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# **Global and Regional Initiatives on Transparency and Regulatory Cooperations**

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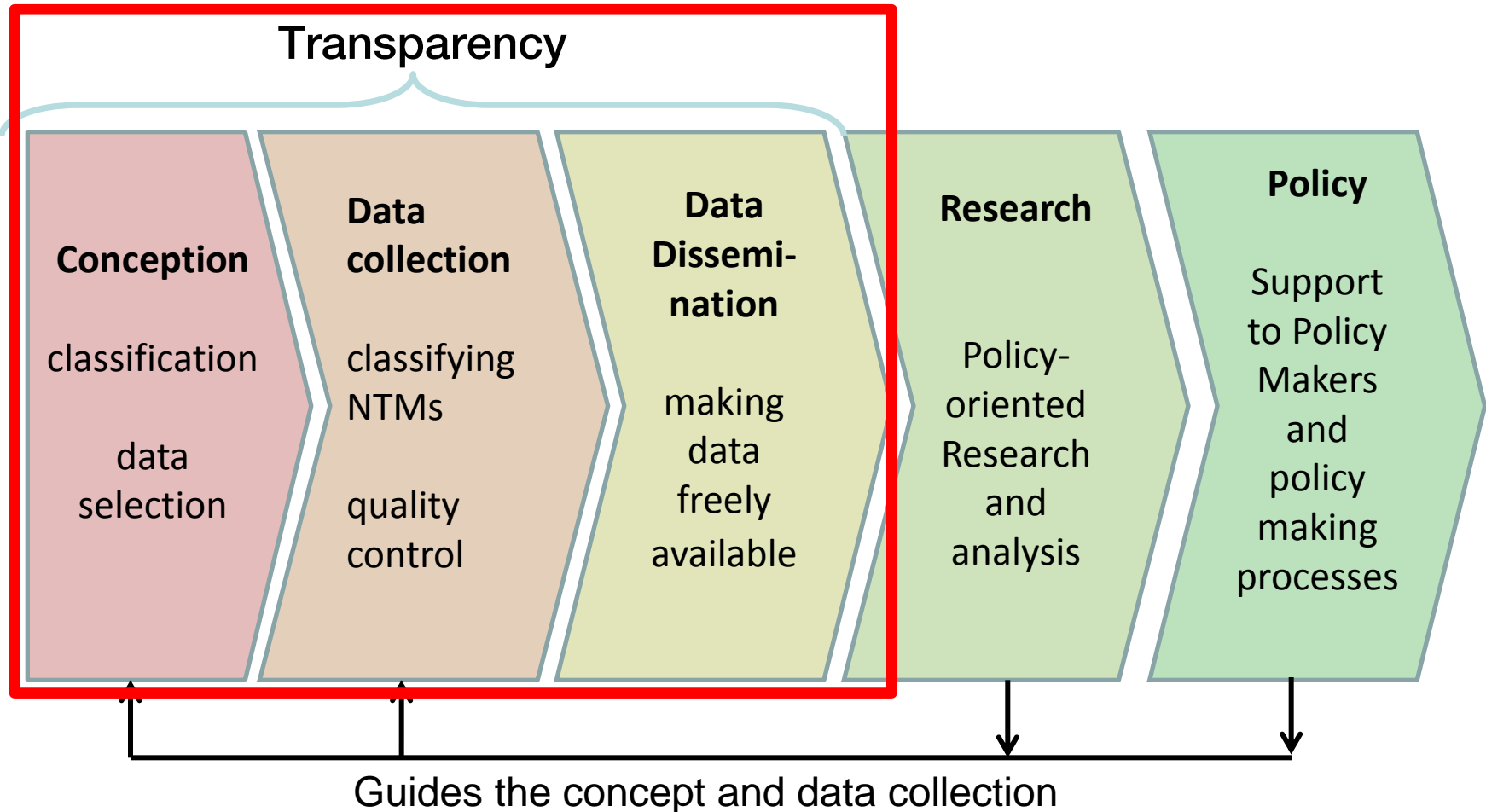
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2. Regulatory Cooperation is an important objective  
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# UNCTAD Programme on NTMs

