

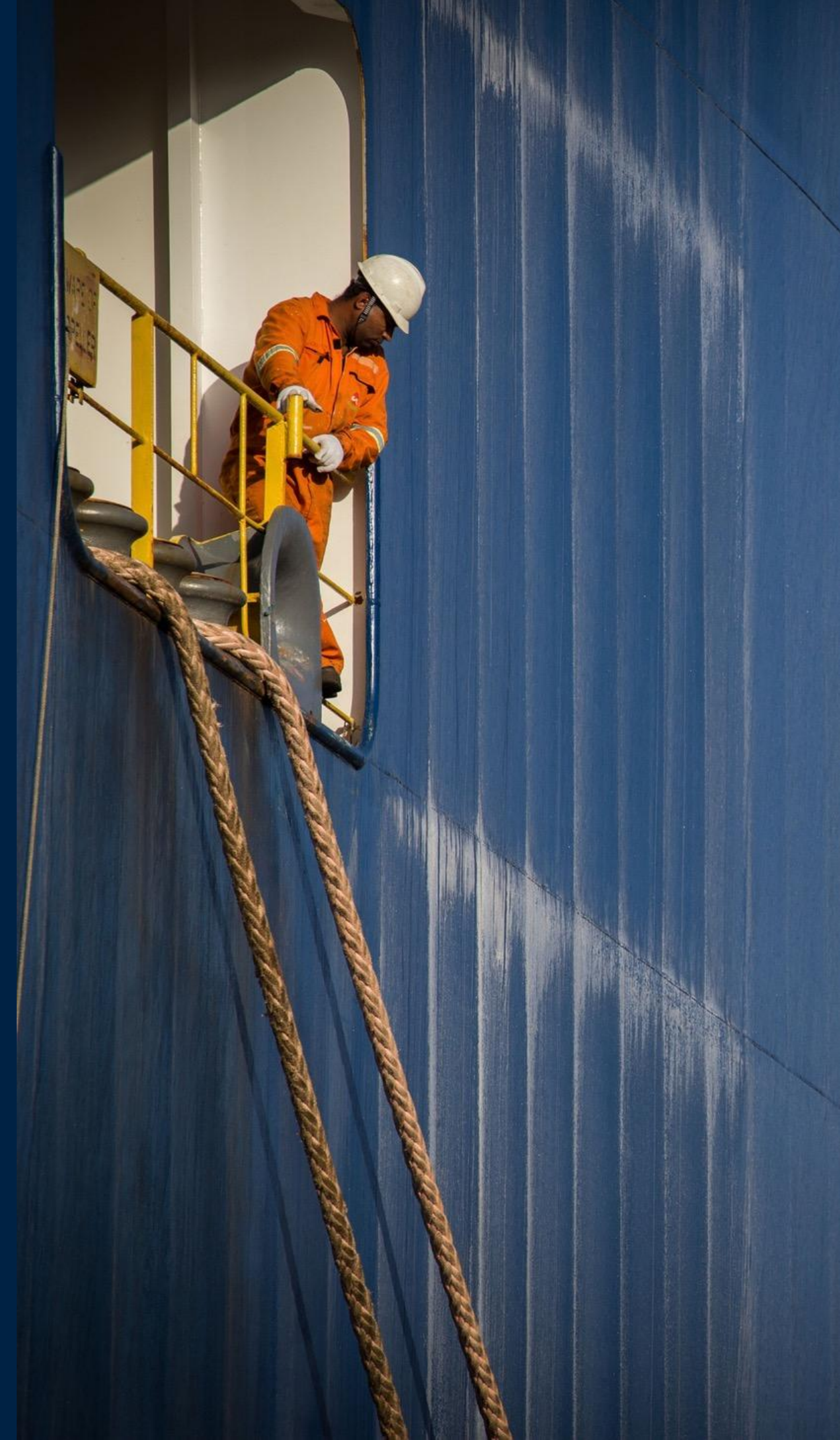


WB TRADE FACILITATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Trade Facilitation Committee

