

# WTO TFA

## Dedicated session

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# ➤ UNCTAD Mandate in Trade Logistics

## Geneva Consensus – UNCTAD Ministerial

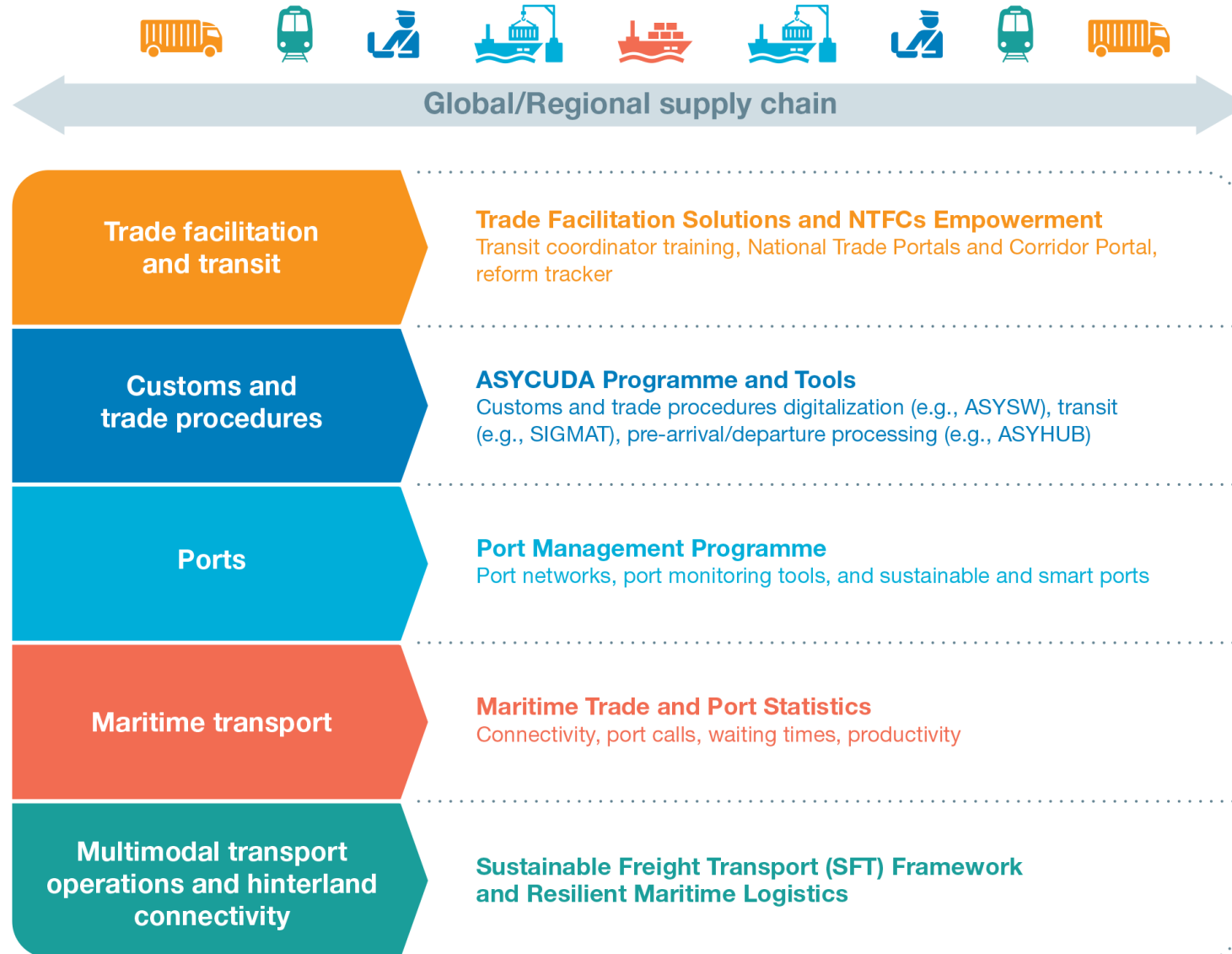
54 (b) Continue and reinforce its work through its three pillars to **support implementation of trade facilitation reforms, including the Agreement on Trade Facilitation of the World Trade Organization**, and continue its support to the development and the implementation of appropriate legal and regulatory frameworks that **reduce trade transaction costs**;

55 (c) Continue its work on the **building the capacity of the national trade facilitation committees** and bodies to increase the harmonization and coordination of trade facilitation measures at national and regional level;

56 (c) Continue to provide technical guidance and promote sharing **of best practices on the integration into regional and global value and supply chains**, including by taking advantage of international air, land, maritime and multimodal transport networks;

