

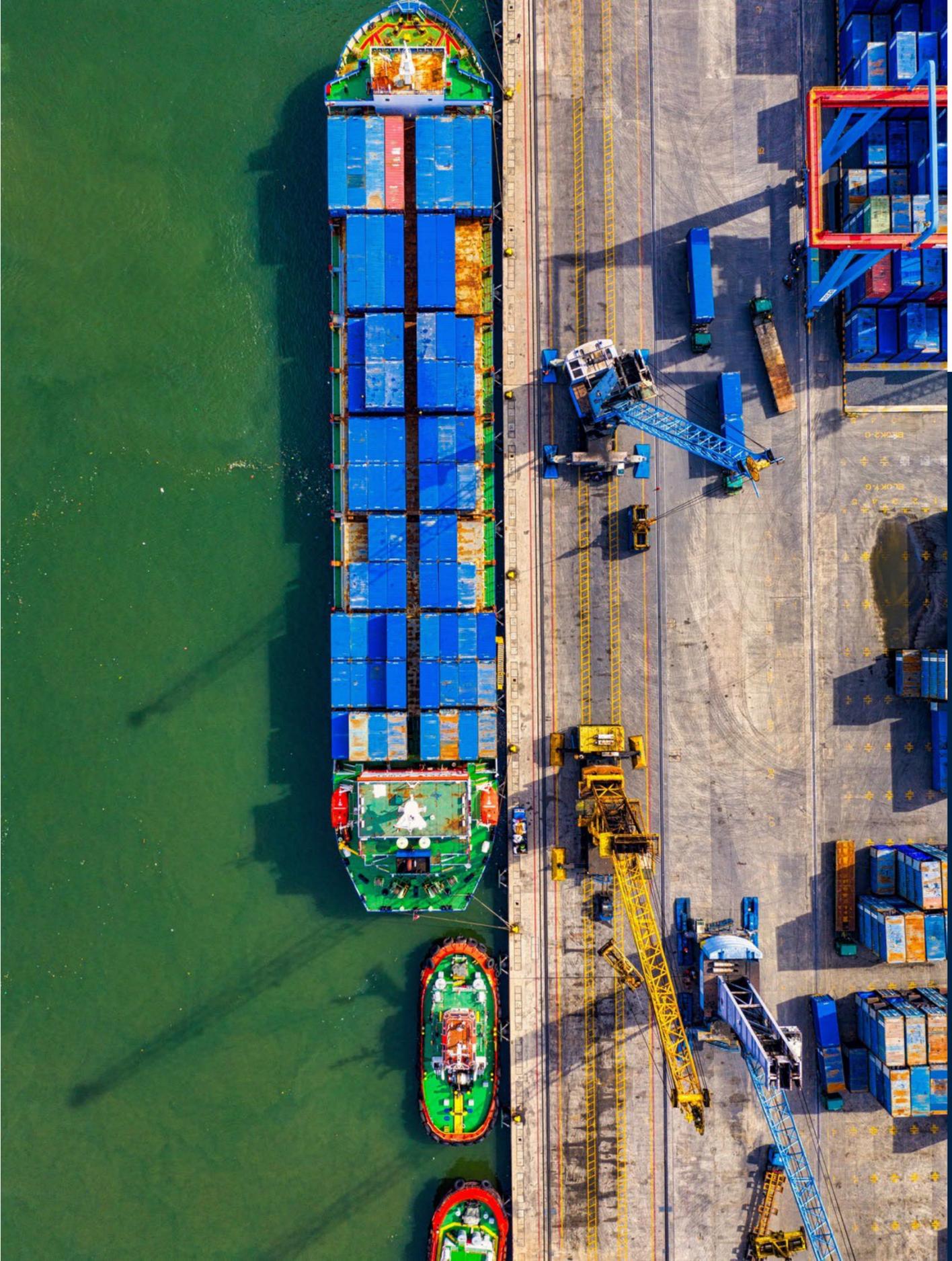


TRADE FACILITATION MEASURES FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Expediting the flow of critical goods and trade during crises and disasters

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SUPPORTING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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WHAT IS TRADE FACILITATION?

