitation Portals in EAC member states and other countries.
 - Following the success of the first International Forum for National Trade Facilitation Committees (NTFCs) in 2017, ITC joined UNCTAD and UNECE to co-organize a side event on "National Trade Facilitation Committees after the signature of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement" at the Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum in September 2017, with financing from WTO.
 - UNCTAD 's National Trade Facilitation Committees Empowerment programme, has jointly conducting two courses with ITC for National Trade Facilitation Committees in Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire.
 - And together we delivered assistance to Sri Lanka in the categorisation of commitments of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, which were notified to the WTO in February 2018.
- **With the uncertainty facing the trade community, it's useful that ITC has learned to play a stronger role, together with UNCTAD, in the wider UN reforms.** With the new UN Country Teams emerging to support SDG implementation at country-level, UNCTAD welcomes ITC's support and ever more closer partnership.