57 (d) Continue to support, through policy dialogue and cooperation mechanisms, international and regional transport networks, ensuring their sustainability and resilience including the organization of the **UNCTAD global supply chain forum**;

# UNCTAD Trade Logistics and Supply Chain



# ➤ UNCTAD Trade Facilitation Empowerment Programme 10 years Anniversary





## Capacity building

80+ partner countries, 10 regional organizations

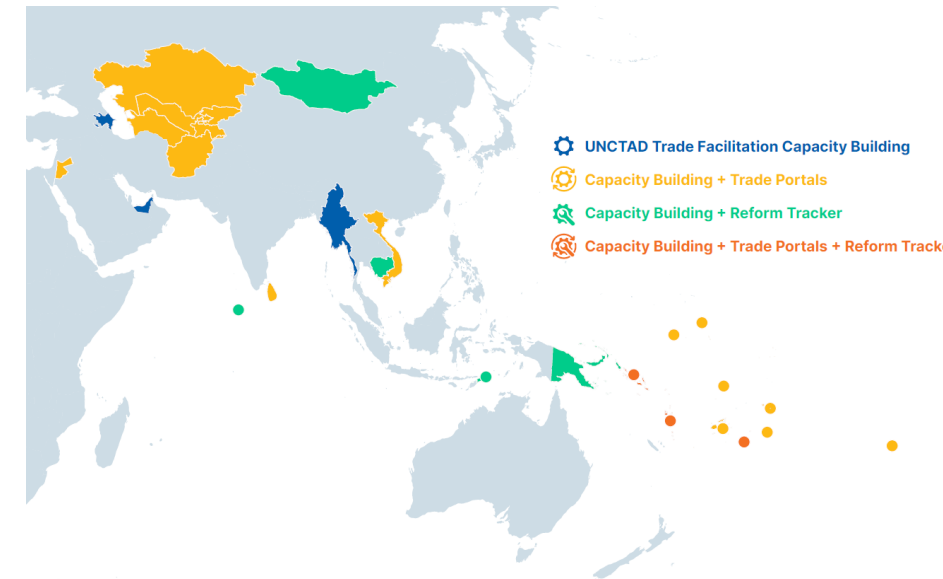
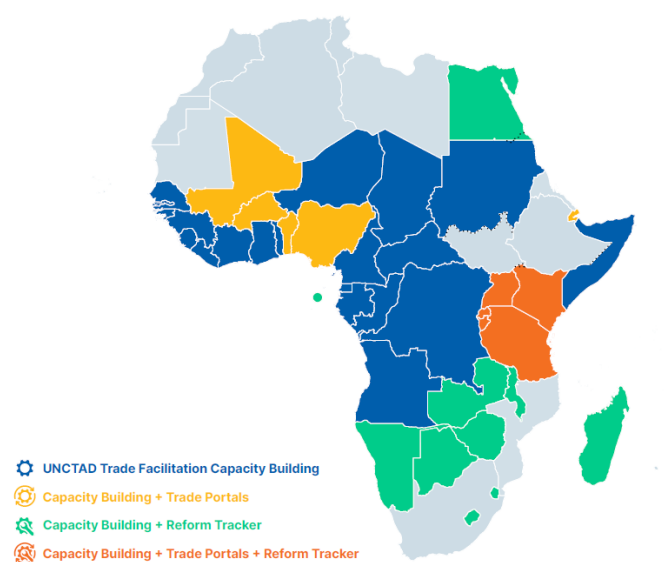
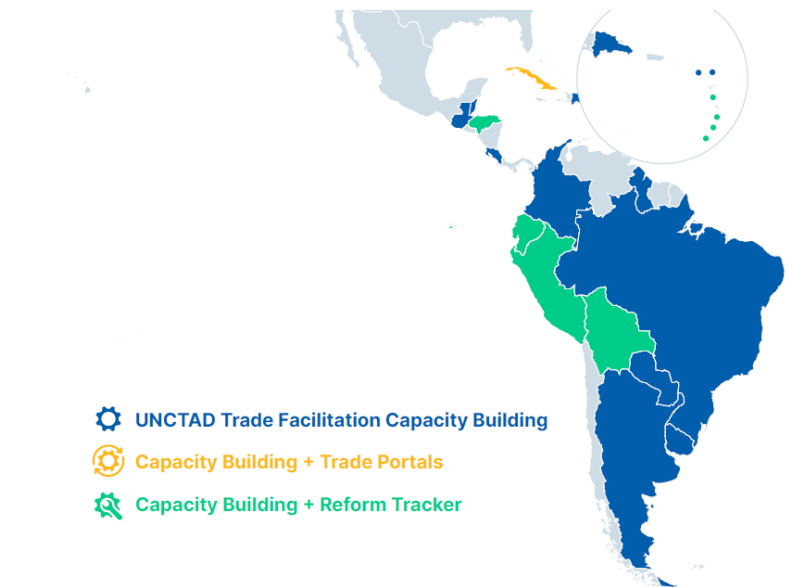
3,000+ TF experts trained, 53% women

