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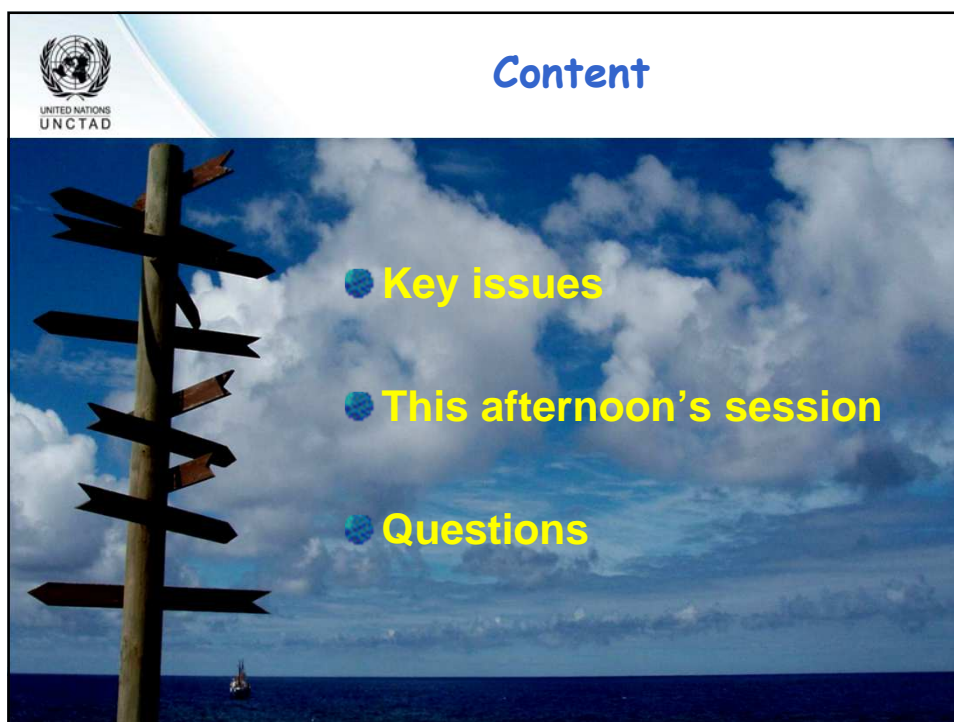
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TFA contains provisions for faster and more efficient customs procedures through effective cooperation between customs and other appropriate authorities on trade facilitation and customs compliance issues. It also contains provisions for technical assistance and capacity building in this area.




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Trade Facilitation

Simplification	Harmonisation	Standardisation
Elimination of unnecessary elements and duplications in formalities, processes and procedures	Alignment of national procedures, operations and documents with international conventions, standards and practices	Developing internationally agreed formats and practices and procedures, documents and information

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UNCTAD experience

UNCTAD has a long-standing expertise and experience in providing technical assistance and capacity building support in the area of trade facilitation in developing countries, including in the establishment of national trade and transport facilitation committees, needs assessments, trade facilitation implementation plans, transit agreements, as well as Customs automated systems.

The inclusion of Trade Facilitation as a “Singapore Issue” in the WTO agenda follows the United Nations International Symposium on Trade Efficiency, which was held, at Ministerial level, in Columbus, Ohio, United States, in October 1994.

Since early 2012, UNCTAD, in collaboration with the other Annex D organizations, has supported approximately 30 developing countries in the development of national trade facilitation implementation plans to ensure compliance with a future WTO TF Agreement.



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Speakers




- Mr. Eduardo Sperisen-Yurt
Permanent Representative of
Guatemala to the World Trade
Organization
- Mr. Ratnakar Adhikari
Enhanced Integrated Framework
- Ms. Christina Busch
World Bank
- National Experiences



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Questions and concerns related to Trade facilitation implementation

From your experience/ perspective...

- What are the main available tools and mechanisms to ensure the successful implementation of trade facilitation reforms?
- How many legal instruments are needed?
- How much collaboration is required?
- Will commitment translate into a speedier implementation? What are the key ingredients?
- What are the building blocks?
- ...



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