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Trade Facilitation at the ITC

Trade Facilitation implementation support
4 March 2016



Improving SMEs Competitiveness for exports

Scheduling commitments under the WTO TFA

Improving inter-agency coordination and SME involvement in PPD

Enhancing transparency and access to information

Improving efficiency of cross-border procedures

Strengthening SMEs ability to cross borders

A holistic approach beyond TFA

Facilitating public-private dialogue in trade policy/reform formulation

Collaborating with leading public and private TF agencies

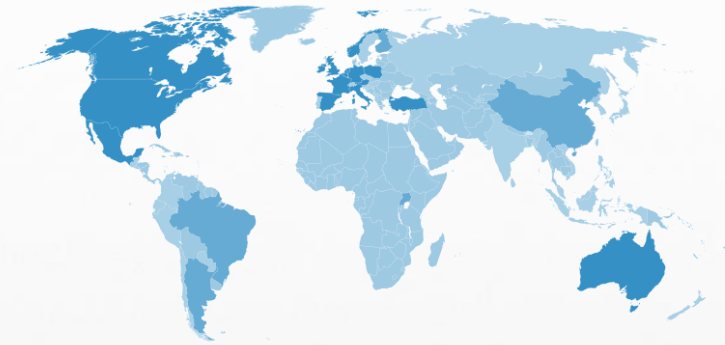
Implementing TFA to promote and deepen regional integration

ITC has supported 40 WTO Members...

**LAC: 11
countries assisted**



**Eurasia:
3 countries assisted**



Africa: 26 countries assisted

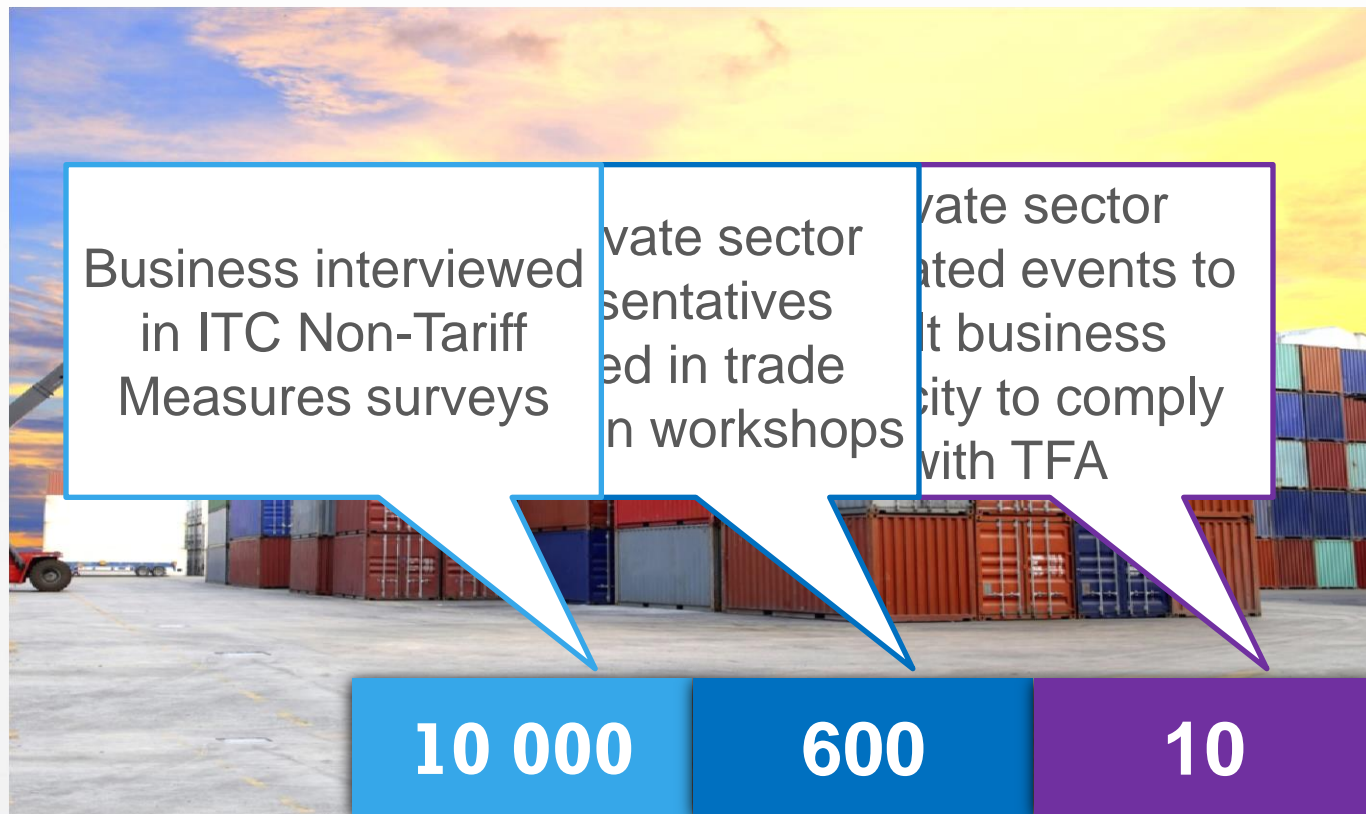


**12 countries ratified,
20 notified their category A**

3 salient features of the ITC Trade facilitation program: promoting...

- ✓ Business perspective with a dedicated focus on SMEs
- ✓ Stakeholders collaboration at national and donors levels
- ✓ Regional approaches to the implementation of TF reforms

Promoting business perspective with a dedicated focus on SMEs



5 national trade facilitation committees established and/or strengthened

Countries assisted



Dominican Republic



Honduras



Guinea



Tajikistan



Nicaragua



Scope of assistance

NTFC establishment

- ToR drafting, governance structure and funding mechanisms designed

NTFC strengthening

- Training of NTFC Members, organization of study tour

NTFC operationalization

- Servicing of NTFC meetings, support to the development of recommendations

Our existing network of partnerships in the area of trade facilitation



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Promoting regional approach to TFA implementation

- **Need for harmonization of practices and regulations**
- **Economy of scales and sharing of resources**
- **Coordinated approach allow businesses to fully benefit from the TFA**

Upcoming event in WAEMU to enhance the coordinated approach towards TFA implementation in the region



6 publications on trade facilitation



Enabling trade: catalyzing TFA implementation in Brazil

- In collaboration with WEF



National Trade Facilitation Committees: Moving towards implementation

- In collaboration with UNCTAD and UNECE



Enabling trade: increasing the potential of trade reforms

- In collaboration with WEF



Global Survey on TF and Paperless Trade Implementation

- In collaboration with UN regional commissions



SMEs and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement: a training manual





- In collaboration with ICC, UNCTAD and UNECE



Mainstreaming TF in SME Development Strategies

- Coming soon (in collaboration with UNESCAP)

Challenges

-  **Efficient access to the resources made available by donors**
-  **Inclusive participation of all businesses into the reform process**
-  **Harmonious inter-agency coordination**
-  **Moving from patron-client relationship to partnership between businesses and border regulatory agencies**

Thank you !