200+ online courses and in-person trainings annually

95% satisfaction rate with UNCTAD courses



# UNCTAD Trade Facilitation



# UNCTAD Reform Tracker for project management and M&E



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ALL ARTICLES

> A1 AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION1

> A2 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

> A3 ADVANCE RULINGS

> A4 APPEAL PROCEDURES

> A5 OTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE IMPARTIALITY

> A6 FEES AND CHARGES

> A7 RELEASE AND CLEARANCE OF GOODS

> A8 BORDER AGENCY COOPERATION

> A9 MOVEMENT OF GOODS

> A10 FORMALITIES

TRADE FACILITATION REFORMS

| NUMBER                              | TITLE   | CATEGORY | FEASIBILITY | STATUS   | DEADLINE | IMPLEMENTATION |             |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------------|-------------|
| A1 AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION1 (4) |   |          |             |          |          |                |             |
| 1.1                                 | Publication   | B        | Short term  | ONGOING  | Feb 2023 | 20%            | <div></div> |
| 1.2                                 | Information available through internet  | C        | Middle term | APPROVED | Feb 2026 | 0%             | <div></div> |
| 1.3                                 | Enquiry Points  | C        | Middle term | ONGOING  | Feb 2023 | 0%             | <div></div> |
| 1.4                                 | Notification  | A        |             | DONE     | Feb 2017 | 100%           | <div></div> |
| A2 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT (2)       |   |          |             |          |          |                |             |
| 2.1                                 | Comments and information before entry into force  | B        | Short term  | ONGOING  | Feb 2023 | 0%             | <div></div> |
| 2.2                                 | Consultations   | B        | Short term  | APPROVED | Feb 2023 | 0%             | <div></div> |
| A3 ADVANCE RULINGS (1)              |   |          |             |          |          |                |             |
| 3.1                                 | Advance Rulings   | B        | Middle term | APPROVED | Feb 2023 | 0%             | <div></div> |
| A4 APPEAL PROCEDURES (2)            |   |          |             |          |          |                |             |
| 4.1                                 | Establish a framework to network all border agencies  | C        | Short term  | APPROVED | Feb 2023 | 0%             | <div></div> |
| 4.2                                 | Build capacity for Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) and KenTrade to coordinate all border agencies on matters of administrative decisions through Single Window | C        | Middle term | APPROVED | Feb 2023 | 0%             | <div></div> |



# UNCTAD Trade Portal for transparency and simplification



Welcome to Burundi's Trade Information Portal [More information](#)

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## Step-by-step information on international trade

Search by **Procedures** Choose operation Select the product

**DEMO** INSTITUTIONS, LEGAL BASES AND FORMS EXPORTING TO THE E.U? MARKET ANALYSIS TOOLS

### Steps (15)

Register as an importer of food products (4)

- 1 Pay import license fee
- 2 Submit application for registration as a food importer
- 3 Site visit
- 4 Obtain food importer registration number

Obtain import visa for processed food products (2)

- 1 Submit application for import visa
- 2 Obtain import visa

Obtain an import license for processed food products (3)

- 1 Pay import license fee
- 2 Submit application for import license
- 3 Obtain import license

Contracting a clearing agent (1)

- 1 Contract a clearing agent

Clearance of consignment (3)

- 1 Declare cargo
- 2 Pay prescribed taxes & fees
- 3 Consignment inspection by customs

Consignment inspection by FDA (1)

- 1 Physical verification (and sampling where necessary)

Obtain good exit note (1)

- 1 Obtain goods exit note

### Summary of the procedure

#### Institutions involved (5)

Bank of Kigali (x 2) Rwanda's Food and Drug Authority (x 3) Pharmaceutical Regulatory Information Management system (x 4) Clearing agent

BANK Bank

Customs Service Department - Kigali Office (x 2)

#### Results (4)

Food importer registration number Import visa - food products Import license for food products Sub note - Bill

#### Required Documents (19)

Payment slip Payment receipt (x 2) Customs registration form Proforma invoice Proof of compliance to good Proforma invoice

Export permit (from exporting country) Certificate of origin - import Bill of lading Publication free certificate Certificate of analysis - import Phytosanitary certificate - import

Certificate of international sanitary regulation Invoice Packing list Certificate of origin Sanitation mark permit Assessment notice for import declaration

Payment certificate - import declaration



# UNCTAD ASYCUDA Ecosystem

## Digitalisation projects



### Digital Customs

- **ASYCUDAWorld** version(s), including alignments with regional Customs Unions requirements (EU, EACU, EAC, CARICOM, COMESA, etc.)

