

Ensuring Continued TACB Donor Support: UK Perspective

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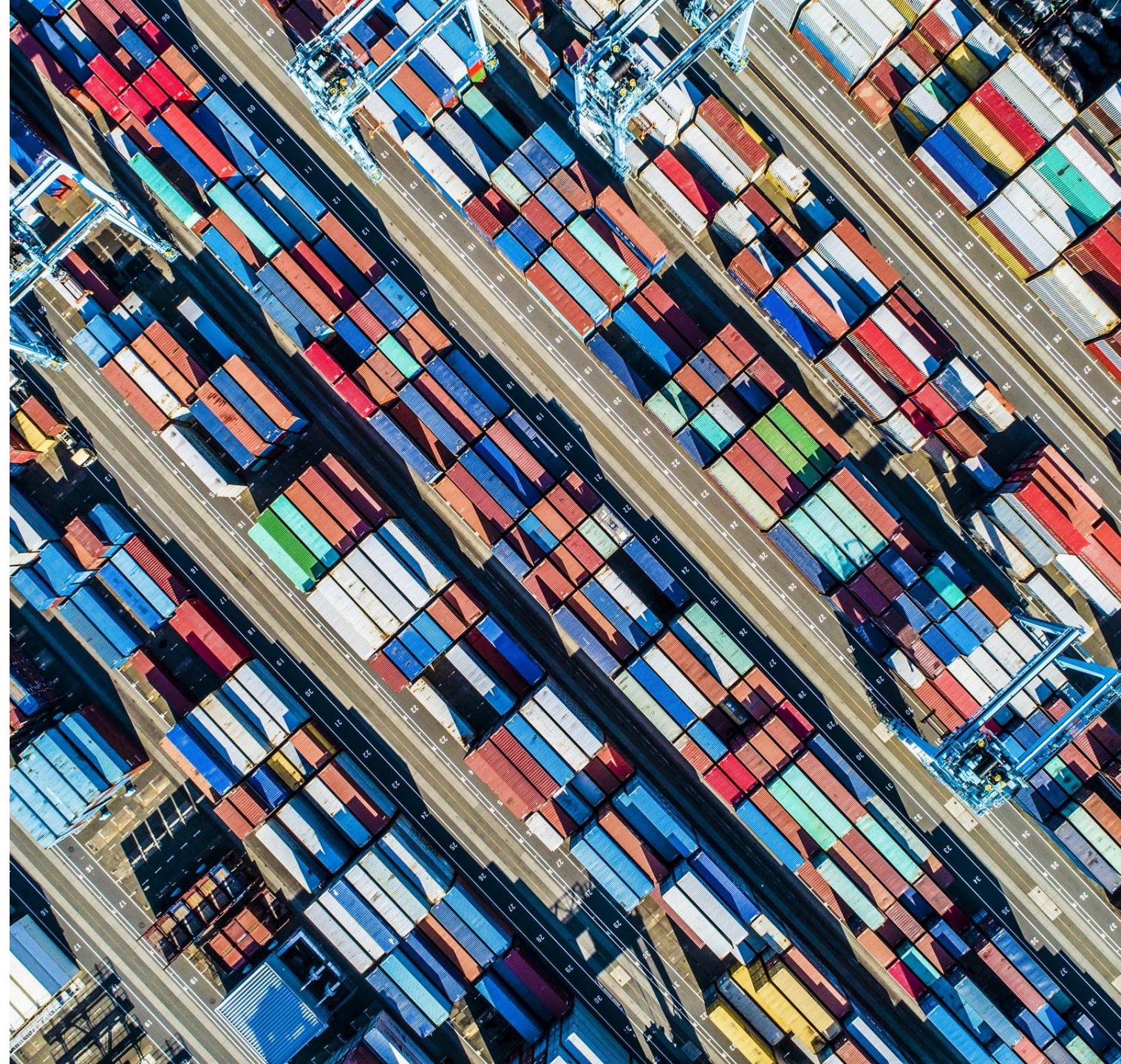


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Global Context and Funding Pressures

Global Trade and Economic Challenges

Trade facilitation faces complexity with fewer easy wins and more technical, resource-heavy measures.

Funding Reductions and Prioritization

Reduced Official Development Assistance means need to ensure maximising efficiencies to meet demand.

Equity and Capacity Building

Least Developed Countries need fair access to support and resources.

Efficiency and Collaboration

Effective TACB requires transparency and cooperation among donors and recipients.



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Accelerate Trade Facilitation Programme and Wider Aid for Trade

- **Accelerate Trade Facilitation Programme**

Programme supports developing countries in implementing complex Category C TFA measures through technical assistance and capacity building.

- **Broader Aid for Trade Strategy**

UK initiatives include TradeMark East Africa, Trade Partnerships Programme, and Trade Advocacy Fund to improve regional trade and investment.

- **Achievements and Lessons Learned**

Support to over 30 countries with TFA provisions showcases the importance of recipient engagement, transparency, and donor coordination.



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Strategic Focus for the Next 3–5 Years

Development Priorities Alignment

UK focus on helping countries grow fairer, more resilient economies when providing funding for TFA support.

Trade Facilitation Measures

High-impact priorities include risk management, border agency cooperation, and post-clearance audit for trade efficiency.

Cross-cutting themes include governance, knowledge & skills management, and digitisation.

Regional and Partnership Approaches

Strengthening regional cooperation and partnerships ensures scalable and sustainable trade facilitation outcomes.

Transparency Tools

Encourage accurate use of transparency tools such as notifications and the TFA database to identify unmet needs more accurately.



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Addressing Francophone Support Challenges

Language Sensitive Delivery

Technical materials and training should be provided in French by bilingual experts where possible.

Dedicated Outreach

Challenges around availability of Francophone experts, but our Programme encourages requests.

Leveraging Strategic Partnerships

Seek to expand French-language support and enable peer-learning opportunities.

Promoting Genuine Inclusion

Efforts should go beyond translation to ensure francophone countries fully participate and benefit from trade facilitation.



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Transparency and Engagement for Smarter Trade Facilitation



Importance of Transparency

Transparency in sharing funding information supports effective trade facilitation and helps identify development gaps.

Proactive Member Engagement

Members are encouraged to share priorities and updates actively, improving resource allocation and responsiveness.

Collaborative Resource Allocation

Working together ensures efficient use of resources, maximizing impact and supporting sustainable economic growth.

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