

# PROGRESS REPORT

## FOR UNDP PROJECTS

<b>Project No. &amp; Title:</b>	"00059750" – Enhancing Institutional Capacity for Global Economic Environment and Governance  <b>Year 2014, Quarter 1</b>		
<b>Implementing Partner:</b>	Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain		
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<b>Project Short Description:</b>	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 Intellectual Property, and iii) Standards and related regulations, addressing the needs of Standards and Metrology Directorate.		
<b>Project Outputs</b>	<b>Activities according to Quarterly Work Plan</b>	<b>Progress Made</b>	<b>Expected completion date</b>
<b>Output 1</b>  <b>Enhancement of negotiations, application and implementation of WTO DDA, FTA and TPR outcomes</b>	1. Re-formulation of WTO committee and establishment of sub-committees on WTO issues and development of training modules to include all stakeholders <sup>1</sup>	International consultant was contracted to provide Technical assistance for Bahrain's obligations under different WTO agreements and requirements for the 3rd. TPR review in April 2014. The expert also reviewed the compliance of Bahrain with the WTO Notifications requirements. The expert also provided a Bahrain's evaluation and implementation position towards the outcome of the WTO 9th. Ministerial Conference in Bali (December 2013). Consultancy was concluded within Q1.	Completed

<sup>1</sup> The establishment of WTO sub-committees shall be undertaken in 2014.

	2. Establishment of a Trade Policy Support System	SRS and Design Document signed-off. Implementation to start	Q3 2014
<b>Output 2 Improved procedures under WTO TRIPS and WIPO agreements for IP systems of registration consistent with national objectives and international requirements instituted</b>	1. Capacity building of DoIP on patent examination	IP expert contract extended. Completed in February 2014.	Completed
	2. Capacity building of the DoIP on new issues	Review of the Patents Law and drafting of Plant Varieties Law completed.	Completed
<b>Output 3 Strengthened capacity of Bahrain in the implementation of WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)</b>	1. Establishing Bahrain Standards Notification Mechanism (BSNM) and enhancing the ICT capabilities of BSMD.	Requirements consolidated and negotiated with DATAMATICS. Agreement reached and contract for Change Request issued to Datamatics. Implementation to start.	Q3 2014
<b>Issues:</b>	Non availability of Project Manager is affecting the pace of the implementation		
<b>Follow up Actions:</b>	Contract management and quality assurance for the above consultancies. BSMD are yet to provide their plan for 2014.		
<b>Attachments:</b>			