### Digital Partner Government Agency

- **Permits management solutions** integrated with customs systems

### Interconnectivity (national/international)

- **Cross-Border Information Exchange** (Customs, Transport, Regulatory data integration and processing)

### Single Window environments

- **Customs-centric Single Window**

## Digital solutions (movement of goods & persons)

### ASY/ADN WTO UNCTAD AUTOMATIC DATA NOTIFICATION

Extraction module that aggregates and transfers tariff and trade data from ASYCUDA to the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Integrated Database (IDB).

### ASY/PCD POSTAL CUSTOMS DATA

Interface of UNCTAD/ASYCUDA with UPU/CDS for effective and efficient management of cross-border E-Commerce.

### ASY/STA ASYCUDA STATISTICS STANDARD

Statistical reporting module providing a set of standard reports, and the tools to develop other ad hoc reports.

### ASY/ATO AFRICAN TRADE OBSERVATORY

Extraction tool that compiles and transfers trade-related customs data from ASYCUDA the African Trade Observatory (ATO).

### ASY/PM PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

Business intelligence - Performance Measurement for strategic decision.

### ASY/SW ASYCUDA SINGLE WINDOW

Collection of integrated applications and solutions developed by UNCTAD/ASYCUDA at the request of member states to address the needs of different regulatory agencies, and to achieve the required balance between trade control and facilitation.

### ASY/DS ASYCUDA DYNAMIC SELECTIVITY

This function will further assist customs intelligence in achieving efficient and fully automated risk management at different stages of the clearance process.

### ASY/PX PASSENGER PROCESSING MODULE

Module that supports the Customs Department in facilitating legitimate travelers and managing risks.

### @CITES POWERED BY ASYCUDA

Development of a cloud-based electronic permit system offering automated support for permit application, processing, issuance, and reporting.

### ASY/HUB MARITIME

Platform to facilitate the electronic exchange and processing of electronic Sea Cargo Manifest pre-arrival (Entry) and pre-departure (Exit) data.

### ASY/REC RELIEF CONSIGNMENTS

Module to facilitate legitimate Humanitarian aid through efficient, managed and automated coordination workflow before, during and post disaster.

### MOSES PROJECT

ASYCUDA module for the management of the mineral value chain, from mineral extraction all the way to export of the final product. This module is aimed at mineral traders, ministry of mines and customs.

### ASY/PCA POST CONTROL AUDIT

It aims at enhancing the ability of customs administrations to successfully detect and prosecute fraudulent practices and mount an effective response to the malpractices of undervaluation and under-invoicing.

