



## Angola National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF)

### Degree of Implementation of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation



## 1. Introduction

The Republic of Angola became a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) 15 April 1994 recognizing with this act its legal link to the Marrakesh Agreement of which the World Organization is established



## 2. Legal-framework of the Institutionalization of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF)

### At Multilateral level

- Angola as a full member, Angola has participated in all WTO activities, including in trade negotiations under the current cycle "Doha Development Program" (PDD).
- Within the scope of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (AFC), Angola ratified the Protocol to the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the WTO done on 27 November 2014, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Protocol

### 3. Formation of Angolan National Committee on Trade Facilitation

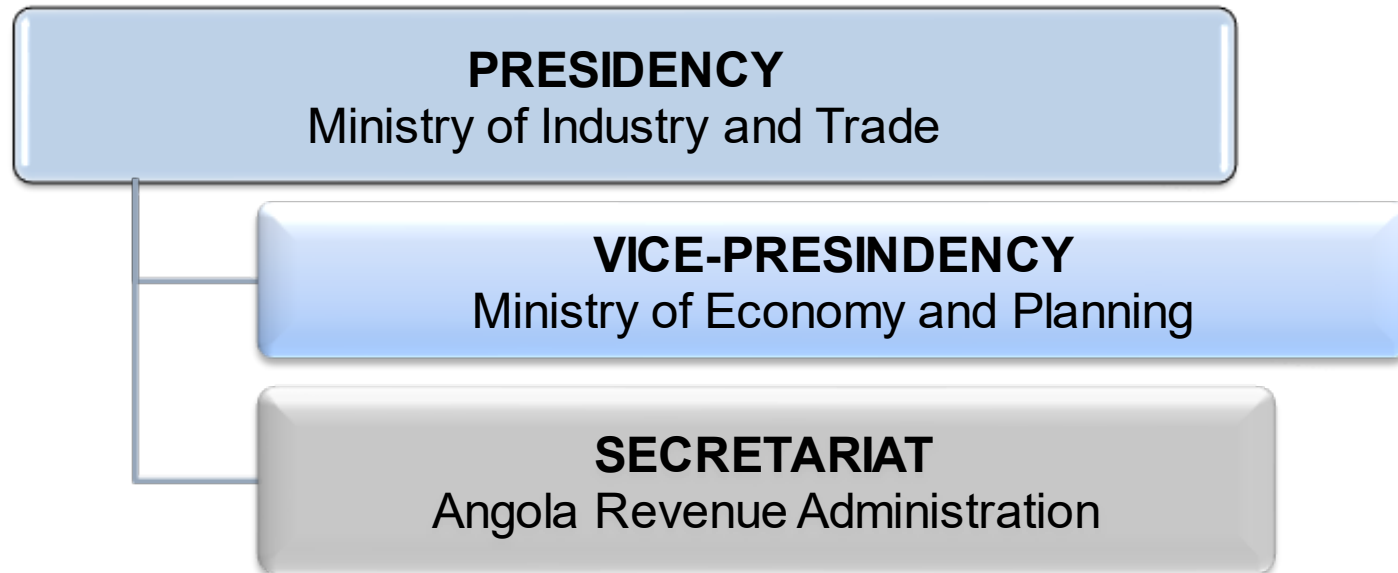


#### National level

- Approval of the creation of the National Committee for Trade Facilitation (CNFC) 27 June 2018.
- Institutionalization of CNFC- Presidential Decree No. 176/18, of 27 July, which approves the Regulation, thus taking a step towards the implementation of the measures provided for in the Agreement on Trade Facilitation

## 4. NCTF Bodies

The NCTF Presidential decree provides the following Bodies:



## 4.1. NCTF Composition

**The NCTF is composed of Representatives from the following Ministerial Departments:**

- Industry and Trade, Economy and Planning, Finance, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Transports, Health, Agriculture and Fishing and Sea;
- Angolan Central Bank;
- The Private Sector.



## 4.2 Mission Statement

- Promote coordination of work related to trade facilitation in the country and ensure the dissemination of new commercial procedures;
- Support the Government in the study, evaluation and definition of measures that guarantee an effective control for the facilitation of trade.



## 5. Activities developed



- I. The first Multisectorial Technical Group Meeting - Sept. 2018
- II. Appointment of NCTF Members by the respective bodies and Private Sector 2019
- III. Within the scope of the Implementation of the Single Window of External Trade (JUCE), we highlight the decision of the plenary on the single platform of trade chain logistics ( Asycuda)
- IV. The Government of Angola and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
  - I. At this time the Angolan National Trade Facilitation Technical Group have raised the survey of the requirements from key actors in the import/export and transit logistics chain and this work is still ongoing until now.



## 4.3 ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED



- Updating of the notification matrix for category B and C measures - Determination of provisional and definitive dates for implementation was notified in 2020 WTO Committee on Trade Facilitation;
- Elaboration of the NCTF Action Plan 2022
- Elaboration of the NCTF Budget;

## 5.1. ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED

- Within the scope of the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) implementation, we highlight that it is operational and that it was approved by Presidential Decree No. 293/18, of December 3, and the first 38 AEOs were certified by National Committee on Trade Facilitation. All the information regarding the AEO is found in the website of Angola Revenue Administration (AGT). [www.agt.minfin.gov.ao](http://www.agt.minfin.gov.ao)
- The Presidential Decree on Coordinated Border Management project implementation and regulation is an essential tool for regional and continental integration, particularly Angola's accession to the Free Trade Area of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) its implementation is currently ongoing with the Angolan National Trade Facilitation Technical Group.

## 7. Challenges

- ✓ Sensitize policy-makers to the importance of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and to respect commitments made in the context of shared sovereignty in multilateral issues (political will);
- ✓ Sensitize economic operators to take ownership of the measures provided for in the Agreement;
- ✓ Eliminate duplication of organs at national level to address the same trade facilitation issues;
- ✓ Improve the effective participation of the technicians who were appointed by the different sectors. The degree of participation is very low, so the sectors are sensitized to control the effectiveness of their technicians in the activities of the CNFC Technical Group
- ✓ Develop economic diplomacy with bilateral, regional and multilateral development partners for technical and financial assistance in implementing category B and C measures

**Thank you!**