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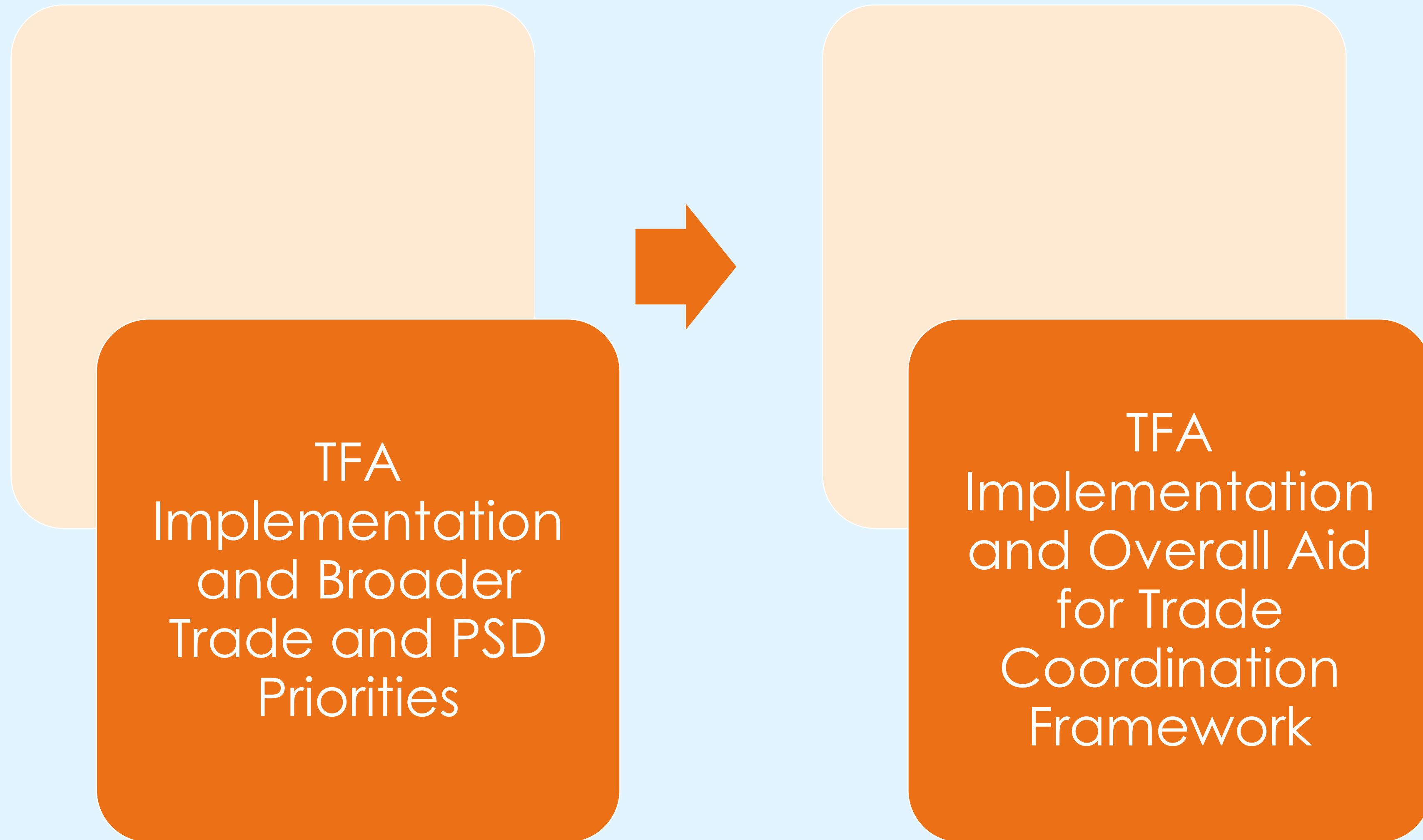
Enhancing Coordination on TACB

Experience from Laos

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Outline



Key Findings from the DTISU 2022

- Little export diversification
- Modest growth in agricultural exports
- Transport costs remain higher than neighboring economies
- Regulatory barriers hold back investment in general manufacturing and services
- Slow progress on trade facilitation