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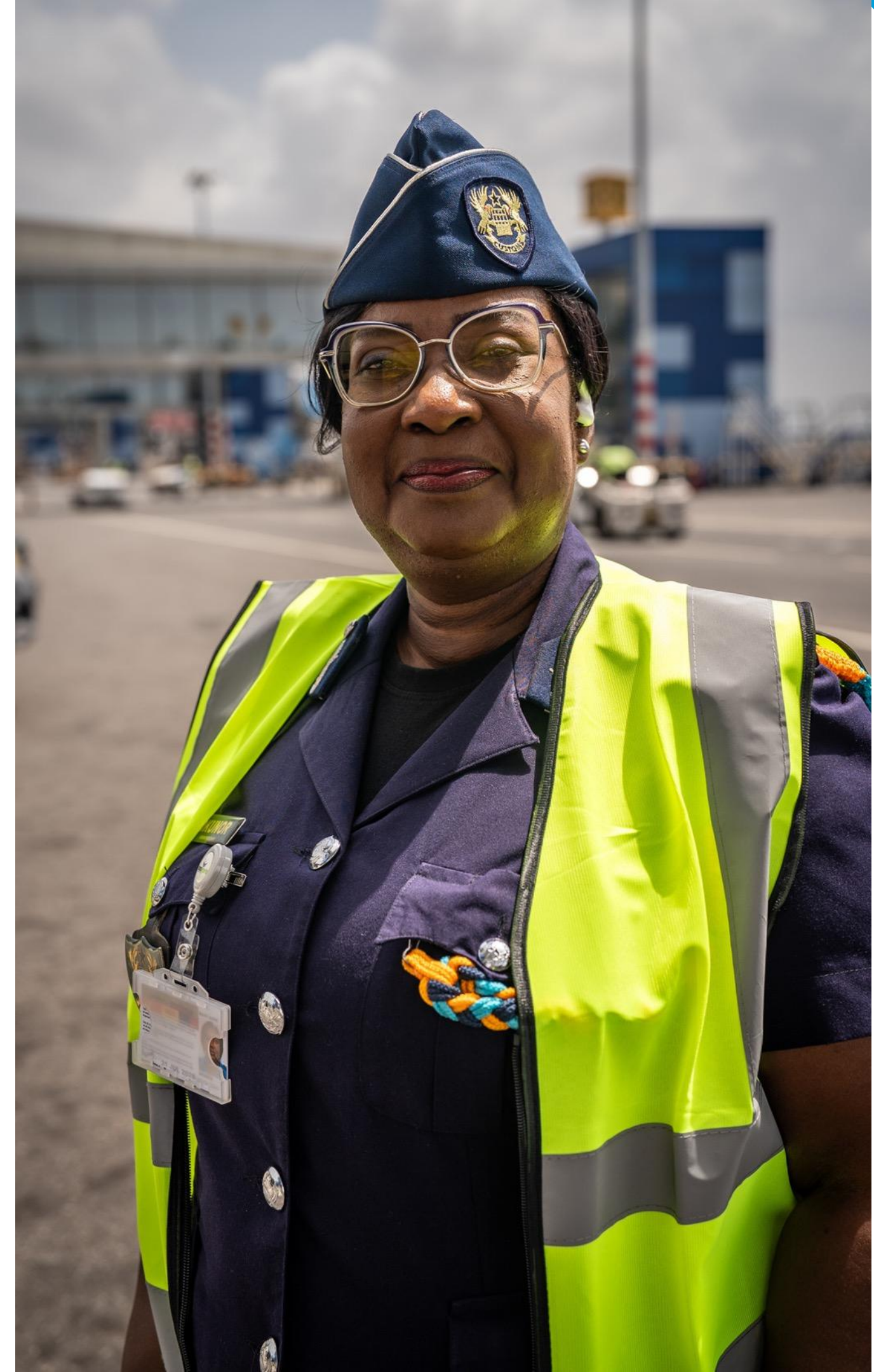
THE PROGRAM

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ADVANCING GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

The World Bank Group, through TFSP, continued to support countries in implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. Support focused on digitalization, coordinated border management, and risk management to improve the efficiency and predictability of cross-border trade. Time Release Studies helped measure progress and document results.





ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Trade Facilitation Support Program

[Launched in 2014](#), the World Bank's Trade Facilitation Support Program (TFSP) funding supports developing countries in reforming and [aligning their trade facilitation](#) laws, procedures, processes, and systems for full and effective implementation of the [World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement](#) (WTO TFA).

After a successful first decade (2014–2024), TFSP entered [Phase 2](#) in January 2025 under the new Umbrella Facility for Trade 2.0, expanding its reach and deepening its impact.

Technical assistance

Reform trade facilitation laws, procedures, processes, systems to align with the WTO TFA

PRACTICAL AND DEMAND-DRIVEN ASSISTANCE

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Knowledge sharing

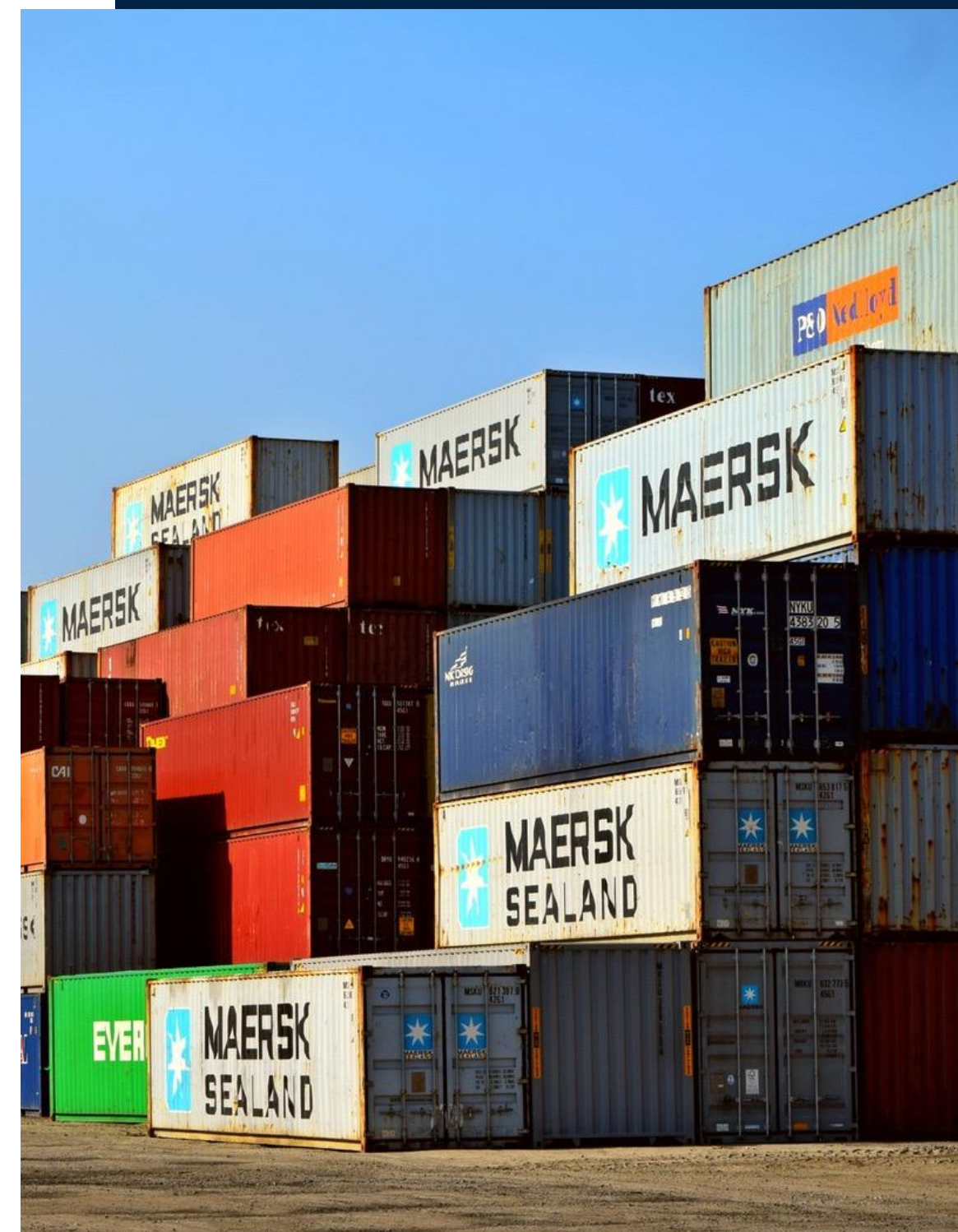
Peer-to-peer learning and measuring progress and results

Complementary Interventions & Partnerships



OUR DONOR PARTNERS

The TFSP has been funded by these **donor partners**:





PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION

Partnerships are essential to the delivery of TFSP.



