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The role of NTFCs in the implementation of trade facilitation provisions in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia

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NTFC : WTO vs AfCFTA

WTO TFA Art. 23.

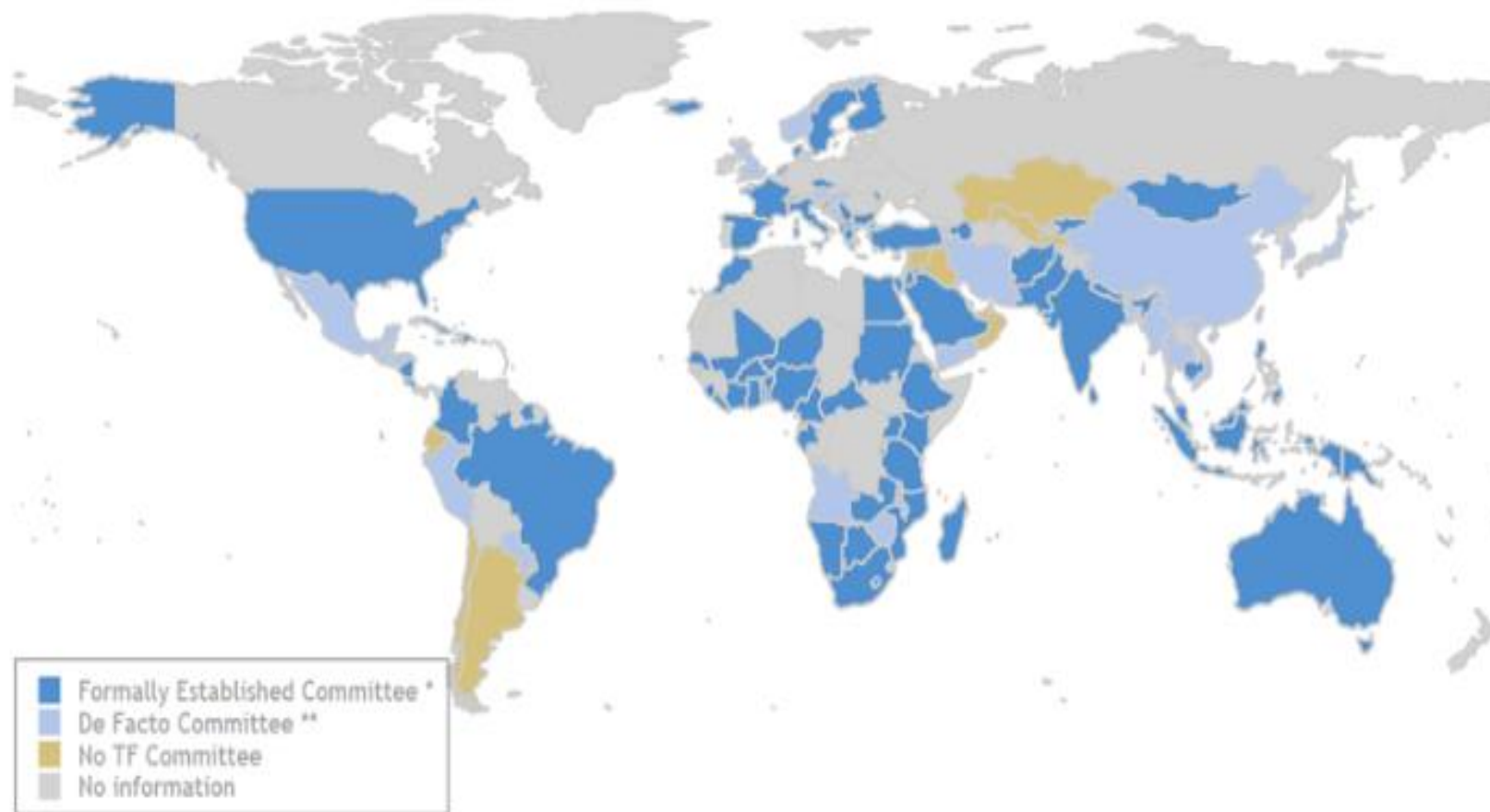


“...**shall** establish and / or maintain a National Committee on Trade Facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both domestic coordination and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement/Annex.”

