

PROGRESS REPORT

FOR UNDP PROJECTS

Project No. & Title:	"00059750" – Enhancing Institutional Capacity for Global Economic Environment and Governance Year 2014, Quarter 3		
Implementing Partner:	Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain		
Contact Persons:	Ms. Eman Aldoseri, AUS for Foreign Trade, MOIC		
Project Short Description:	This Programme is aimed at strengthening the national capacity of Bahrain's Ministry of Industry and Commerce through technical cooperation and addressing key areas in international trade and WTO, Intellectual Property and Standards with an overarching objective of better integration into international economic activity. The Programme has three focus areas; i) International Trade/WTO, addressing the needs of Department of Foreign Trade; ii) Intellectual Property, addressing the needs of Department of Industrial Property, and iii) Standards and related regulations, addressing the needs of Standards and Metrology Directorate.		
Project Outputs	Activities according to Work Plan	Progress Made	Expected completion date
Output 1 DoFTR Enhancement of negotiations, application and implementation of WTO DDA, FTA and TPR outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drafting, Communications and Contacts with Candidacies for Re-formulation of Trade Facilitation Committee as a requirement for the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. 2. The technical and institutional preparation for a National Conference on Trade Facilitation in Manama on 29-30 October 2014, in collaboration with the WTO, UNCTAD, and ITC within our trade capacity building project with UNDP Bahrain. (TORs/Communications/ Contacts) 	<p>Increased number of nominees for Trade Facilitation Committee membership</p> <p>Technical TORs and UNDP logistic and administrative steps are in progress for holding the National Conference on Trade Facilitation in Manama on 29-30 October 2014. Seeking TFA Implementation Expertise from the WTO, UNCTAD, ITC, and UNDP International Consultants.</p>	<p>Continued: August/September 2014</p> <p>Continued: August/September 2014</p>

	<p>1. Request for an Analytical study on Evaluation of The Bahrain-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was signed on September 14, 2004 and entered into force on August 1, 2006(TORs/ Communications/ Contacts)</p> <p>2. Analytical Study on Trade facilitation prospects for Bahrain Regional & International Trade Expansion Potential. (TORs/Communications/ Contacts)</p> <p>3. Establishment of a Trade Policy Support System (TPSS).</p> <p>4. Project studies translations and/or printing.</p>	<p>Technical TORs and UNDP logistic and administrative steps are in progress for FTA Potential for Bahrain GCC Business Networking Complementarity and Supply Chain Enhancement</p> <p>Technical TORs and UNDP logistic and administrative steps are in progress for International Consultant for the Study requested.</p> <p>TPSS Design and development is underway by Datamatics Company. Weekly status</p> <p>Draft list prepared for quotations and processing</p>	<p>August/September 2014</p> <p>August/September 2014</p> <p>August/September 2014</p> <p>Continued</p>
<p>Output 2 DoIP Improved procedures under WTO TRIPS and WIPO agreements for IP systems of registration consistent with national objectives and international requirements</p>	<p>1. Status of IP Patent Pricing Study(PPS): UNDP advise DOIP to proceed to sign contract With best qualified agency for the assignment of the PPS according to MOIC contracting procedures.</p>	<p>The consultant has completed first phase of the assignment; streamlining patent examination procedures. The second phase would start after the completion of the PPS.</p>	<p>Continued August/September 2014</p>