PORTFOLIO AT A GLANCE FY26

(As of June 30, 2026)

35%

Fragile and Conflict-Affected
Situations (FCS)

82%

International Development
Association (IDA) & Blend
Countries

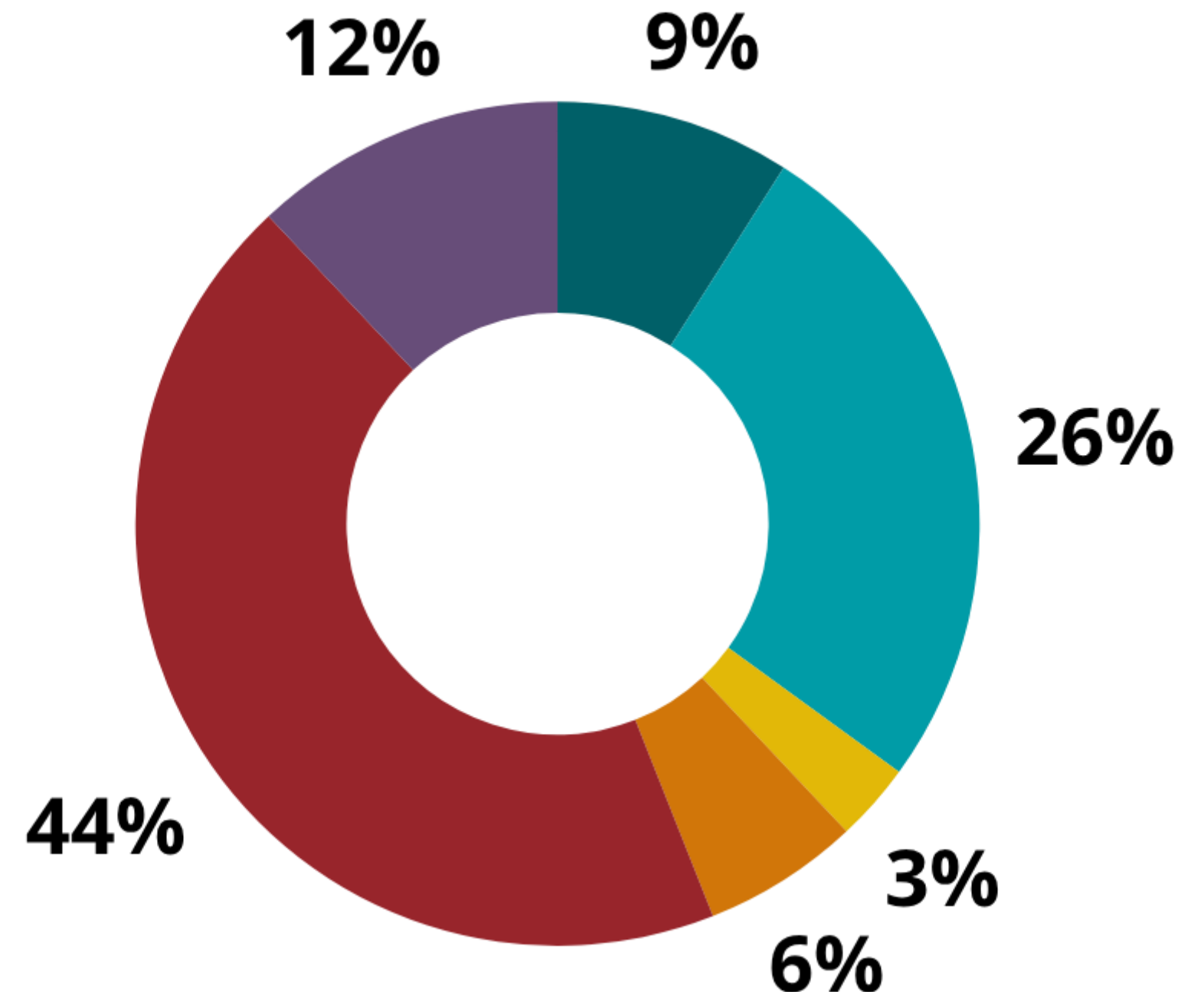
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Least Developed
Countries (LDCs)