## A Global Initiative on Transparency

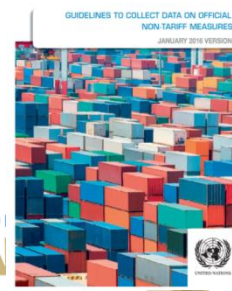
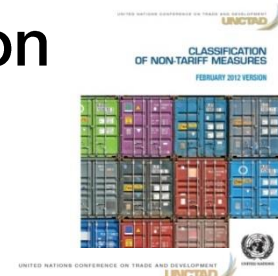


# UNCTAD Non-Tariff Measure Programme



## Step 1: What are NTMs, How to do a systematic mapping

- Develop and revise International Classification on NTMs: Common Language
  - MAST: FAO, IMF, ITC, OECD, UNCTAD, UNIDO, World Bank, WTO
  - Experts and other partner organisation
- Develop standardised approach to map NTMs
  - UNCTAD Guidelines to collect NTMs



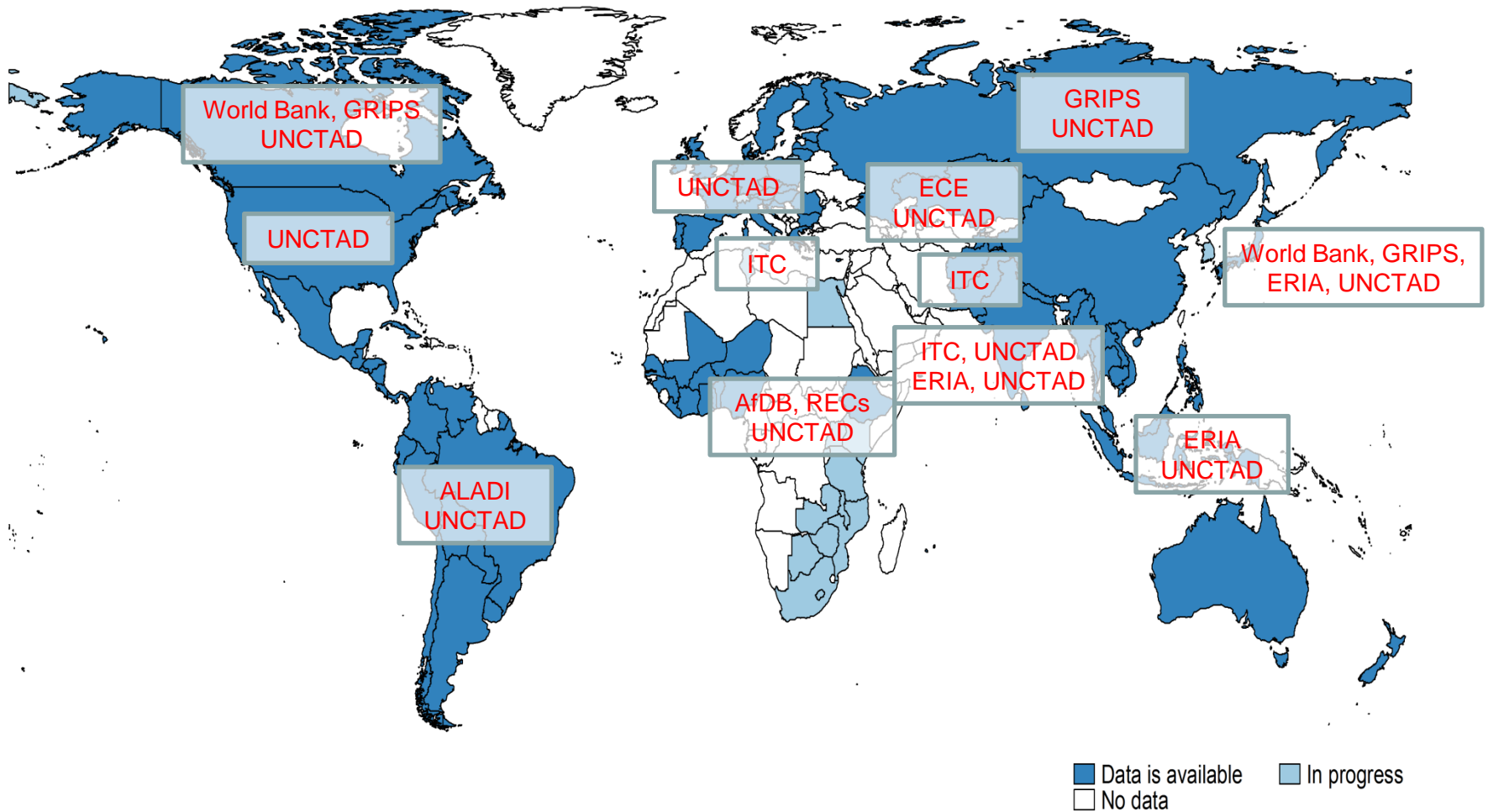
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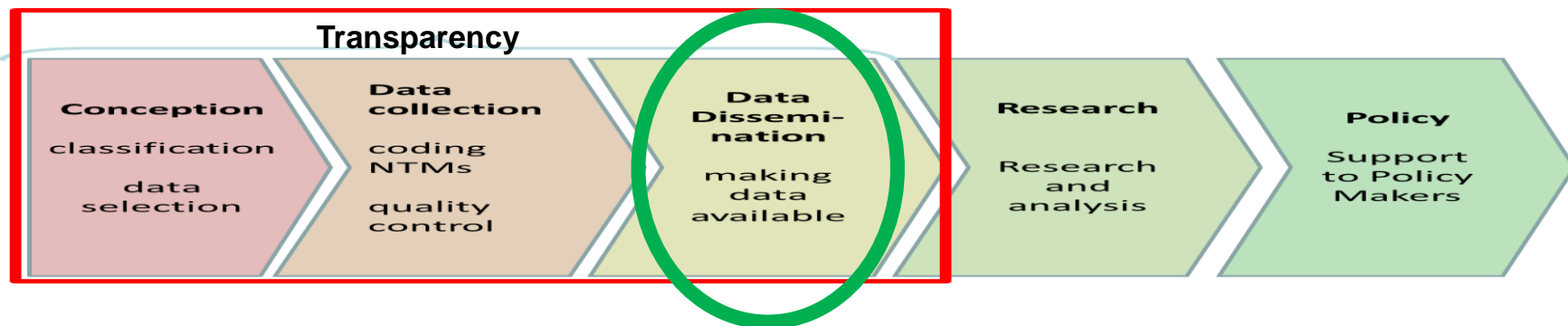
## Step 2: Mapping all Mandatory Regulations

- Working with regional or global partners
  - Established a network to collect NTMs data
  - AfDB (ECA, COMESA, SADC, ECOWAS), Aladi, ECE, ERIA, GRIPS, ITC, World Bank, WTO (notified data)
- Ownership and trust
- Local knowlege
- Establish sustainable approach

