WCO Europe Regional Workshop
WTO TFA implementation

Implementation Worldwide - UNCTAD experience
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UNCTAD mandate and TF work

Trade facilitation

Analysis and research

Consensus building

Capacity building
Direct UNCTAD TACB support for TFA Implementation

- To date: TACB, TF Plan, Categorization, notification, ratification
- Project on National Implementation Plans on TF
- 35+ countries assisted through this project
- Donor financed through UNCTAD TF Trust Fund

- Cooperating with:
  - ITC, UNECE, UN Regional Commissions, OECD, WB, WCO, WTO etc.
  - EAC, trapca, OECS, UEMOA, CEFTA etc.

- Next steps:
  - Project plans and implementation assistance
  - NTFC focus, PPP assistance
UNCTAD project on the TF Implementation Plans
Research: Implementation level
Implementation is lower in LDCs
Top/bottom TF measures by implementation

**Top 10 most implemented measures**
1. Temp Admission (Measure 35)
2. Inward Outward Proc (Measure 36)
3. Prohib Cons Trans (Measure 23)
4. Uniform FormsDoc (Measure 33)
5. Decl on Trans Goods (Measure 25)
6. Elim Pre-PostShip Exp (Measure 30)
7. Com Border Proc (Measure 32)
8. Opt Return Goods (Measure 34)
9. Expedited Shipments (Measure 22)
10. Sep/Release/Payment (Measure 17)

**Top 10 least implemented measures**
1. Information on Internet (Measure 2)
2. Single Window (Measure 29)
3. Enquiry Points (Measure 3)
4. Advance Ruling (Measure 8)
5. Test Procedures (Measure 13)
6. Disciplines on Fees/Charges (Measure 14)
7. Av. Release Times (Measure 20)
8. Authorized Operators (Measure 21)
9. Border AgencyCoop (Measure 24)
10. Publication (Measure 1)
Research: National Trade Facilitation Committees
National Trade Facilitation Committees
UNCTAD's on-line dbase
NTFC permanent secretariat in majority of cases

Overview of common practices

Source: UNCTAD study 2013
## NTFC funding, largely from Governments

### Overview of common practices

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Success factors of TF bodies

Overview of TF bodies key success factors

1. Involvement of the private sector
2. Coordination
3. Strong political commitment
4. Qualitative participation
5. Knowledge/Awareness of key stakeholders
6. Training / capacity building
7. Work plan
8. Financial resources

Source: UNCTAD study 2013
Greatest obstacles faced by TF bodies

Overview of TF bodies main roadblocks

1. Lack of financial resources
2. Lack of participation
3. Lack of knowledge on trade facilitation
4. Lack of coordination among different institutions
5. Resistance to change
6. Low level of commitment by members
7. Frequent replacement of members
8. Lack of government commitment
9. Lack of work plan

Source: UNCTAD study 2013
What next? Issues and Challenges

- From slow start to increased focus. Entry into force by WTO MC 10?
- Mainstreaming TF as a development tool - political buy-in
- Including all stakeholders and ongoing build capacity is crucial - NTFC
- Donor coordination and collaboration - nationally and internationally
- Financing for both hard and soft implementation
- Long haul
Thank you

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