

# **Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation:**

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## **Multilateral and regional trade facilitation negotiations and agreements: Ensuring coherence**

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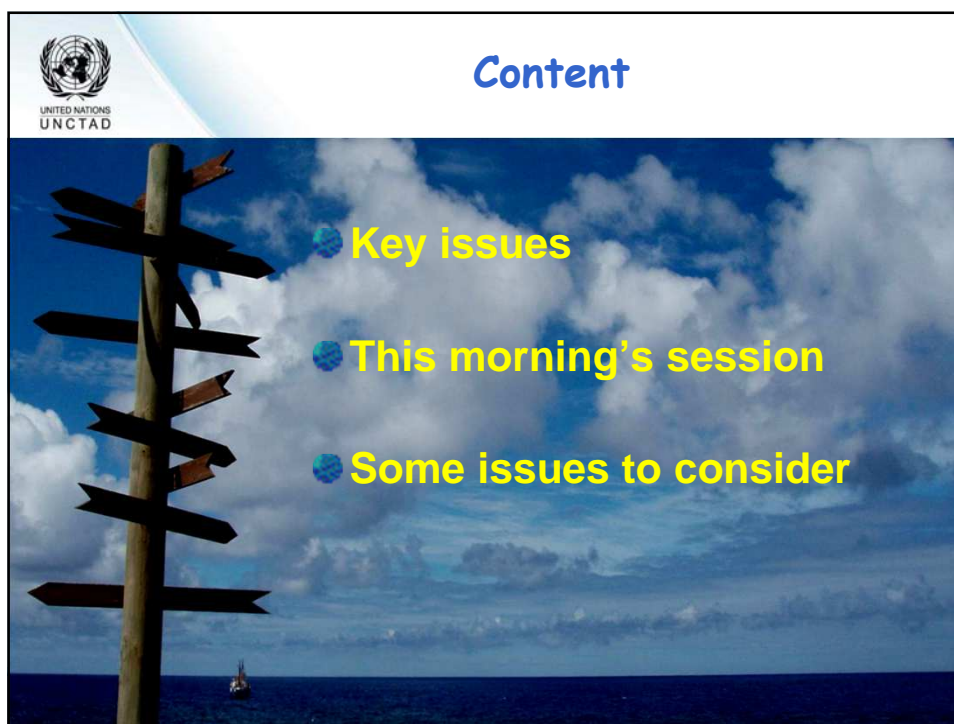
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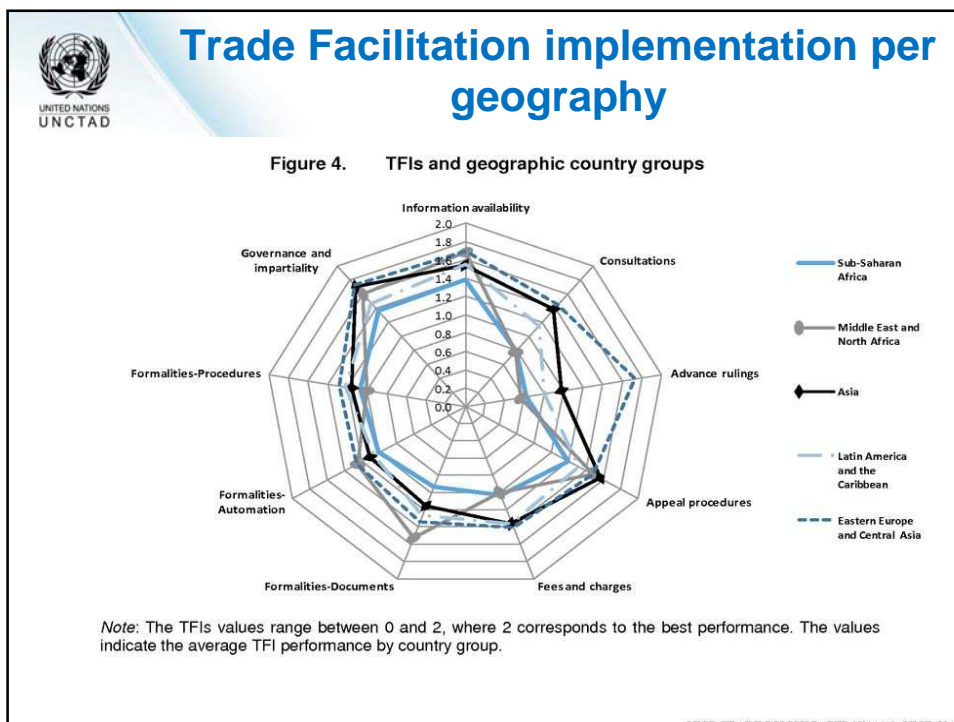
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- UN/CEFACT standards and recommendations
- UN Transport and transit agreements (e.g. TIR)
- Regional Commissions
- IMO




