

United Kingdom: Accelerate Trade Facilitation

Considerations for Sustainable Trade Facilitation Reform

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About Accelerate Trade Facilitation

- Dedicated UK-funded programme for trade facilitation reform since 2015
- **Phase IV 2022-2025 (£4.2m)**
- Unique partnership: UK/UNCTAD/WCO
 - TFA-article specific capacity building
 - Organisational development reforms for Customs Administrations
 - Equipping NTFCs with tools and knowledge to drive internal reform
- **Currently in partnership with 26 countries, working across 10 TFA articles**



Overview of Support



- Capacity building activities directly link to specific TFA articles, including;
 - Risk Management (7.4)
 - Coordinated Border Management (8)
 - Time-Release Studies (7.6)
 - Authorised Operator (7.7)
- Supporting Organisational development, including;
 - Leadership Management Development
 - Human Resources Management
 - Gender Equality and Diversity assessments
 - Customs Integrity Diagnostics etc.



- Empowering National Trade Facilitation Committees to drive internal reform;
 - Comprehensive E-learning package
 - Advisory services regarding ratification, notifications and implementation
 - NTFC Secretariat and Chairperson specific coaching Reform Tracker project management tool for NTFCs (all articles)
 - Trade Facilitation Implementation Score
 - Business Process Analyses & simplification (coming soon)



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- UK programme governance
- Leverages UK Gov expertise to deliver activity (HMRC and Border Force)
- Bilateral Customs-to-Customs support for agile assistance

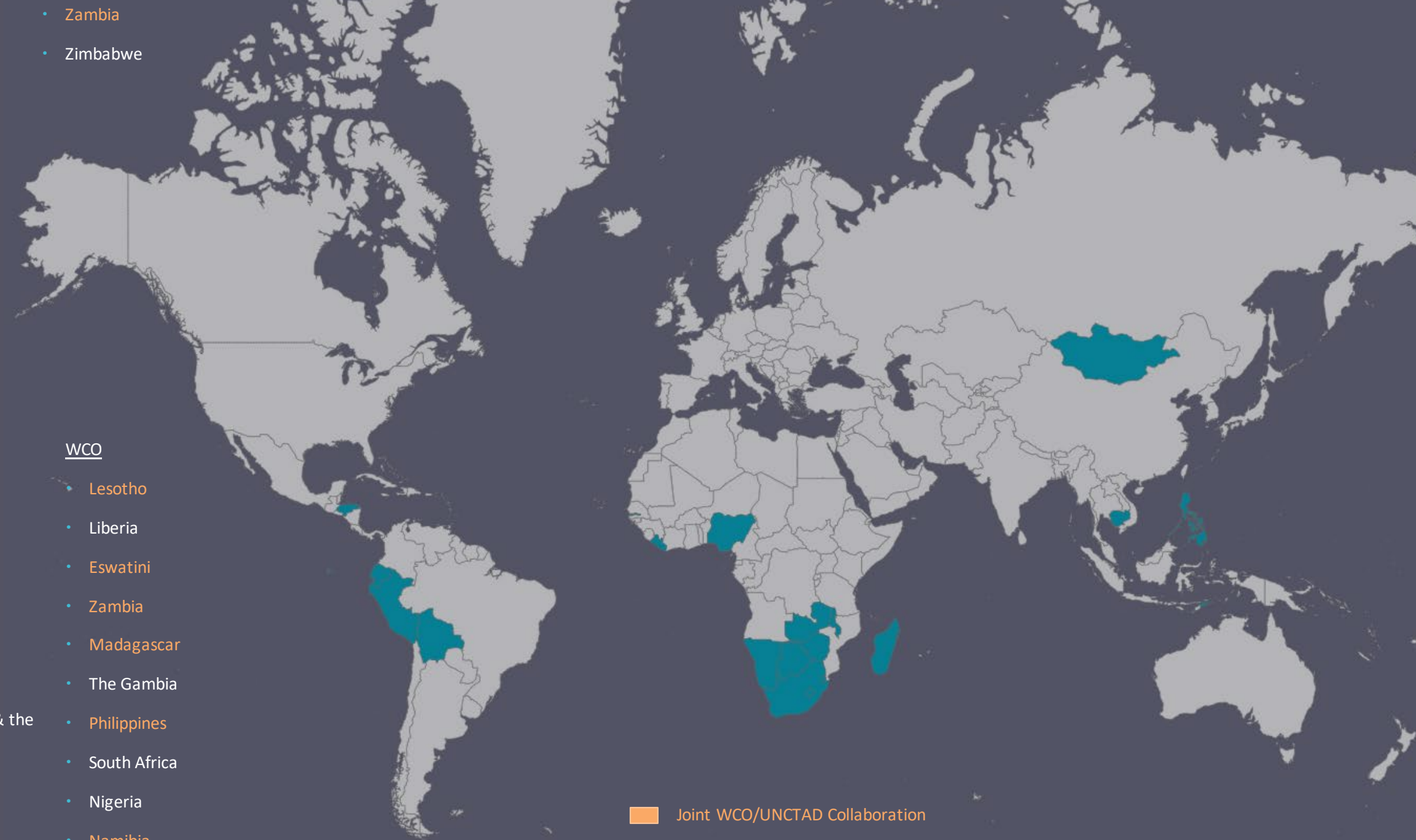
UNCTAD

- Belize
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Cambodia
- Dominica
- Ecuador
- Eswatini
- Grenada
- Honduras
- Lesotho
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mongolia
- Namibia
- Peru
- Philippines
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
- São Tomé and Príncipe
- Timor-Leste

- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

WCO

- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Eswatini
- Zambia
- Madagascar
- The Gambia
- Philippines
- South Africa
- Nigeria
- Namibia



 Joint WCO/UNCTAD Collaboration

Key factors supporting sustainability



Needs-driven partnerships



Commitment to inclusive reform



Collaboration with Development Organisations



Long-Term, sustained support



Contextualised interventions



Challenges from a Donor Perspective

Sustainability	Ensuring financial <i>and</i> institutional longevity
Outcomes	Demonstrating causality and concrete outcomes
Coordination	<i>Further</i> coordination with Annex D+ organisations and donors
Balance	Balancing focus on depth and breadth of TFA measures
Complexity	Complexity of remaining TFA Category C measures

**2023-24
Period:
Upcoming
Focus**

Advance Rulings (3)

Pre-Arrival Processing (7.1)

Risk Management (7.4)

Post-Clearance Audit (7.5)

Time-Release Studies (7.6)

Authorised Operators (7.7)

Expedited Shipments (7.8)

Coordinated Border Management (8)

Reform Tracker TFA Implementation

Thank you

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