AfCFTA, Annex 4, Art. 28



Map of Trade Facilitation Committees around the world



* Formally established committee: Committee created by a legal instrument.

** De facto Committee: existing committee, although not created by a legal instrument.

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NTFCs in Africa

- 31 African ratifications of WTO TFA
- 10 African countries have ratified CFTA
- 35-40 African countries have established NTFCs, either formal or de facto



NTFCs and Coordination challenges – IFA and CFTA

- Formal Establishment
- Coordination, Other committees (committee clutter) and with donors
- Effective leadership, champion and political will
- Representation, All relevant stakeholders including private sector
- Sustainability
- Border Coordination, National/bilateral; Border committees; Transit Art. 11.17
- NTFC lead on simplification, e.g. automation/Single window, transport etc.
- Regional / sub-regional coordination and committees

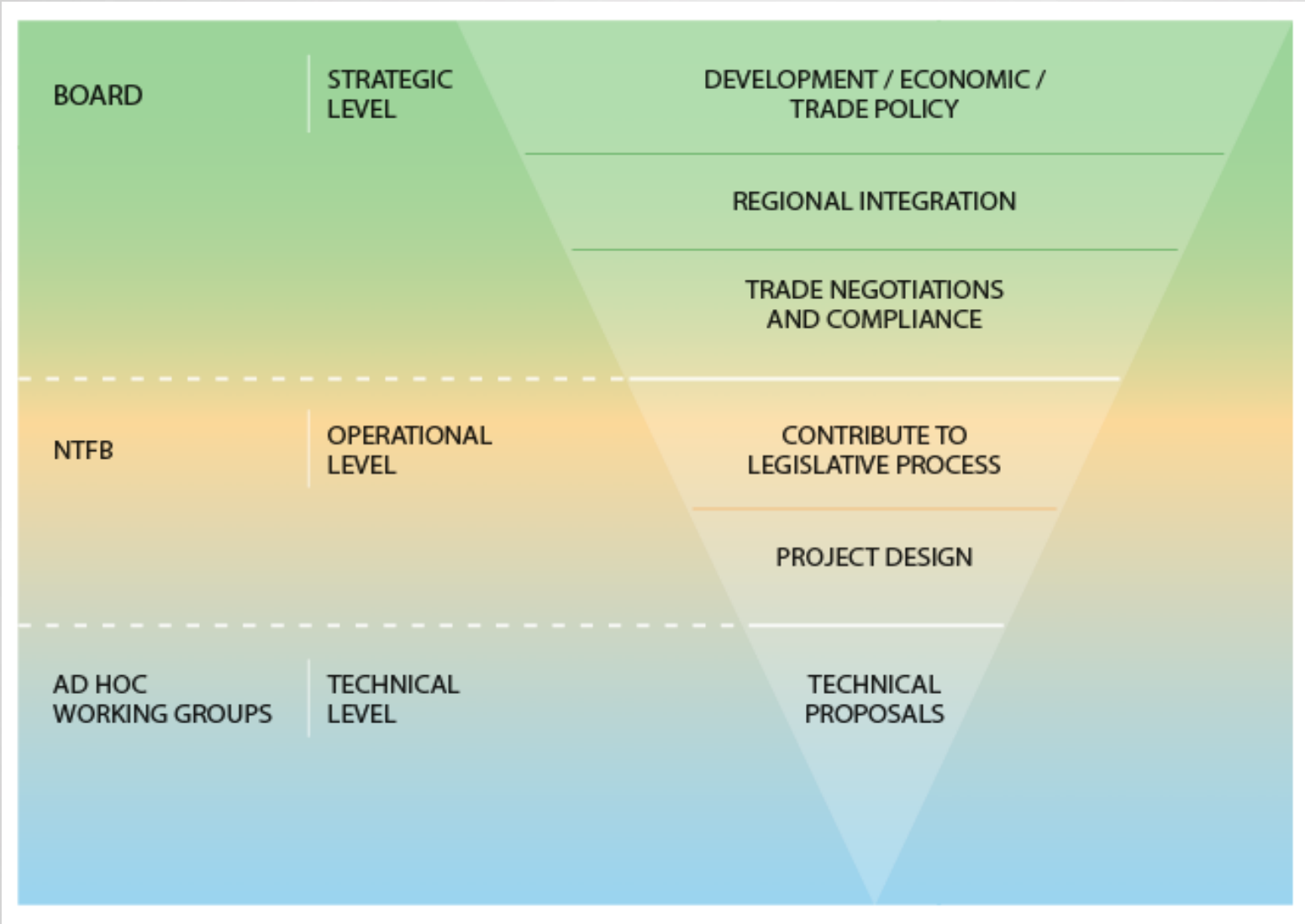
● **NTFCs to be AGENTS OF CHANGE for Trade Facilitation reform**