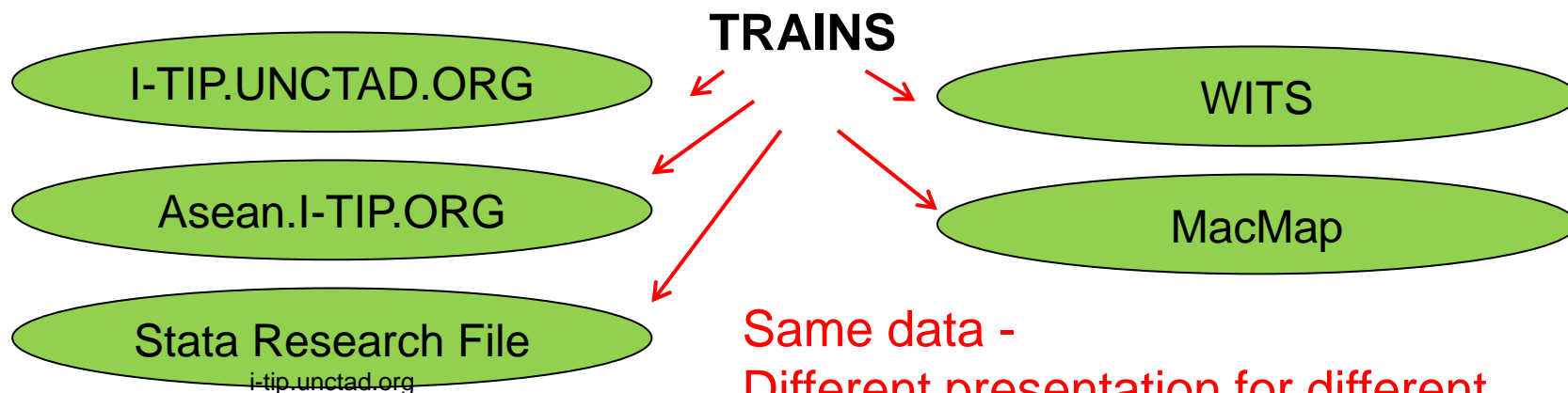
# A global initiative – UNCTAD and partners



# UNCTAD Non-Tariff Measure Programme



## Step 3: Disseminating the information taylor made



Same data -  
Different presentation for different  
users.



# Accessing the TRAINS data: e.g. i-tip.unctad.org

The screenshot shows the TRAINS website interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays "UNCTAD - Integrated Trade...". The website header features the "TRAINS" logo and the tagline "The global database on Non-Tariff Measures". To the right, it states "Through" with the UNCTAD logo, "Developed by WTO" with the WTO logo, and "Adapted for TRAINS data by UNCTAD". Below the header is a navigation bar with logos for UNCTAD, ALADI, ERIA, International Trade Centre, GRIPS, The World Bank, and WTO OMC.

The main content area is titled "TRAINS: Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) based on official regulations". It contains two paragraphs of text:

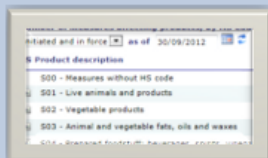
TRAINS NTMs, the global non-tariff measures database, provides comprehensive and systematic information on a broad range of policy instruments that can have an effect on international trade in goods. The information includes traditional trade policy instruments, such as quotas or price controls, as well as regulatory and technical measures that stem from important non-trade objectives related to health and environmental protection (Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)). The objective of the database is to increase transparency and understanding about trade regulations and trade control measures.

The measures have been retrieved from official sources, mainly national trade laws and regulations. Measures are classified according to the [International Classification of NTMs](#) and affected products are classified at the most detailed level of the [Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System \(HS\)](#). The global data collection, a joint effort by UNCTAD, AfDB, ALADI, ERIA, ITC, the World Bank, WTO and financial support from the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, follows the [UNCTAD's Guidelines for NTMs data collection](#).

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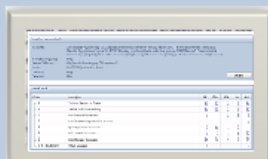
At the bottom, there are two sections: "Choose one of the following options:" and "ABOUT". The "Choose one of the following options:" section includes a thumbnail of a table and the heading "TABLES by PRODUCTS". The "ABOUT" section lists several links: "How To", "Available Countries", "Map of the Application", "Classification used in the application", "Partners and Donors", and "Disclaimer".