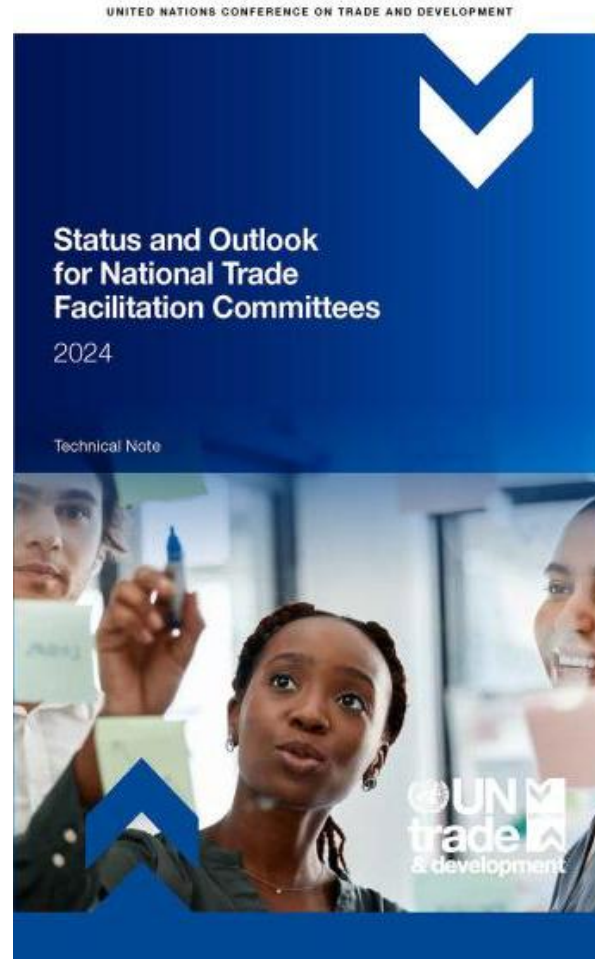
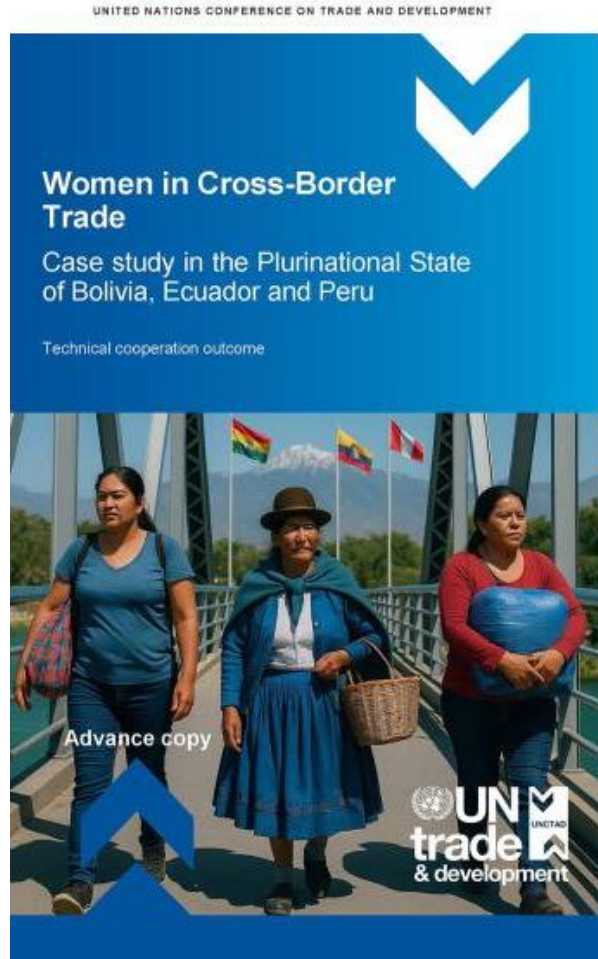
### ASY/SPS SANITARY & PHYTO-SANITARY

ASYCUDA module for the management of sanitary and phytosanitary certificates.

### TiSSTAT TRADE IN SERVICES STATISTIC TOOL

Collection and processing of trade in services data for National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in member states of the UEMOA. It is a cooperation between ASYCUDA and UNCTAD's Development Statistics and Information Branch (DSIB).

# UNCTAD Analysis and studies







# EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

*trade facilitation*

## UNCTAD support in coming years



Continued implementation support, including TFA review



Coordination: NTFC, Border, Transit, Gender



Digitalization: Reform tracker, Trade Portal and simplification, ASYCUDA upgrade, Single Window, Cross data border exchange

