PRESENTATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Introduction

- Establishment of NTFC
 - Membership
 - Mandate
 - Working Groups
 - Action plan
 - Funding

Challenges of NTFC

- Inadequate funds to enable the NTFC actively perform its activities outlined in the action plan;
- ➤ Lack of adequate Trade support infrastructure & facilities to expedite action on Trade Facilitation;
- ➤ Inadequate logistics to support the Committee in carrying out some surveillance and performance evaluation on TF;
- ➤ Some TFA implementation agencies lack adequate capacity to ensure implementation of some commitments;
- ➤ Too much bureaucracy and long process to review some existing legislations and policies;
- ➤ Lack of cooperation between the border security agencies in view of duplication of funds; and
- Lack of adequate facilities at the operation points such as modern scanners, lab, single window.

Solutions

- Adequate budgetary provision to serve as counterpart to compliment support from donors;
- Political will by Government at the high level;
- > Enforcement of port reform:
- Supports from Development partners should be on demand driven; and
- More training and sensitization to members of NTFC.