

Support to Enhancing Institutional Capacity for Global Economic Environment and Governance

Document Title: Annual Work Plan for Year 2015

Expected CP Outcome(s): Enhanced environment for equitable, job creating and sustainable economic growth

Expected CPAP Output(s):

1. Enhanced Negotiation, application and implementation of World Trade Organization (WTO) Doha Development Agenda (DDA), Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and WTO Trade Policy Review outcomes
2. Improved procedures under WTO Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) agreements for Intellectual Property Systems of registration
3. Strengthened capacity of BSMD in the implementation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)

Implementing partner: MINISTROF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

Signed by MOIC:

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May 10, 2015

Signed by UNDP:

ANNUAL WORK PLAN: YEAR 2015

EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND RESULTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	INPUT		Budget US\$
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Description	Duration	
Output 1: Enhancement of Negotiation, Application and Implementation of WTO DDA, FTA and TPR outcomes									
<p>1.1. Activity Result:</p> <p>Enhance technical and Institutional preparations for on-going and forthcoming World Trade Organization issues, negotiations and Ministerial meeting</p> <p>Baseline: <i>Limited resources and increased requirements and obligations for WTO Agreements, negotiations and notifications</i></p> <p>Indicators: <i>Enhanced technical and institutional preparation and more productive participation in meeting. WTO requirements and obligations</i></p>	<p>1.1.1 Technical Advice on: Bahrain's obligations under different WTO agreements including Notifications, Tobacco Renegotiations, DDA, TPR, TFA and 10th ministerial conference preparation.</p>					MOIC	International Consultancy & Presentations	4 weeks	\$25,000
<p>1.1.2.i Trade Agreement requirements and Measures including Translation to Arabic</p>	<p>Facilitation Ratification Measures Translation to Arabic</p> <p>Translation of the final version of the Trade Facilitation Agreement</p>					MOIC	Translation		\$2570.4

<p>1.1.2.ii Assessment and evaluation of Trade Facilitation Measures under Category B, and Category C of Bahraini FTA Measures, and TACB requirements</p>	<p>Assessment and evaluation of Trade Facilitation Measures under Category B, and Category C of Bahraini FTA Measures, and TACB requirements.</p>		X		MOIC	<p>International Consultancy + 3 day Workshop</p>	<p>10 days (deskwork) + 1 week (in Bahrain)</p>	<p>International Consultant: \$7000 3 day workshop: \$1650 Total: \$8650</p>
<p>1.1.3. Activity Result Improved institutional structure for negotiations and actualization of WTO and FTA trade expansion potential <i>Baseline: Limited inter-ministerial coordination in governmental efforts in the areas of Export Trade Expansion</i> <i>Indicators: Enhanced inter-ministerial coordination for Trade and Development and better consolidation of Market potential for Bahraini Goods and Services Exports</i> <i>Targets: Institutional transformation and administrative support for market access for Bahraini Goods and Services</i></p>	<p>1.1.3. Bahrain Export Trade Expansion Forum: Printing copies of Background Documentation on presentations : i. WTO Topical Guide on Market Access and Related Trade Policy Issues (MARRTPI) ii. FTA Evaluation Study. (Ms.Huma) iii. Complementarity and interconnectedness Study(Dr. John Stewart)</p>		X		MOIC	<p>Presentations and Consultations by 3 International Consultants & Documents printing</p>	<p>2 Days</p>	<p>\$25000.00</p>

<p>1.1.4 Activity Result : Stakeholders educated on different trade related issues</p> <p>Baseline: <i>Little coordination among stakeholders for negotiation and implementation between stakeholders and competent trade negotiations forums</i></p> <p>Indicators: <i>Enhanced capacity of DoFTR, relevant ministries and other stakeholders for WTO and FTA negotiations and Trade Policy Review Mechanism in the WTO</i></p>	<p>1.1.4 Disseminating MOIC/UNDP Project's Reports for MOIC, Public and Business Stakeholders' awareness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Expanding the digitization report prepared by UNDP consultant & adding samples and models to the digitization presentation with basic figures ii. Proposal on the way forward for UNDP, MOIC collaboration taking into consideration different stakeholders (MOIC, BCCI, Tamkeen) iii. Carving a note on details of FTA utilization plan 		<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>MO IC</p>	<p><i>International Consultancy + Presentation</i></p>	<p>4 weeks</p>		<p>\$30,000</p>
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<p>1.1.5 Enhanced technical and institutional capacity for upgrading Bahrain's Export trade expansion potential.</p> <p>Baseline: Partial progress in inter- agency efforts coordinating the positive trade policy options and industrial development efforts towards on enhanced Bahraini export trade expansion at bilateral, regional, and international levels.</p> <p>Indicators: Enhanced inter-ministerial, and inter- agency coordination for increasing Bahrain's export oriented productions and export trade performance for goods and services.</p> <p>Increased gains to national economy new technologies application and enhancing growth and skill employment generation.</p>	<p>1.1.5 Design of National Export Strategy for Bahrain: Strategy to enhance exports of manufactured products/services from Bahrain in coordination with private sector.</p>		<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>MOIC</p>	<p>International Consultancy and Presentation</p>	<p>6 weeks</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>
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<p>1.1.6 Activity Result : SMEs Entrepreneurs and Stakeholders enhanced technical and technological access to international designs and methodology for best productive practices and skills development</p> <p>Baseline: <i>Little exposure and coordination among SMEs Agencies stakeholders and entrepreneurs with sectoral technology development centres for competitiveness and export trade enhancement</i></p> <p>Indicators: <i>Enhanced capacity of SMEs for competitiveness and market access to GCC and FTA Markets</i></p>	<p>116..Study for a blue print of a Technology Centre for SME's in Bahrain to assist in technology dissemination and technology transfer process.</p>			X	X		MOIC		International Consultancy and Presentation		6 weeks		\$30,000
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<p>1.1.7 Activity Result : Stakeholders educated on different trade related issues</p> <p>Baseline: <i>Little coordination among stakeholders for negotiation and implementation between stakeholders and competent trade negotiations forums</i></p> <p>Indicators: <i>Enhanced capacity of DoFTR, relevant ministries and other stakeholders for WTO and FTA negotiations and Trade Policy Review Mechanism in the WTO.</i></p>	<p>1.1.7 Establishment of a Trade Policy Support System (TPSS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A computer based system with integrated quantitative and qualitative tools - Available to all staff of the MOIC - Dynamic system with auto updating of data and related information 	X	X	X	MOIC	<p><i>The Trade Policy Support System is designed and signed-off. Implementation to be started</i></p> <p>DATAMATICS</p> <p>24 weeks</p> <p>Resources already committed*</p>	USD	151,220.4
TOTAL (Output 1)								