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• Revised Kyoto Convention

• SAFE Framework of Standards



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• WTO SPS Agreement



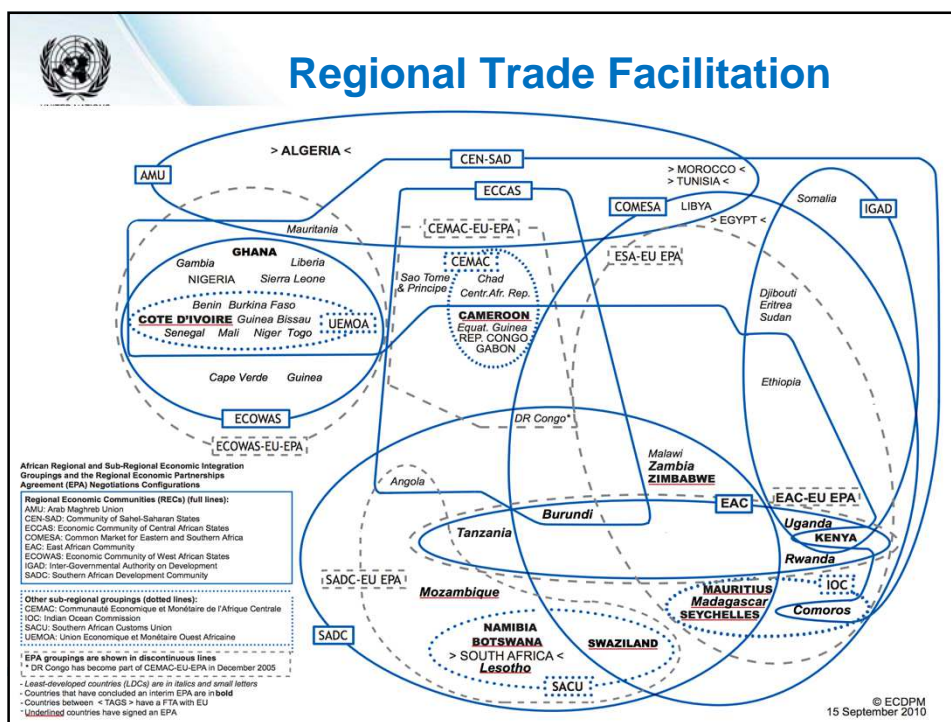
**Regional Trade Facilitation**


**WTO TFA, Final provision, Para. 5**

- ❖ Foresees Regional aspect
- Regional approach for implementation

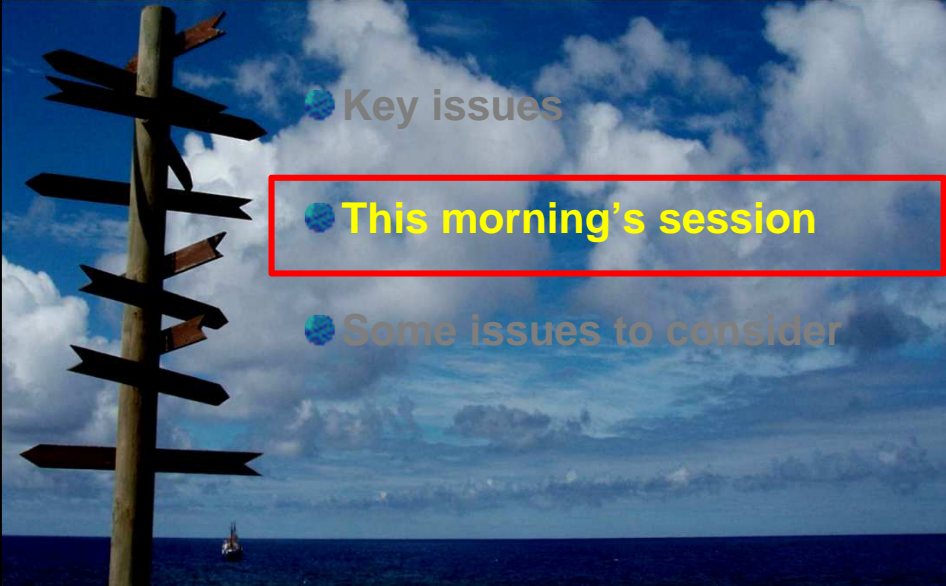
**Coordination and alignment issue**

- ❖ 259 RTAs notified to WTO end 2013
- ❖ Opportunity – assist TFA implementation
  - E.g. ASYCUDA regional implementation
- ❖ Risks – inconsistency and non-aligned parallel developments, cost efficiency





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## Speakers

- Joakim Reiter, Ambassador,  
Mission of Sweden to the WTO
- Christian Kingombe,  
African Development Bank
- Shrikant Kamat,  
B K Khare and Company
- National experiences
  - ❖ Senegal






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## Issues concerning TF in Regional and multilateral agreements

- How to ensure better implementation and compliance of existing international standards and agreements?
- How can RTAs and RECs assist with WTO TFA implementation?
- What are the typical TF gaps at regional level?
- How to ensure continued coordination between multilateral, regional, bilateral and national actions?
- Can efficiency gains and cost savings be generated from regional coordination and collaboration?
- How can UNCTAD best assist in this area?



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