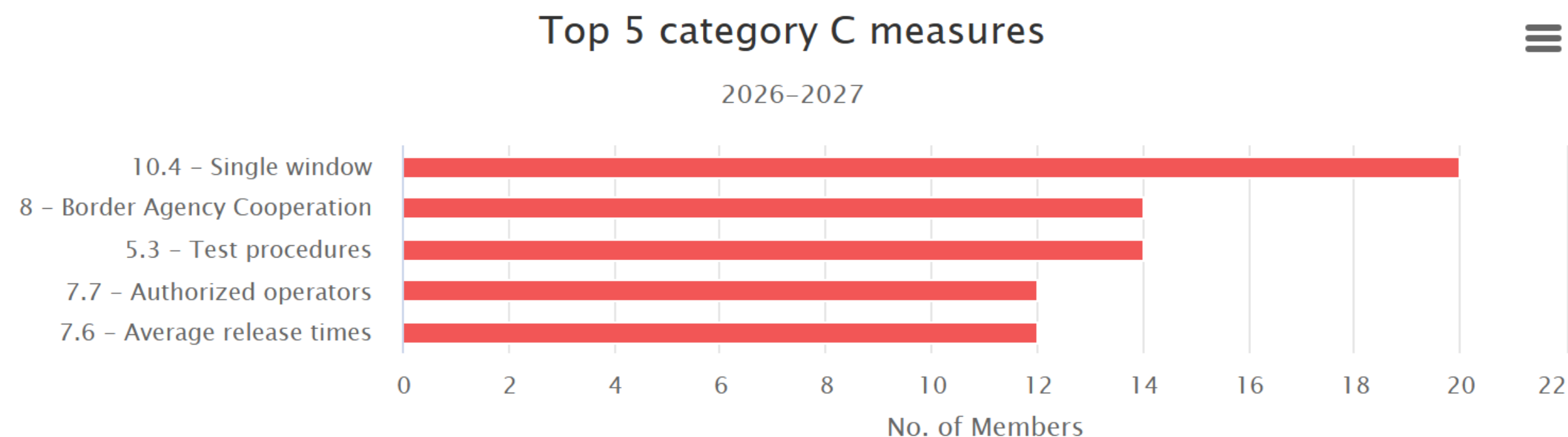
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Countries active in
FY26

*Including MENA countries



FOCUS ON OUTSTANDING C CATEGORIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT



Source: WTO



216+

Number C categories
to be implemented by
end of 2027 in 53
countries

MEASURABLE PROGRESS & IMPACT

The [TFA Tracking Tool](#) monitors a country's progress towards aligning with the measures covered in the WTO TFA.

This tool goes beyond traditional WTO reporting by measuring not only commitments but also the full implementation of trade facilitation measures:

- legal frameworks
- operational procedures
- real-world practices

In addition, TFSP measures:

- SME [reach](#)
- Contribution to the [WB Scorecard](#) and [jobs agenda](#)



50%

As of June 2026

Across the 26 countries with updated assessments, average alignment across the 37 TFA measures has risen from 32% to 50% since the beginning of TFSP.



