



Trade Facilitation
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TFA related assistance and capacity building TFAF report 2024

Headlines for Members

Background



- TFAF was set up to address concerns over accessibility and the delivery of TFA targeted assistance and capacity building
- Report on the situation from TFAF perspectives
- Scope is accessibility of targeted TFA assistance and capacity building.
- Objective is to enhance transparency and support the Committee in implementing the TFA.

Methodology: Data sources

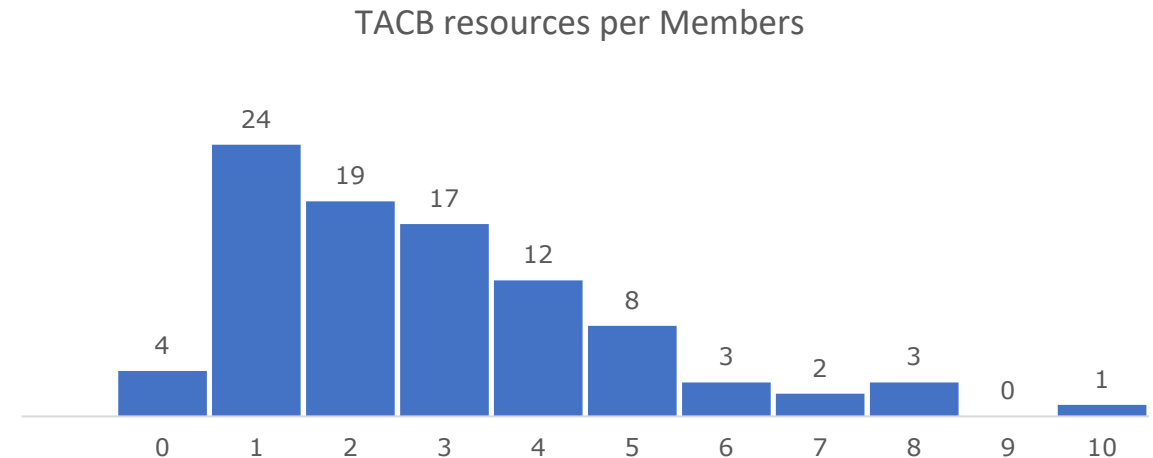


- Information sources
 - Article 22 notifications from Members + detailed information, where available
 - Members' category C notifications
 - Members' and Partners Article 16 notifications
 - Members' voluntary early implementation notifications
 - TFAF Members' requests for support
- Limitations
 - Incomplete and imperfect picture
 - Financial Assistance not reported (IADB; WBG – particularly relevant for 10.4)

Observations: Accessibility



- Maximum number: 10 resources per Member
- Average: 2,7 resources per Member
- Concentration
 - Some Members have access to few or no partners for TFA
 - 'Champions' (7-10 resources)
 - 4 with zero resources identified in this data data



Observations: Accessibility



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- Unequal.
 - Few champions
 - Majority 1-3 partners
- Support also goes to non-Members and Members in Accession
- No linkage between notification and accessibility observed
 - Category C measures
 - Article 16 notifications (TA needs and TA arrangement progress)
- Caution: TA arrangement and progress
 - Only 40 members reported in total
 - Only 18 LDCs

Observations: Accessibility



- Testing factor: Geography
 - Linkage with language and geography observed
- Two groups are below average
 - French-speaking African Members, particularly LDCs (average resources 2)
 - Spanish-speaking Central & South American Members also appear under-served – so is language a main barrier?
- A few programs / partners have a critical role in these Members
 - French-speaking African Members: TFWA, Belgium

Take aways



1. Leave-no one behind is important
2. Leave no measure behind is also important
3. Orchestration between donors is necessary
4. Risk of TACB being pulled away from TFA targeted to related issues
5. TFA integration into bilateral, regional projects as important as sectoral programs
6. Silver bullet solutions versus tailor-made innovative solutions.