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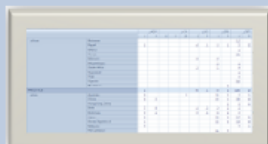
### TABLES by PRODUCTS

- Look at the incidence of NTMs by HS sections and chapters, and by country imposing the measure.
- See individual measures by simply clicking on any number in the tables!
- This option does not allow a selection of products.



### TABLES by MEASURE

- Look at the incidence of NTMs by country imposing the measure.
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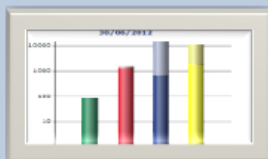
### TABLES by MEMBERS

- Look at the incidence of NTMs by WTO member and geographical regions.
- See individual measures by simply clicking on any number in the tables!



### DETAILED QUERY

- Select any combination of the five criteria: type of NTM, dates, country imposing, country affected, and product. Get tabular listing of NTMs.
- Drill down for additional details.
- Export summary and detailed NTM information.



### ANALYSIS

- You can see and select stocks or flows of Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs), by type of measure.
- See individual measures by simply clicking on any bar in the graphs!
- This option does not allow the selection of country or product affected.

Through any of the five options above you obtain a summary table with measures by country, product and type of measure; by drilling-down you will find a table with detailed information of individual measures, where, through links, you can get the document relevant to each measure. You can export data at the summary or at the detailed level.

### ABOUT

- [How To](#)
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### WHAT IS AVAILABE NOW

- NTM data for the 10 ASEAN countries
- Brunei Darussalam
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Laos
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Vietnam

### QUICK SEARCH

Member imposing

Partner affected

Product affected

Search

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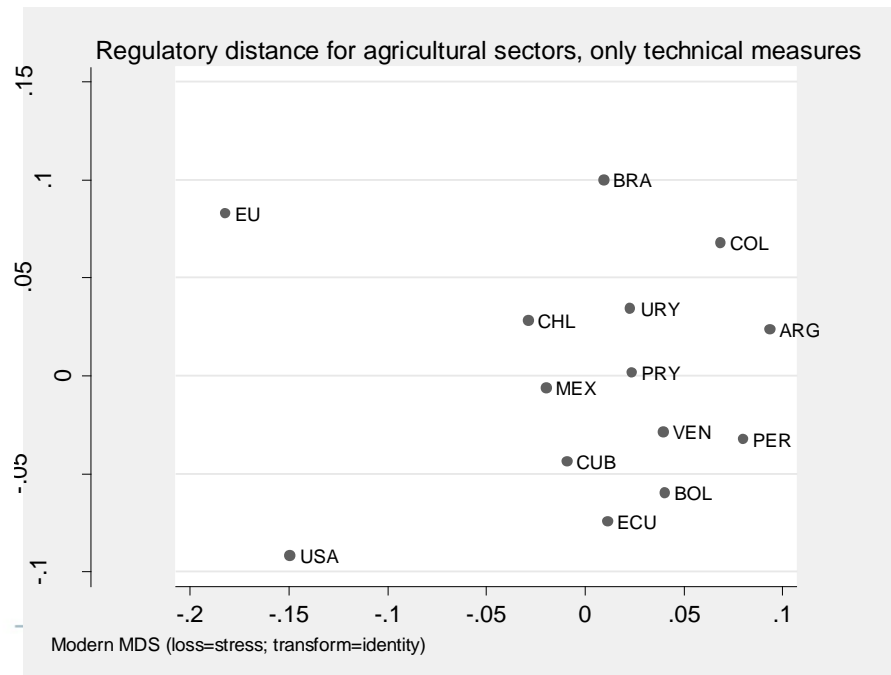
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# New approach to monitor and support Regional Integration and Regulatory Cooperation