TFSP THEORY OF CHANGE & RESULTS FRAMEWORK



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THEORY OF CHANGE

PHASE 2: December 2024-2034

IMPACT



Cross-border trade is facilitated in TFSP-supported countries through increased alignment with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)

OUTCOMES



Regional and country-level trade procedures and practices simplified, modernized, harmonized, made transparent and inclusive

1



Collaboration and coordination between domestic and neighboring border agencies and the private sector enhanced

2



Risk-based approaches are integrated into border inspections and clearance processes

3



NEW

Countries reducing time to export, import, and transit

4



NEW

Digitalization and automation solutions are enhanced or implemented

5

PILOT AREA



Sustainable trade practices contribute to greenhouse gas emissions reduction TFSP pilot countries

OUTPUTS



Support to reform trade facilitation regulations, procedures and practices, promote cooperation, and implement digital and climate-sensitive solutions provided

1



Knowledge, learning products, diagnostics and tools delivered, including those promoting gender inclusion

2



NEW

Training programs and knowledge exchanges delivered, including those promoting gender inclusion

3

LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS TO ACCELERATE IMPLEMENTATION

Effective implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement depends on coordination across government, engagement with the private sector and collaboration with international partners.

Country-level partners

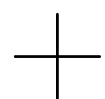
- Government agencies
- National Trade Facilitation Committees
- Private sector
- Development partners

International & regional partners

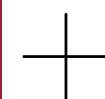
- World Trade Organization (WTO)
- World Customs Organization (WCO)
- UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- International Trade Centre (ITC)
- Regional organizations

OUR APPROACH

Coordinate



Complement



Accelerate

Aligning expertise and resources to support country priorities and move reforms from design to implementation.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

TFC Member Questions



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Answers to Member Questions:

- Project duration on average is between 3 and 10 years
- The WB has 130 country offices covering 170 countries
- Collaboration occurs through the NTFC and/or donor roundtable at the country level – Good example is Ghana



Answers to Member Questions:

- Project design is individual country based targeting c cats, often with a regional overlay
- Regional overlay is often in the form of a Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy Pacific & CARICOM examples.
- Regional P2P learning



Answers to Member Questions:

- 10.4, 7.4, 3, 5.1, 7.7, 11, 5.3, 6 & 8
- Complex and mostly require a 'whole of Government Approach' for design and implementation and/or private sector e.g AO, Fees, NSW requires investment outside TA
- Improvements via Collaboration and WTO Coordination (TFAF), also the TFC could encourage definition of articles
- Requires further discussion



Answers to Member Questions:

- WB Interventions targeted to TFA articles, C, B and a higher level of A. NTFC and notifications supported although neither are a Category C
- Roadmap and TF strategy prioritizes activities
- Country Selection is demand driven, Reform commitment
- Due diligence – art 16 update, add value individualized to unique country environment
- Supported through other WB instruments (IPF, DPO etc..)



Answers to Member Questions:

- Lessons Learnt – (FCS and or LDCs)
- Access to conflict regions can be difficult
- More time can be needed for full and effective implementation
- Additional capacity building and lesson sharing is useful
- Private sector also in need of support

DELIVERING SUPPORT THROUGH WORLD BANK INSTRUMENTS

Countries have different needs and priorities.

TFSP technical assistance and World Bank financing can provide complementary forms of support.

TFSP Technical Assistance

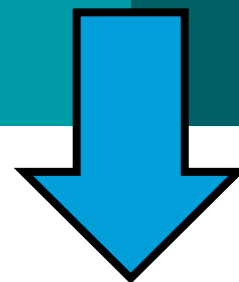
Identifying priorities and strengthening the foundations for reform

- Diagnostics and assessments
- Reform design and roadmaps
- Implementation support
- Capacity building and institutional strengthening
- Digitalization and modernization

World Bank Financing

Identifying priorities and strengthening the foundations for reform

- Financing for priority reforms Budget support
- Scaled-up systems and infrastructure investments
- Wider institutional and operational improvements
- Infrastructure – Digital & Transport