And why is it important?

Trade facilitation covers the full spectrum of border processes and procedures



Transparency
and Fairness



Governance



Modernized
Border
Procedures
and Controls

As the crisis unfolds, *trade facilitation* plays a critical role in *responding to shocks* and *helping minimize human and economic losses*

WHAT ARE THE COMPONENTS?

-  Expedited clearance of imported cargo
-  Modernized customs legislation
-  Institutional policy reforms
-  'Whole of Government' approach to border clearance
-  Communication mechanisms





TONGA'S EXPERIENCE

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TONGA: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COVID-19 + BEYOND



COVID-19

Expedited clearance procedures piloted during the pandemic reduced the time to import vaccines, priority food products and emergency-related cargo

Vaccine clearance reduced from 3 days to 3 hours



Natural Disasters

Procedures also helped aid efforts linked to other natural disasters: category 4 Tropical Cyclone Harold and the eruption of the Hunga-Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano



KEY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Customs
- Health
- Plant protection
- Animal health
- Sanitary & phytosanitary
- Anti-narcotics
- Maritime, aviation, sea & airports
- Standards & quality control
- Food safety
- Border security



BORDER AGENCY
COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION
for
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



LESSONS LEARNED

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LESSONS LEARNED

- Expedited clearance procedures should be **in place before** there is a disaster or emergency
- Procedures should be aligned with **international guidelines, standards and agreements**
- Developing **standard operating procedures** for processing relief consignments are required
- **Sharing of best practices** across all border agencies is essential on a continuous basis

WHAT'S NEXT



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LOOKING AHEAD



More **awareness raising** on emergency preparedness and what it means



Ensure emergency preparedness is on the **agenda** of the **National Trade Facilitation Committee**