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<p>Output 3 BSMD</p> <p>Strengthened capacity of Bahrain in the implementation of WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BSMD's Electronic Notification System (ENS) 2. BSMD Awareness Campaign: BSMD is considering different options for the successful conduct of the Awareness Campaign, and the possibility of engaging professional public opinion and media campaign consultancies, upon the approval of the Awareness Campaign Materials. 3. BSMD National Certification Body(NCB): BSMD team is requested to indicate the technical requirements for the necessary consultancy in this regard with a view to complement the necessary TORs for this assignment. 	<p>The system has been completed and deployed on the MOIC internal server. Deployment on MOIC website is already completed.</p> <p>Preparatory procedures</p> <p>TORs ready for qualified expertise</p>	<p><i>Continued testing</i></p> <p><i>August/September 2014</i></p> <p><i>August/September 2014</i></p> <p><i>August/September 2014</i></p>
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Project No. & Title:	"00059750" – Enhancing Institutional Capacity for Global Economic Environment and Governance Year 2014, Quarter 4		
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Contact Persons:	Ms. Eman Aldoseri, AUS for Foreign Trade, MOIC		
Project Short Description:	This Programme is aimed at strengthening the national capacity of Bahrain's Ministry of Industry and Commerce through technical cooperation and addressing key areas in international trade and WTO, Intellectual Property and Standards with an overarching objective of better integration into international economic activity. The Programme has three focus areas; i) International Trade/WTO, addressing the needs of Department of Foreign Trade; ii) Intellectual Property, addressing the needs of Department of Industrial Property, and iii) Standards and related regulations, addressing the needs of Standards and Metrology Directorate.		
Project Outputs	Activities according to Work Plan	Progress Made	Expected completion date
Output 1 DoFTR Enhancement of negotiations, application and implementation of WTO DDA, FTA and TPR outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-formulation of Trade Facilitation Committee as a requirement for the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. 2. The holding a National Conference on Trade Facilitation in Manama on 29-30 October 2014, in collaboration with the WTO, UNCTAD, and ITC within our trade capacity building project with UNDP Bahrain. 	<p>Trade Facilitation Sub-Committee members were invited to the National Conference on Trade Facilitation in Manama on 29-30 October 2014,</p> <p>TFA Implementation Expertise from the WTO, UNCTAD, ITC, and UNDP International Consultants contributed 6 presentations and reports on: The WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation: Cutting the RED TAPE at the Border - National Trade Facilitation Committees: a WTO TFA obligation - Understanding the TF Agreement and its Implications - Categorizing the TFA provisions - Trade Facilitation Potential for Bahrain GCC Business Networking Complementarity</p>	<p>October/November 2014</p> <p>Completed: October/November 2014</p>

	<p>3. Analytical study on Evaluation of The Bahrain-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was signed on September 14, 2004 and entered into force on August 1, 2006.</p> <p>4. Analytical Study on Trade facilitation prospects for Bahrain Regional & International Trade Expansion Potential.</p> <p>5. Establishment of a Trade Policy Support System.</p> <p>6. Project studies translations and/or printing.</p>	<p>and Supply Chain Enhancement – Trade Facilitation Potential for Bahrain Trade Expansion</p> <p>Study completed.</p> <p>Study completed.</p> <p>Design and development is underway by Datamatics Company. An operation Demo is underway in December 2014</p> <p>Draft list prepared for quotations and processing</p>	<p>December 2014</p> <p>December 2014</p> <p>December 2014</p>
<p>Output 2 DoIP Improved procedures under WTO TRIPS and WIPO agreements for IP systems of registration consistent with national objectives and international requirements instituted</p>	<p>1. Status of IP Patent Pricing Study(PPS): DOIP has signed contract With Talal Abu-Ghazalah for completing the assignment of the PPS according to MOIC contracting procedures.</p>	<p>The consultant has completed first phase of the assignment; streamlining patent examination procedures. The second phase would start after the completion of the PPS.</p>	<p>PPS expected by February 2015</p>
<p>Output 3 BSMD Strengthened capacity of Bahrain in the implementation of</p>	<p>1. BSMD's Electronic Notification System (ENS)</p> <p>2. BSMD Awareness</p>	<p>The system has been completed and deployed on the MOIC internal server. Deployment on MOIC website is already completed.</p>	<p>Completed</p>

WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)	<p>Campaign: BSMD is considering different options for the successful conduct of the Awareness Campaign, and the possibility of engaging professional public opinion and media campaign consultancies, upon the approval of the Awareness Campaign Materials.</p> <p>3. BSMD National Certification Body(NCB):</p> <p>BSMD team is requested to indicate the technical requirements for the necessary consultancy in this regard with a view to complement the necessary TORs for this assignment.</p>	<p>Preparatory procedures</p> <p>TORs ready for qualified expertise</p>	
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