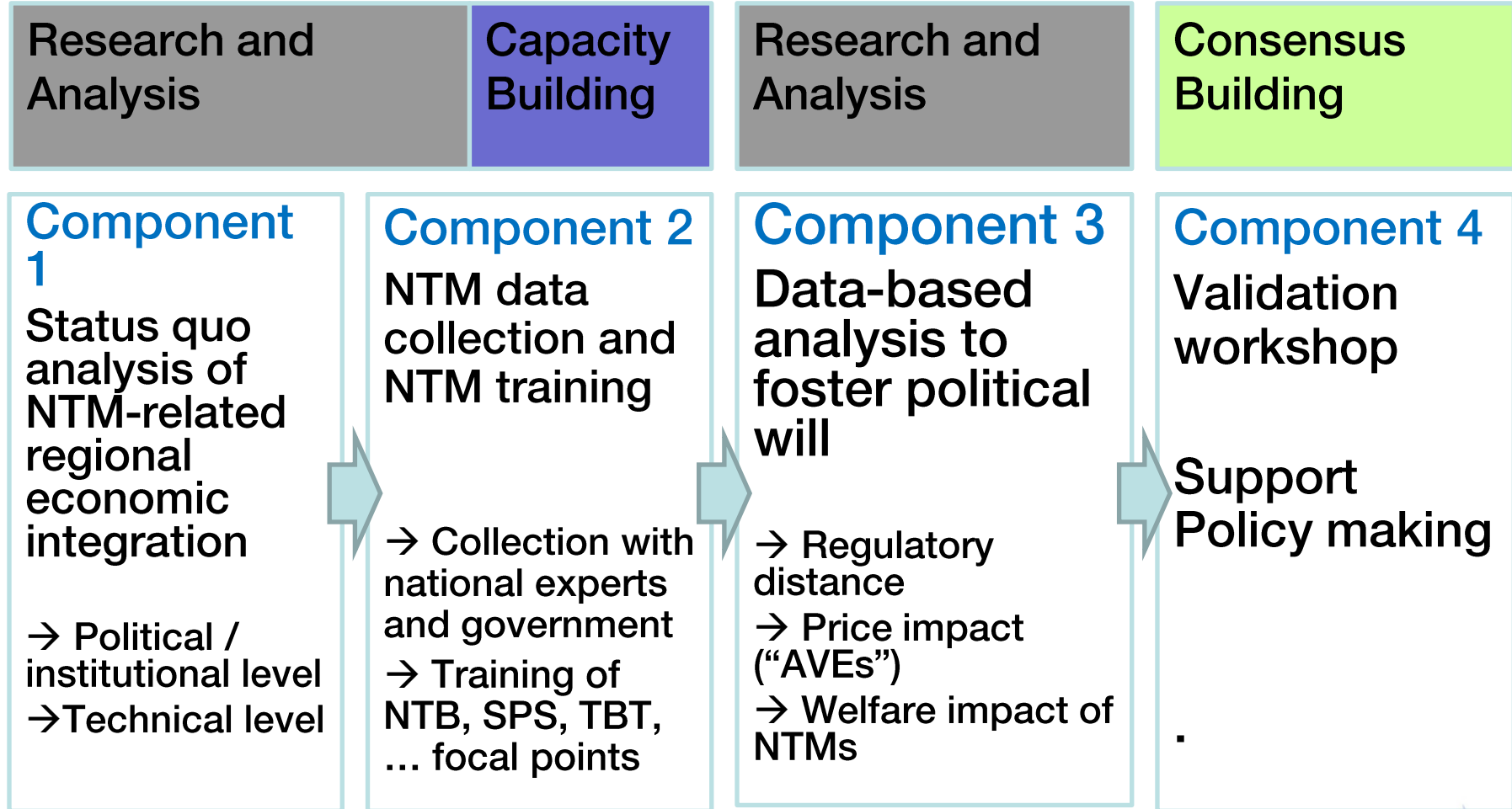
- NTMs and SDGs are very closely linked
- Regulatory cooperation allows to reduce trade costs while enabling countries to protect health and environment
- Can we objectively assess how "close" or "distant" countries' regulations structurally are?
- Regulatory Distance approach ...



More today at 16.30



# Regional Non-Tariff Measure Integration Review



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