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NTFC structure

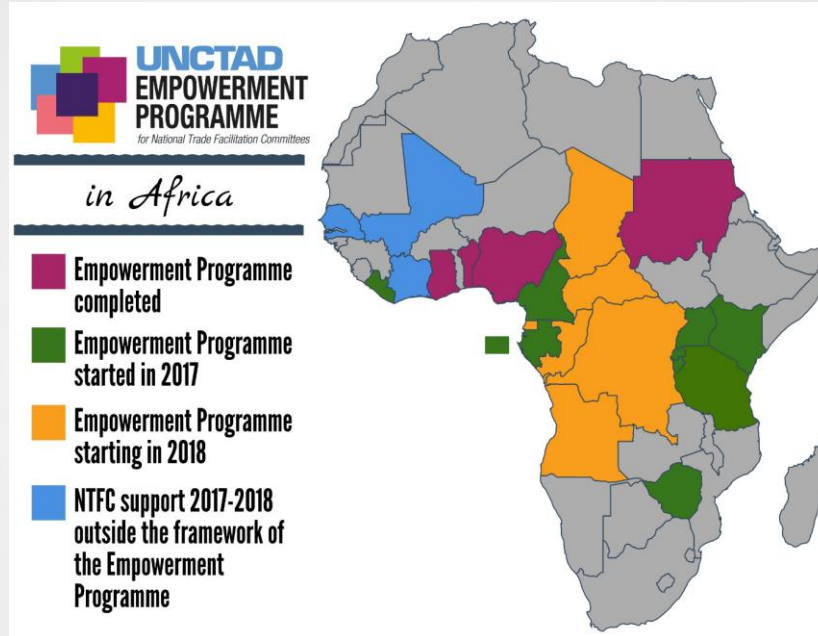


What can UNCTAD do in Trade Facilitation in Africa?

✓ Trade Facilitation (e.g. *Empowerment Programme for NTFCs*)



- 22 African countries since 2016
 - ECCAS countries and Mozambique to be added in 2019
- NTFC support,
- Ratification,
 - Categorization,
 - Notification



MODULES AT A GLANCE

MODULE START UP **ESTABLISHING AN NTFC** *Optional*

- General concepts of trade facilitation
- Guidelines and best practices in strengthening NTFCs
- Drafting terms of reference and applying best practices
- Adoption process of terms of reference and formalization of an NTFC
- Presentation of drafted documents to main political stakeholders to ensure buy-in

MODULE 1 **UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Standards and the international legal framework for trade facilitation
- Legal interpretation of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation of the World Trade Organization
- Trade facilitation and global supply chain management and the promotion of exports

MODULE 2 **MEASURING AND IMPLEMENTING TRADE FACILITATION**

- How to analyse trade data
- Techniques to identify bottlenecks and analyse results
- Introduction to the use of information and communications technologies in trade facilitation
- Introduction to complex measures such as the single window
- The role of an NTFC in the evaluation and monitoring of trade facilitation reforms
- Women and trade facilitation

MODULE 3 **STRENGTHENING AN NTFC AND ESTABLISHING A TRADE FACILITATION ROAD MAP**

- How to improve consultations (with a focus on negotiation skills)
- How to establish a 3–5 year trade facilitation road map with key performance indicators

MODULE 4 **TRAINING-OF-TRAINERS**

- Training-of-trainers techniques
- Training-of-trainers presentations on topics identified during previous modules
- Establishment of a knowledge transfer strategy for training new members of an NTFC

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for National Trade Facilitation Committees

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In 2018, UNCTAD published an updated study on NTFCs

- Focus on **WTO TFA related Committees**
- This study considers information from **59 country cases**
- Collected from **January 2014 to May 2017** via a standardized questionnaire developed by UNCTAD



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