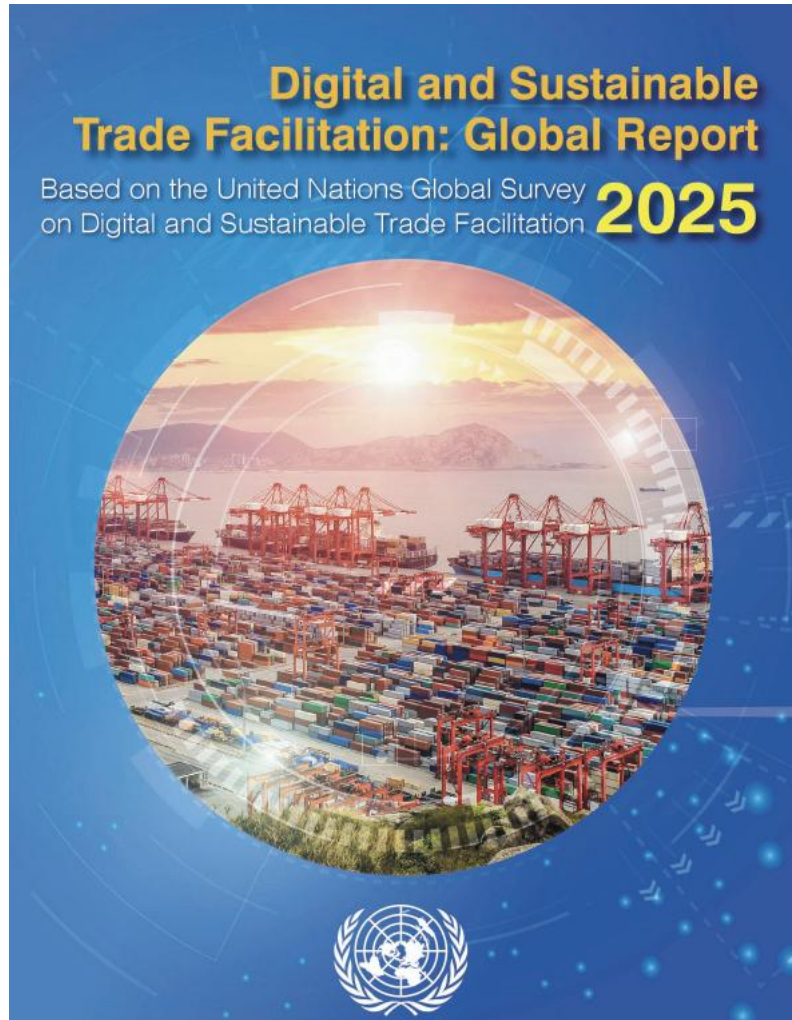


Climate-smart trade facilitation



- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
- ▶ Hosted by the Mawani, Saudi Arabia Port Authority
- ▶ Place: Riyadh
- ▶ Dates: November 2026
- ▶ Will include an NTFC Forum





### General -WTO TFA related (14 Measures)

NTFC, risk-management based inspections, pre-arrival processing, post-clearance audits, average release time publication,....

### Digital TF (24 Measures)

Electronic Single Window System, legal framework to facilitate cross-border electronic transactions, exchange of electronic declarations, SPS certificates,....

### Sustainable TF (12 Measures)

access of SMEs to trade-related information or to the single window, special support to women's participation in trade, treatment given to perishable goods,....

## EMERGING AREAS

### NEW!

### Trade facilitation for e-Commerce (5 Measures)

Legal framework, small value shipments, waiver of Customs duties, AEO programmes ...

### NEW!

### Green trade facilitation (4 Measures)

Sustainability reporting, expedition of green and climate-smart goods, eCITES, TF in waste and harmful substances...

### Trade finance for trade facilitation (3 Measures)

Facilitating traders' access to finance, emerging tech trade finance projects, trade finance services...

