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ADVISORY SERVICES & LEGAL ASSISTANCE

for National Trade Facilitation Committees



Undertaking trade facilitation reforms can involve complex regulatory changes, resulting in an overwhelming experience for policymakers in developing countries

UNCTAD has designed a program to accompany the countries during the process, finding solutions adapted to their needs



STRATEGIC PLANNING OF TRADE FACILITATION REFORMS

- Advising countries in the design and sequence of trade facilitation reforms based on demands and available resources
- Driving a Stakeholder analysis of the needs and strengths
- Aligning trade facilitation strategies with the country's development plan and the UN SDGs
- Supporting advocacy of trade facilitation reforms



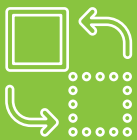
LEGAL GAP ANALYSIS

- Conducting a thorough legal assessment of existing gaps or potential barriers to the implementation of trade facilitation reforms
- Ensuring that critical regulation is in place for optimal implementation of digital trade facilitation measures such as the Single Window for Trade



BUILDING AN ENABLING LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- Identifying the type of legal instrument required i.e.: Law, Decree, Regulation, Act, Procedural guidelines (adapted to the legal system of each country)
- Bringing best practices and lessons learnt from other experiences, and adapting them to the country's needs
- Guiding national legal teams in the drafting process of new regulations or amendments
- Supporting the approval process before Parliaments, when applicable



FACILITATING CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- Coordinating legal reforms with stakeholders from the public and private sectors represented in the Trade Facilitation Committee
- Raising awareness of the new or amended legal framework
- Supporting the negotiation and drafting Memorandum of Understanding among agencies
- Delivering capacity building to government officials on the new requirements



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- Policy, strategic and legal advice on trade facilitation reforms at the national and regional levels
- Elaboration of trade facilitation need assessment, roadmaps, implementation plans, etc.
- Assistance with the ratification, categorization, and notification of trade facilitation obligations
- Development of project proposals
- Implementation support and advice
- Customs and Trade automation and digitalization
- Advisory services and support in all fields of trade logistics, including trade, transit, and transport
- Focus on new issues like gender, climate change smart solutions
- Answering queries during the implementation process of trade facilitation reforms
- Providing best practices and lessons learnt from similar experiences