Continuous discussions on the implementation of emergency preparedness measures

THE PROGRAM

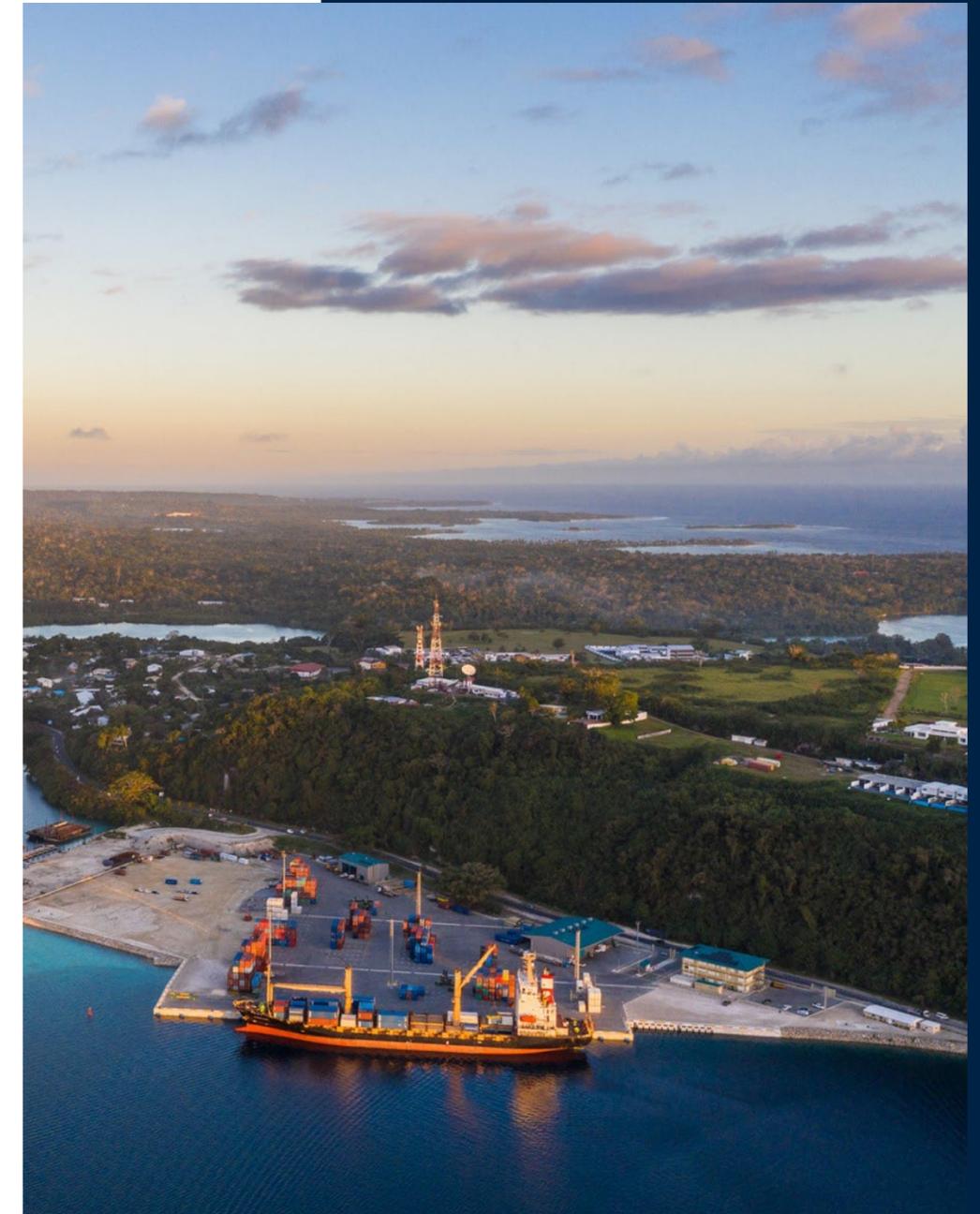


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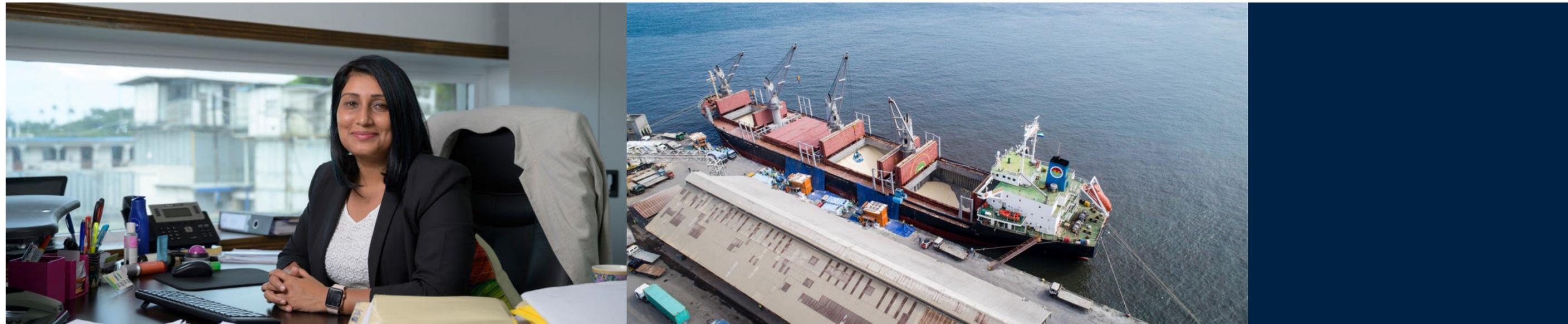
Technical assistance