**Interactive data & reports**

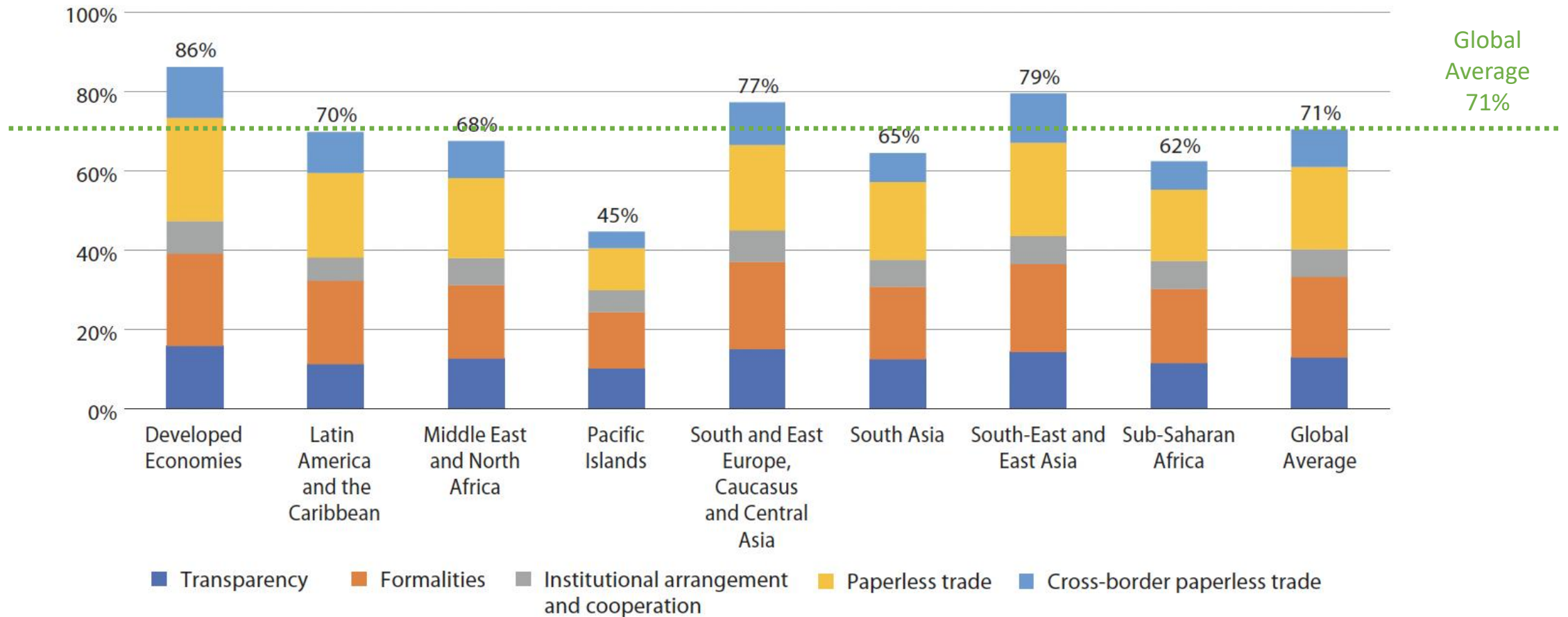


<https://www.untfsurvey.org>



# Implementation of 31 core trade facilitation measures

- Developed Economies; South-East and East Asia; and South and East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia have implementation rates above the global average.

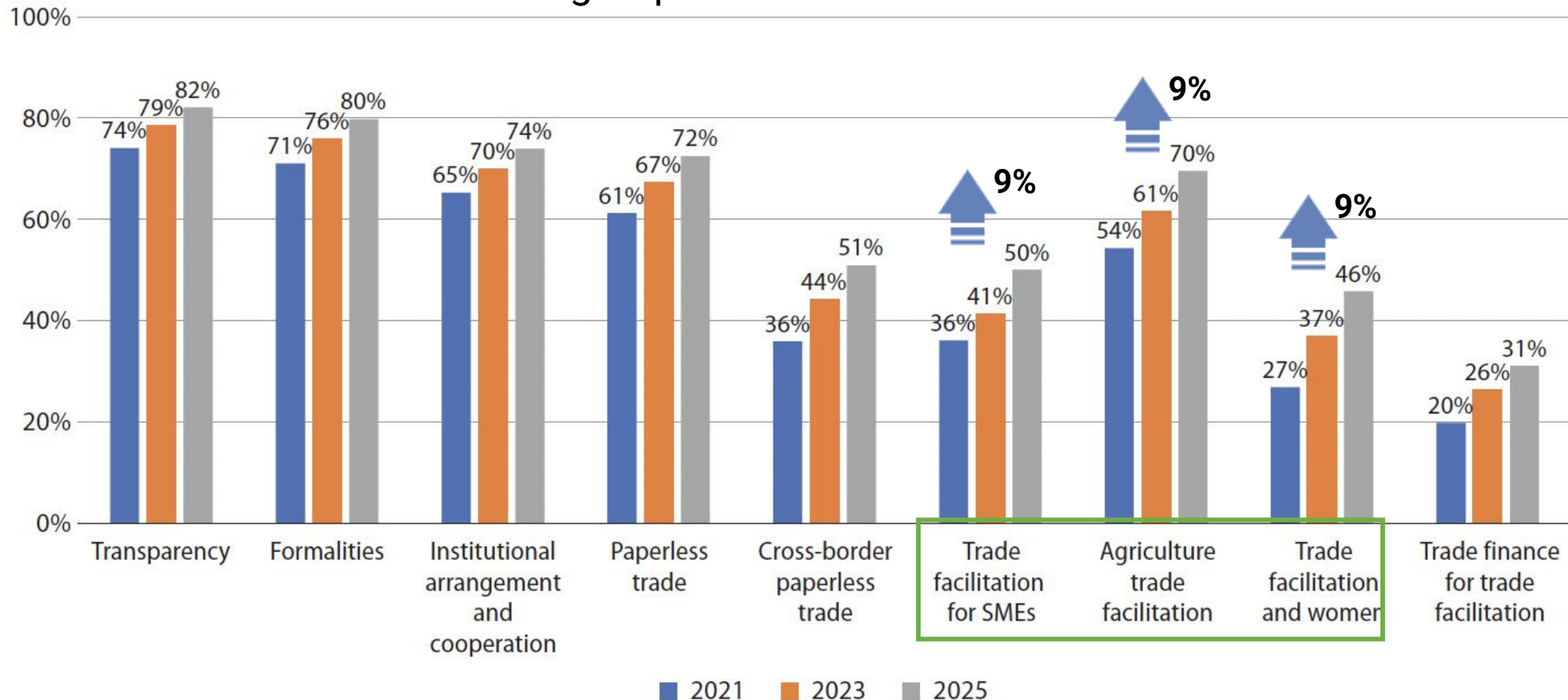


Source: Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation: Global Report 2025



# Progress in trade facilitation implementation by sub-group, 2021–2025

- WTO TFA measures are well implemented (>70%).
- “Sustainable Trade Facilitation” measures achieved significant progress, 9 percentage point increase for the three sub-groups.