*2013 commitments for Datamatics contract: \$68,680

EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND RESULTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIME FRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	INPUT	
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Output 2: Improved procedures under WTO TRIPS and WIPO agreements for IP systems of registration consistent with national objectives and international requirements instituted								
2.1: Activity Result IP Directorate is well equipped to deal with the IP management and enforcement, in particular with patent applications examination, review and grant both at national level and for the PCT. Baseline: <i>Insufficient institutional capacities and technical experience</i>	2.1.1 Capacity building of the Directorate of IP of the MOIC on: - Patent search, examination and grant in the four major areas of applications in Bahrain; - Patent applications filed through PCT - Training on use of PCT system and synchronization with national jurisdiction on patent granting - Subscription to the required database or resource base for the DoIP in order to build the capacity in dealing with PCT applications							
		X	X	X	X	MOIC	6 months	\$50,000
Indicators: <i>Increased institutional capacity of the IP Directorate with improved structure and clearly organized workflow for staff</i>	2.1.2 - Explanatory Note for draft law of patent and utility module and Draft Law of plant Variety		X	X	X	MOIC	1 Month	\$16,000
Targets: <i>Increased knowledge and awareness of IP staff</i> <i>Re-engineering of IP Directorate administration and registration formalities</i>	2.1.3 Development of a pricing model for the services provided by the Directorate of IP for registration and related services				X	MOIC	1 Month	\$16,000
TOTAL (Output 2)							USD	82,000

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Output 3: Strengthened capacity of BSMD in the implementation of the WTO TBT Agreement									
<p>3.1 Activity Result Stakeholders become aware of the role, importance and mechanism of standardisation</p> <p>Baseline: Lack of awareness of stakeholders about the role of standardisation in economic growth and world trade</p> <p>Indicators: Enhanced awareness of the role of standardization and promotion of standards application</p> <p>Targets: General public and relevant stakeholders are conversant with the basic norms, international obligations and best practices on standardisation.</p>	<p>3.1.1 Activating the Bahraini notifications web portal to be used by stakeholders to get one window information about all regulations in force. Plus</p> <p>Increasing the stakeholders awareness on the role and benefits of International standards and their use</p>					MOIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Execution of an official launch for the electronic notification system plus Organising a two days seminar on the Role of International Standards in Economic Development and Trade facilitation with an emphasis on electrical sector. Period: 25th March 2015 Expect Targeted participants: importers & manufacturers, Chamber of Commerce & Industry representatives, government officials, academia, and consumers. 	2 Working Days	40,000

<p>3.2 Activity Result BSMD is capable to implement a Gulf unified regulatory program for electrical equipment in line with good regulatory practices.</p> <p>Baseline: Nonexistence of the basic structure for implementing the regulatory program</p> <p>Indicators: Enhanced procedure for Trade facilitation and better consolidation of regional efforts.</p> <p>Targets: Institutional capacity building</p>	<p>3.2.1 To execute an intensive consultation program enabling BSMD to be a National Certification Body (NCB) in the Certification Program in "IEC System of Conformity Assessment Schemes for Electrotechnical Equipment and Components"</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council of Ministers (Cabinet) has agreed to establish NBC, TOR is ready 	<p>International Consultants</p>	<p>10 - 15 days</p>	<p>30,000</p>	
<p>3.3 Activity Result BSMD promotes the Gulf unified regulatory program for electrical equipment.</p> <p>Baseline: Lack of stakeholder awareness to implement the regulation effectively</p> <p>Indicators: Reducing Noncompliance electrical equipment.</p> <p>Targets: Traders and consumers</p>	<p>3.3.1 To conduct a comprehensive awareness programs for the unified regulatory program for electrical equipment to improve the commitment and involvement of stakeholders, promote transparency, and consumer awareness.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The regulation is approved by GSO: Gulf Standardisation Organisation Conducted a seminar to promote the unified regulatory program for electrical equipment 	<p>Media campaign composed of different components</p>	<p>6 months starting from Mid June 2015</p>	<p>50,000</p>	
TOTAL (Output 3)							USD	120,000