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

PRACTICAL AND DEMAND-DRIVEN ASSISTANCE

Knowledge sharing

Peer-to-peer learning, capacity building, measuring progress and results



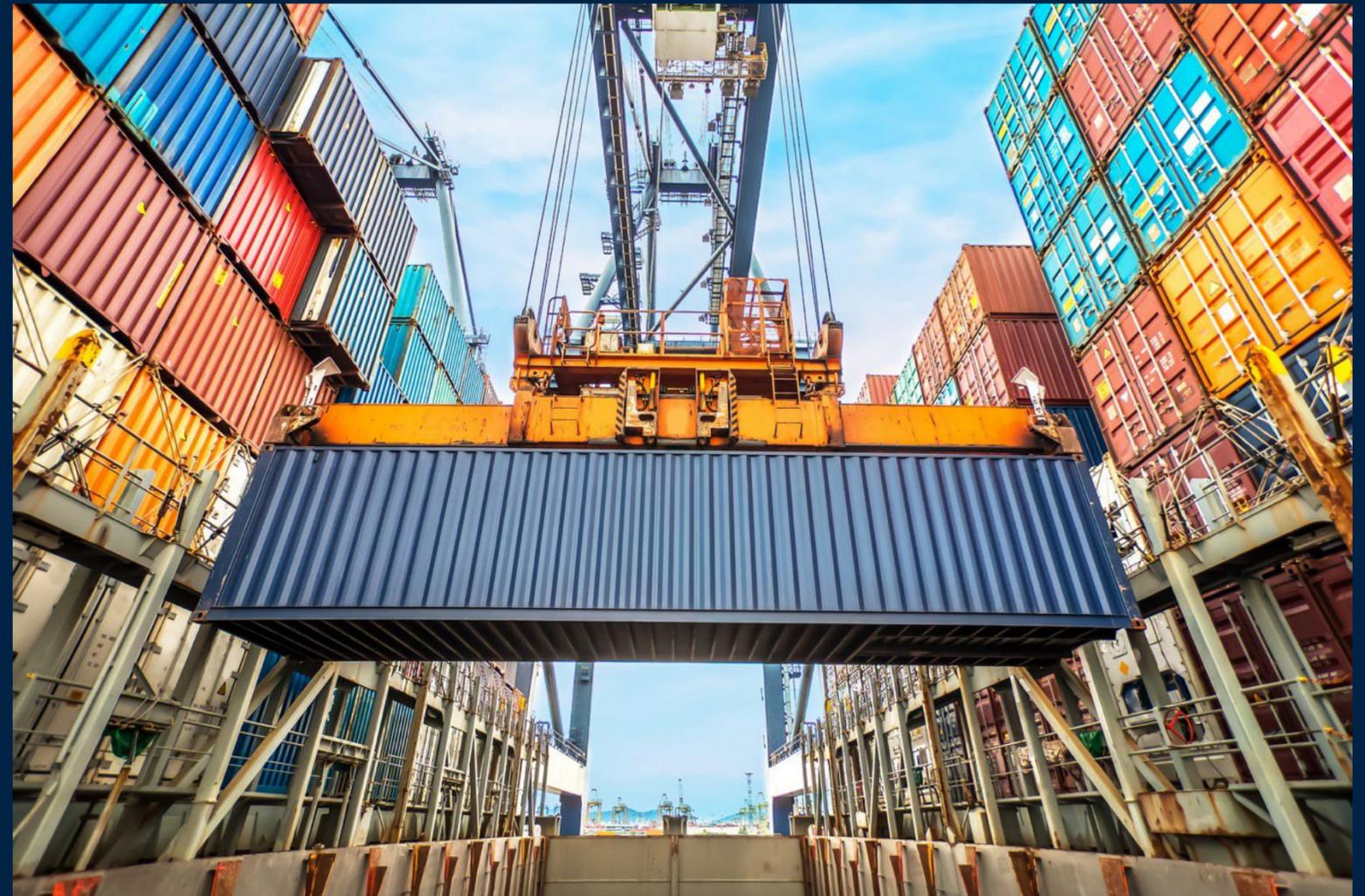
Partnerships are essential to the delivery of TFSP

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION



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