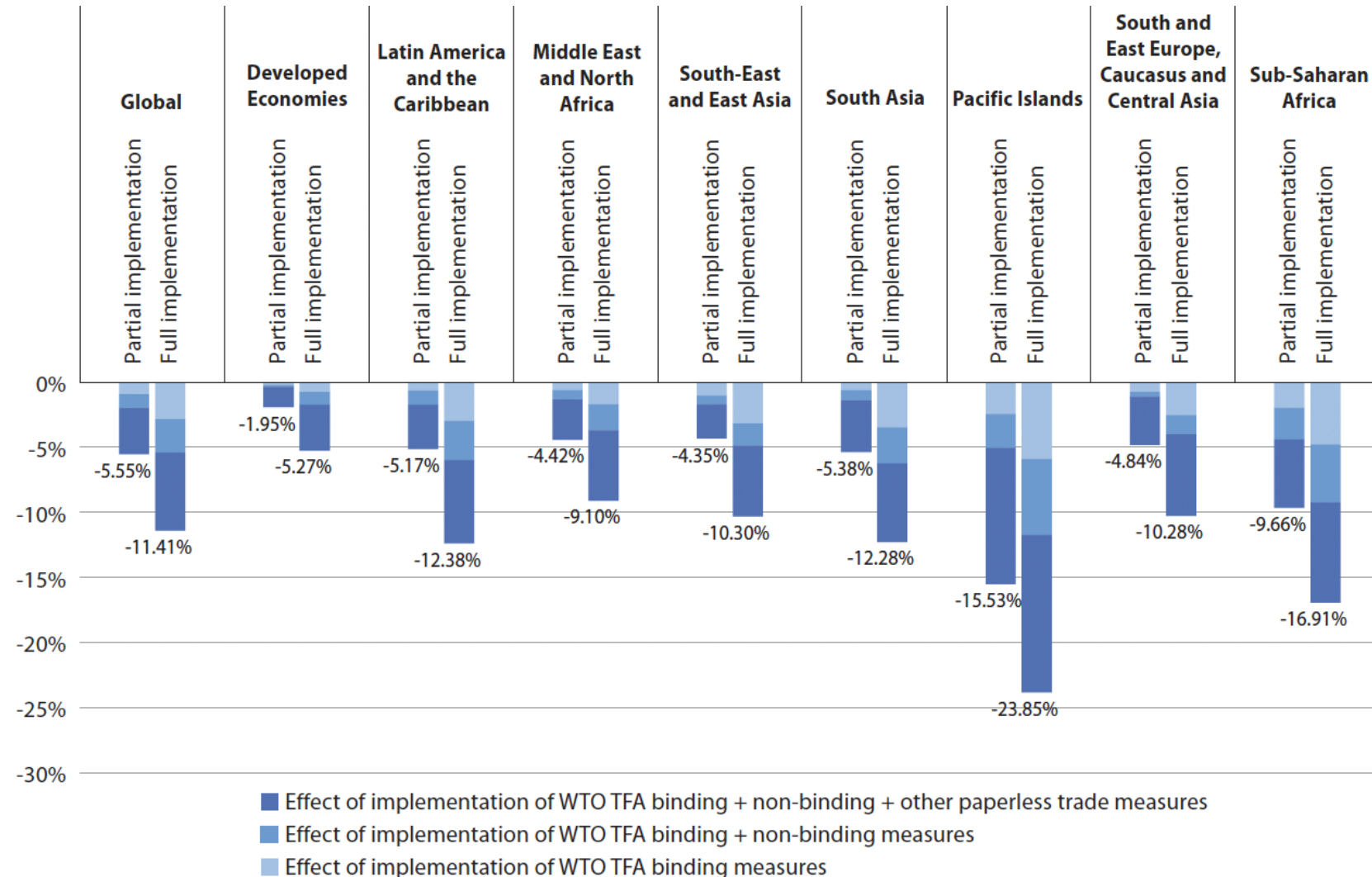


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# Impact of trade facilitation implementation on trade costs globally

- Global average trade cost reduction could reach 11%.
- Potential trade cost reduction across country groups and regions ranges from approximately 5% in Developed Economies to 24% in Pacific Islands.
- Achieving full implementation of trade facilitation measures will require closer cooperation between economies on developing interoperable paperless trade systems.



Source: ESCAP, based on data from [www.untfsurvey.org](http://www.untfsurvey.org) and ESCAP/World Bank Trade Cost database



## How to partner with UNCTAD. Easy!

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We support countries in implementing sustainable and resilient freight transportation and logistics services to enhance trade.

# Thank you

<https://unctad.org/topic/transport-and-trade-logistics/trade-facilitation>

