

## Country: Burkina Faso

### Background:

**Official name:** National Committee on Trade Facilitation

**Motivation for its establishment:** Promote consultation to facilitate exchanges for the suggestion of appropriate measures.

**Year of establishment:** 2015

**Other national bodies dealing with WTO issues and/or with Trade Facilitation:** The National Trade Negotiations Committee.

**Former multi-agency group/committee:** The transport facilitation committee.

**Current status of the working group (running, pilot phase, not functioning, etc):** Operational phase

### Institutional Framework:

**Degree of institutionalisation:** Decree issued by the Council of Ministers.

**Type of organisation (ad hoc group, legal entity/organisation, etc):** Ad-hoc basis

**Scope/mandate:** Orientation of policy makers.

**Terms of reference:** Not at the moment but the mission is to suggest either corrective action or new measures to facilitate trade.

**Coordinating agency:** Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Handicrafts

**Working structure of the group:** Chair: Ministry of Commerce

Vice President: Chamber of Commerce and Customs

**Permanent technical secretariat:** Yes

### Funding:

**Budget:** Not at the moment, but it is expected that operations are provided by the state budget and the contribution of technical and financial partners.

**Sources of funding:** State budget and contributions of technical and financial partners.

**Items covered by the budget:** The budget should cover expenses related to the meetings and consultants on specific topics.

### Objectives / Focus:

**Objectives:** Promote communication between actors and suggest appropriate measures to facilitate trade.

**Working plan:** Not finalized

**Monitoring and evaluation:** Evaluation meetings by members of the National Trade Facilitation

Committee for the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

**Reporting form and supervisory authority:** Semi-Annual report

## **Membership / Composition:**

### **Public or quasi-public agencies:**

Ministry of Commerce  
Customs  
Chamber of Commerce  
Shippers Council  
Employers

### **Private associations or entities:**

Carriers  
Importers and Exporters,  
Industrials  
Insurance  
Banks, etc.

### **Level of seniority of participants:**

General Managers  
Managers  
Service Heads  
Frames

## **Participation:**

**Frequency of meetings:** Twice a year and special sessions when needed.

**Level of participation:** Good stakeholder involvement.

## **Promotion / Communication:**

**Communication channels to keep stakeholders informed of TF meetings:** Administrative letters and emails.

**Interface with other working groups/committees on similar issues:** By meeting invitations.

## **Benefits:**

**Impact:** Improving the business environment and support for economic operators.

**Benefits for the country's responsiveness to the WTO negotiation process:** The results of the group's work is communicated to the authorities to assist in the negotiations at the WTO.

**Concrete operational outcomes:** Participation in negotiations for the Trade Facilitation Agreement

and the Economic Partnership Agreements with the European Union.

## **Lessons learned:**

**Success factors:** Technical and financial assistance, capacity building and involvement of the private sector.

**Greatest obstacles:** The lack of funding.

**Lessons learned from your experience:** The importance of the private sector and the need for funding.

## **Future plans:**

**Plans for further development:** Awareness of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and discussion of specific measures.

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