MORE EFFICIENT, PREDICTABLE AND INCLUSIVE TRADE



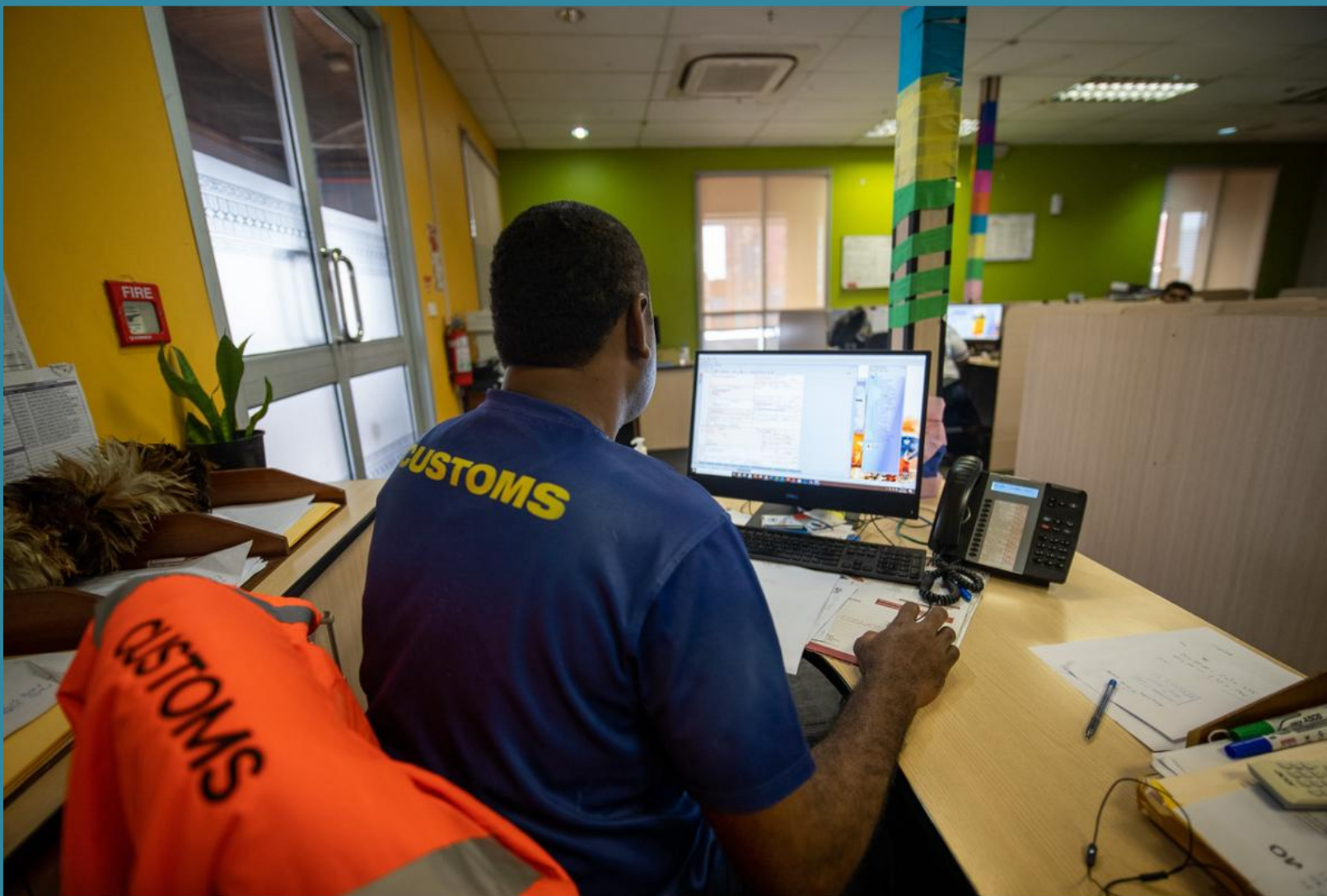
Example: TFSP Leverage FY26

PACIFIC ISLANDS ON THE PATH TO DIGITALIZATION: **SINGLE WINDOW IMPLEMENTATION**

Across the Pacific, TFSP is supporting countries to implement the TFA—**Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu AND**—lay the groundwork for modern, connected National Single Window systems and finance the build of a common NSW system

At a **regional workshop** in Nadi, Fiji, in November 2025, Customs, Biosecurity, and Trade officials from the six countries developed a common vision and approach to implementation, covering strategic direction, governance, and institutional arrangements.

TFSP is helping define **common system requirements** that balance regional consistency with country-specific needs, while also supporting **legal reforms**,



LOOKING AHEAD



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Recent engagement with:

- Burkina Faso
- Togo
- Mali
- DRC
- Chad

NEW COUNTRY DEMAND:
EXPANDING TFSP REACH

THANK YOU



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