

# Cross-Border Paperless Trade Toolkit

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# What is Cross-Border Paperless Trade?

- ***Paperless trade*** – the digitalization of information flows required to trade.
- Can be:
  - Business to Business (B2B)
  - Business to Government (B2G)
  - Government to Government (G2G)
- Multiple paperless trade systems exist (e.g., electronic customs declarations; electronic port management systems; electronic single windows).



# Why a CBPT Toolkit?

- CBPT could boost exports, reduce the time needed to export, cut costs, and reduce red tape.
- But limited implementation rate and limited guidance available
- **Objective:** To help drive adoption at a global level and help developing countries & LDCs enhance their capacity to trade.

**“Even partial implementation of cross-border paperless trade measures could see an export increase of US\$ 36 billion annually.”**



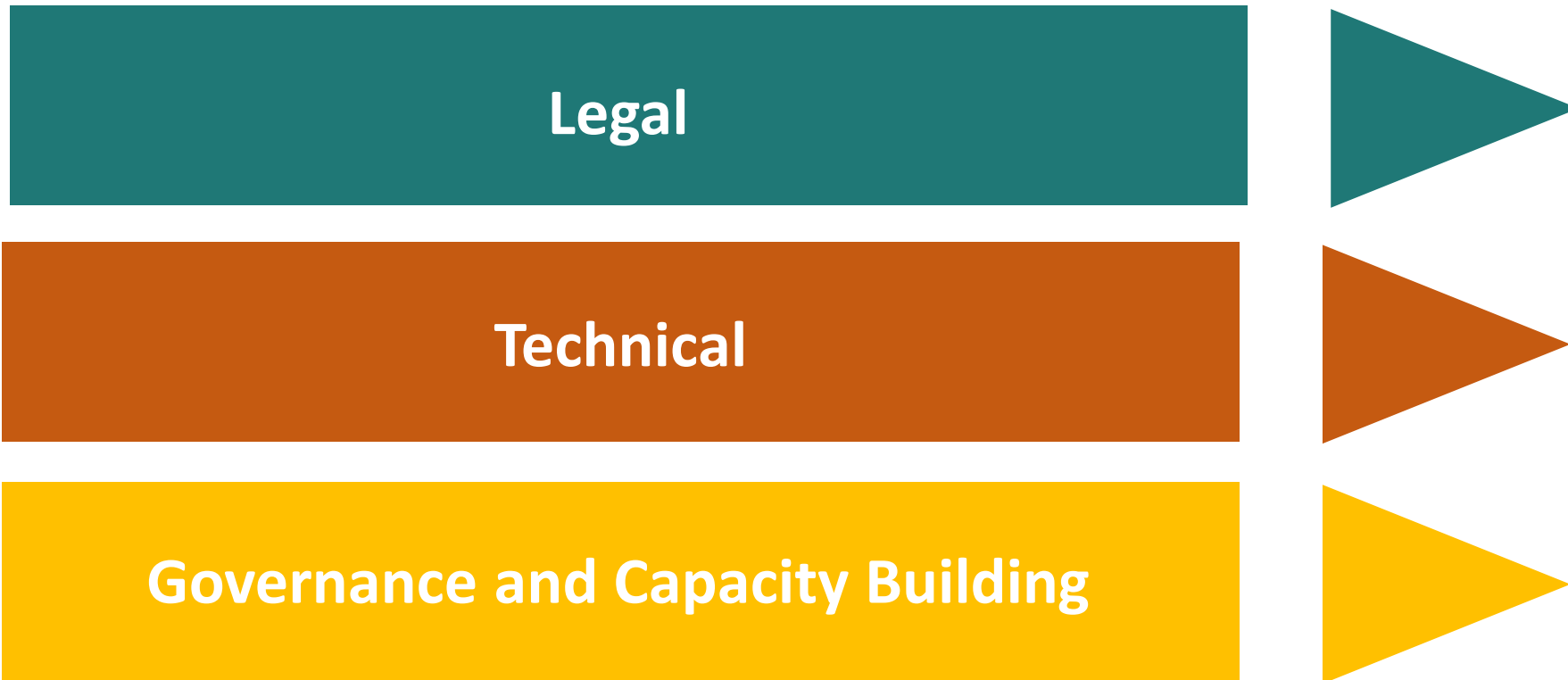
# What is the CBPT Toolkit?

- The Cross-border Paperless Trade (CBPT) toolkit builds on UNESCAP...
  - *Legal and Technical Readiness Checklists*
  - *Readiness Assessment Guide for Cross-border Paperless Trade for Asia and the Pacific*
- Provides general guidance by referring to the checklists and assessment guides.
- **The toolkit does not intend to assess the status of a paperless trade system.**

**“This toolkit aims at raising awareness of the technical and legal tools to be called upon to adopt cross-border paperless trade systems and national single windows (NSWs).”**



# Toolkit Structure



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Legal

- Legal Recognition of E-transactions and Documents
- Trust Services
- Data Governance
- Liability and Dispute Management



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## Technical

- Digital Identity
- Electronic Payment
- Data Models and Semantics
- Communication protocols
- Connectivity
- Data Security





Maps existing standards, including:

- foundational and identifier standards
- standards for commercial transaction documents
- standards for transport, forwarding and cargo handling documents
- standards for payment documents
- standards for port and airport clearance documents
- standards for real-time shipment tracking data
- standards for official control documents at customs and other cross-border regulatory agencies
- interoperable digitalization frameworks





# Toolkit Structure

Governance  
and Capacity  
Building

- Governance
- Capacity Building for Paperless Trade System Users



# Forthcoming:

- French and Spanish versions to be published in the coming months.
- A training module.



# Up Next ...

## 14:15 – 14:25 PRESENTATION OF THE ESCAP CROSS-BORDER PAPERLESS TRADE READINESS ASSESSMENT

**Speaker:** *Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP*

## 14: 25 – 14:55 PANEL DISCUSSION

**Moderator:** *Luca Castellani, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL*

### **Speakers:**

- **Mr. Allan C. Geronimo**, Deputy Commissioner, Management Information Systems and Technology Group (MISTG), Bureau of Customs, the Philippines
- **Mr. Simon Hess**, Head, Monitoring and Evaluation, Enhanced Integrated Framework
- **Ms. Tsetsemaa Oyunsukh**, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the WTO
- **Ms. Cindy Rayo**, General Director of International Trade for Services and Investment, Ministry of Economic Affairs (Secretaria de Economia) of Mexico

