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government officials, researchers, and policy makers to improve analytical capabilities for trade policy making and negotiation; providing **research and analysis** to assist developing countries in making informed choices; facilitating **co-operation and dialogue** among member states and other stakeholders to achieve more inclusive outcomes; through **partnerships** with many regional and international organizations such as UNCTAD, WTO, ADB and the other regional commission; and lastly assisting in **monitoring and implementation** to ensure that the capacity building programme delivered is effective and impactful. In the context of assisting countries towards smoother and faster accession to the WTO and, often more importantly, helping them being effective member of the WTO through full and fast implementation of the agreements, ESCAP and WTO have been running a technical assistance programme for capacity building since 1999. This programme caters

investment. This was followed up by technical assistance in the form of building capacity in trade-related statistical analysis of Government officials from Timor-Leste.

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