

**NON-TARIFF MEASURES WEEK**  
**NTMs: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**



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# **ALADI Initiatives on Regulatory Cooperation**

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# PRESENTATION PLAN

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## ALADI and the Montevideo Treaty (TM80)

- Member countries
- Objectives, Principles and Mechanisms

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## Initiatives on Regulatory Cooperation

- TBT Agreement (Regional Agreement N° 8)
- Databases : NTMs and Environmental Measures

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## Main challenges of the 2019-2021 Agenda

# MEMBER COUNTRIES OF ALADI

*Latin American Integration Association (LAIA),*  
an intergovernmental organization



## RELATIVELY LESS ECONOMICALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES



NICARAGUA

## INTERMEDIATE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES



## OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES



11 founders (1980)  
+ Cuba (1999)  
+ Panamá (2012)

# ALADI AND THE TM80

## Objectives

To promote harmonious and balanced socio-economic development of the region

Establishment of a Latin-American Common Market

## Principles

Pluralism  
Multiple  
Differential treatments  
Flexibility  
Convergence

## Mechanisms

Establishment of an Area of Economic Preferences

# ALADI INITIATIVES ON REGULATORY COOPERATION

- TBT Agreement  
(Regional Agreement N° 8)
- Databases : NTMs and environmental measures

# REGIONAL AGREEMENT N° 8

## Objective

- To prevent the development, adoption and application of Technical Regulations, Technical Standards, and Conformity Assessment from becoming unnecessary technical barriers to intra-regional trade.
- It defines a conceptual framework for ALADI members in relation to the Technical Regulation, Standardization and Conformity Assessment Procedures and reaffirms the rights and obligations contained in the TBT Agreement.

## Other provisions

- Harmonization, technical assistance, SDT, technical consultations, and consideration of subregional developments.

# ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION



- **Specific Trade Concerns**  
Consultation mechanism for specific trade concerns (Proposal of México, under negotiation).

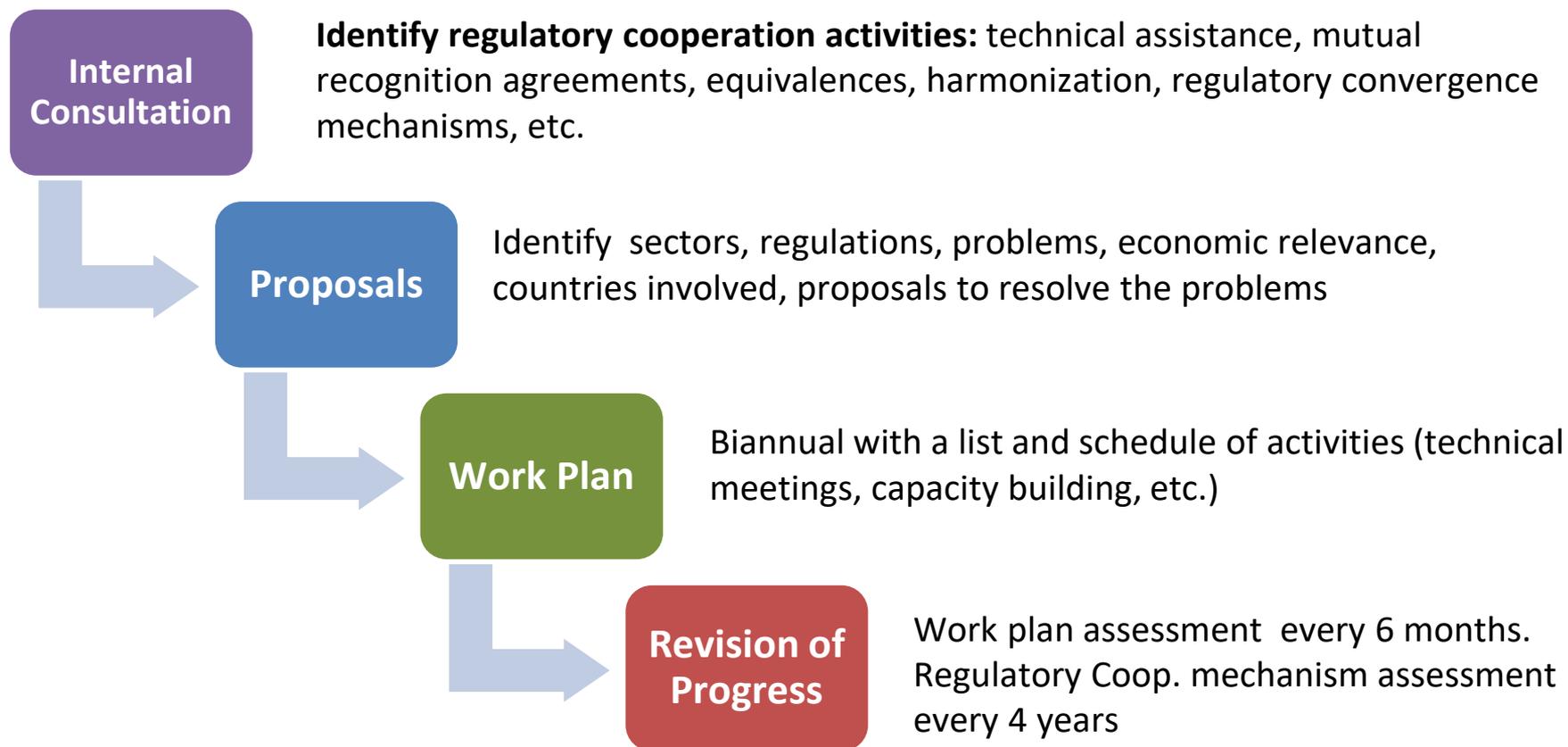
- **Technical Assistance**  
South-South cooperation.  
Workshop on Good Regulatory Practices (next meeting)

- **Regulatory Cooperation**  
Critical Path in Regulatory Cooperation (Decision 1/16)

- **Transparency**  
Contact points and commitment to notify simultaneously notifications to the WTO and ALADI Members.



# CRITICAL PATH IN REGULATORY COOPERATION



# CRITICAL PATH IN REGULATORY COOPERATION: CURRENT SITUATION

WHERE ARE WE NOW?



In the last meeting (2018): Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, México, Perú, Paraguay agreed to start harmonizing the cosmetics sector



- ✓ Regional problems of the cosmetics sector identified
- ✓ Resolution of the identified problems

# ALADI DATABASES

## Bases de Datos



## DATABASES:

- Foreign Trade Statistics of Goods and Services
- National Import Tariffs
- Tariff Preferences

## Destacados



- Correlations between Nomenclatures
- Foreign Trade Regulations (NTMs Intra ALADI)**
- Environmental Measures (NTMs Extra ALADI)**

# NTMs DATABASE

## The Database consists of

A directory of legal regulations in-force applied to imports and exports, at product level

## Information includes

regulation's name, NTM classification code, summary, official source and legal text, affected countries and products, implementation and repeal dates

## Daily updated

regular update and review of the Official Bulletins of the 18 countries, as well as the corresponding official websites outlining trade policies

## Scope

18 Latin-American countries (ALADI + El Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala)

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# MAIN CHALLENGES OF THE AGENDA 2019-2021

# 2019 – 2021 Agenda



**Consolidate and take advantage of existing experience (ALALC / ALADI)**



**Expand the scope of ALADI**



**Convergence**

# THANK YOU

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