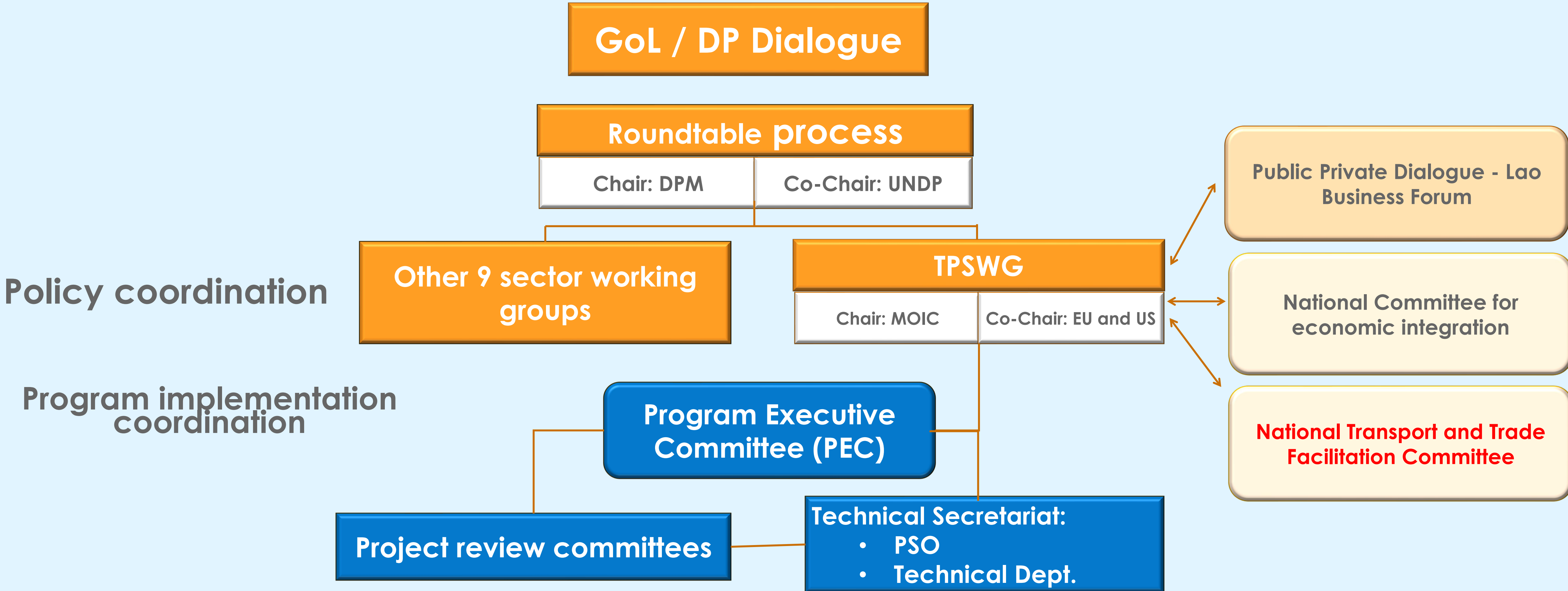
Key Trade and PSD Directions

- Economic diversification to build resilience and long term sustainable and more inclusive growth
 - new products
 - new markets
- Prioritize establishing a more supportive development environment
 - Doing Business
 - Trade Facilitation
 - Investment incentives
 - Regulatory reform
 - Streamline institutional framework

Reducing Trade Costs –Trade Policy and Trade Facilitation

- Continue to liberalize and simplify trade policy
- Trade Facilitation – continue implementing the National Trade Facilitation Roadmap
- Review Non-Tariff Measures (NTM) – Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIAs)

Overall Aid for Trade Coordination Structure



TAF Implementation and Overall Aid for Trade Coordination Structure

- TFA Implementation is fully embedded in the Overall AfT Governance Framework
- Targeted Support Provide thru Project Specific Interventions
- Progress Monitored at Project Level and Strategy Level
 - Time release studies
 - Private sector perception surveys
 - Logistics performance index
 - Mid-term and final evaluation of the Roadmap implementation
- Trade Facilitation Roadmaps are Prepared every 05 years
- NTTFC is High Level Inter-Ministerial Coordination Body oversees Implementation progress of the Roadmap

Key Lessons Learned

- Over emphasis on project outcomes vs program level outcomes
- Regional TA tend to operate outside national coordination framework and create difficulties in support coordination as well as progress monitoring
- Need to strengthen TA coordination at program level – Better Information flow between NIU and NTTFC Secretariat

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Thank you