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*Empowering Public-Private partnership for trade facilitation*

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# **UNCTAD Available Technical assistance and capacity building in Africa for Implementation of Trade Facilitation reforms**

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# UNCTAD support for Trade Facilitation implementation

## Scope

- WTO TFA
- 50+ countries assisted
- Donor financed through UNCTAD TF Trust Fund



## Cooperating with:

- ITC, UNECE, UN Regional Commissions, OECD, WB, WCO, WTO etc
- EAC, trapca, OECS, UEMOA, AU, SACU, ECCAS, ECOWAS, etc.

## Interventions

- Needs assessments, Categorization, notification, ratifications
- Project plans for Cat. C and implementation assistance
- NTFC focus, UNCTAD Empowerment Programme
- Information availability, Customs automation, Single Window

## Regions

EAC, Southern Africa, ECCAS, Western Africa, Caribbean, Pacific,



# WTO TFA Assistance: Ratification, Categorization, Notification, Needs assessment, project proposals



# What can UNCTAD do in Trade Facilitation in Africa?

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

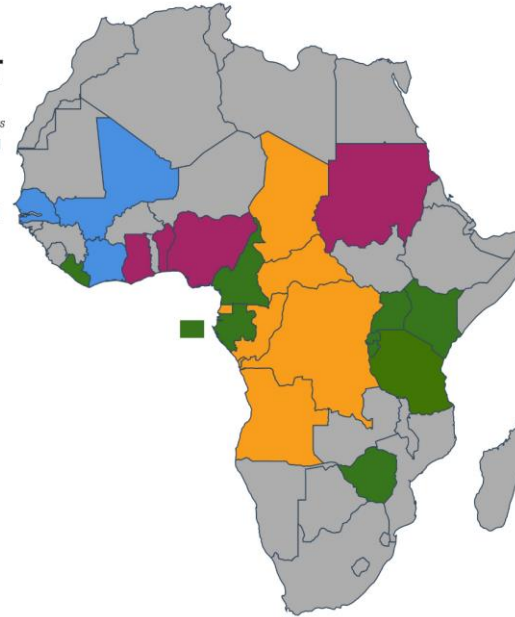


- 22 African countries since 2016
  - ECCAS countries and Mozambique to be added in 2019
- NTFC support,
- Ratification,
  - Categorization,
  - Notification



*in Africa*

- Empowerment Programme completed
- Empowerment Programme started in 2017
- Empowerment Programme starting in 2018
- NTFC support 2017-2018 outside the framework of the Empowerment Programme



### 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

UNCTAD EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME  
for National Trade Facilitation Committees  
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## 2. CUSTOMS AUTOMATION: Automated SYstem for CUstoms DAta (ASYCUDA)



**ASYCUDA program provides expertise and powerful ICT tools to implement customs-related WTO TFA provisions**

**UNCTAD has over 30 years of experience with Customs automation and is used in over 90 countries / territories**

*Since its inception, ASYCUDA has supported Customs Administrations of 111 countries / territories*

[www.asycuda.org](http://www.asycuda.org)

**ART 1**

**PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION**

**ART 3**

**ADVANCE RULING**

**ART 5**

**NOTIFICATIONS ON ENHANCED CONTROLS & INSPECTIONS**

**ART 6**

**DISCIPLINES ON FEES AND CHARGES**

**ART 7**

**RELEASE AND CLEARANCE OF GOODS**

**ART 8**

**BORDER AGENCY COOPERATION**

**ART 9**

**MOVEMENT OF GOODS FOR IMPORT**

**ART 10**

**FORMALITIES CONNECTED WITH IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND TRANSIT**

**ART 11**

**FREEDOM OF TRANSIT**

**ART 12**

**CUSTOMS COOPERATION**





Customs Automation as a key part of  
in Trade Facilitation Reforms:  
ASYCUDA  
Present focus  
Asycuda World  
Cross border exchange of data  
SW Integration of other agencies



# ASYCUDA Single Window concept & components

**Manage and oversee cross border trade operations**

**Banks, financial institutions**

**Carriers, freight handlers**

**Trade operators**

**Customs brokers**

**Insurances**

**Technical control of vehicles**

**Defense, weapons**

**Agriculture, food and drugs**

**Chemicals, precursors**

**Control of origin labels**

**Endangered species (CITES)**

**Port, airport authorities**

**Statistical department**

**Public treasury**

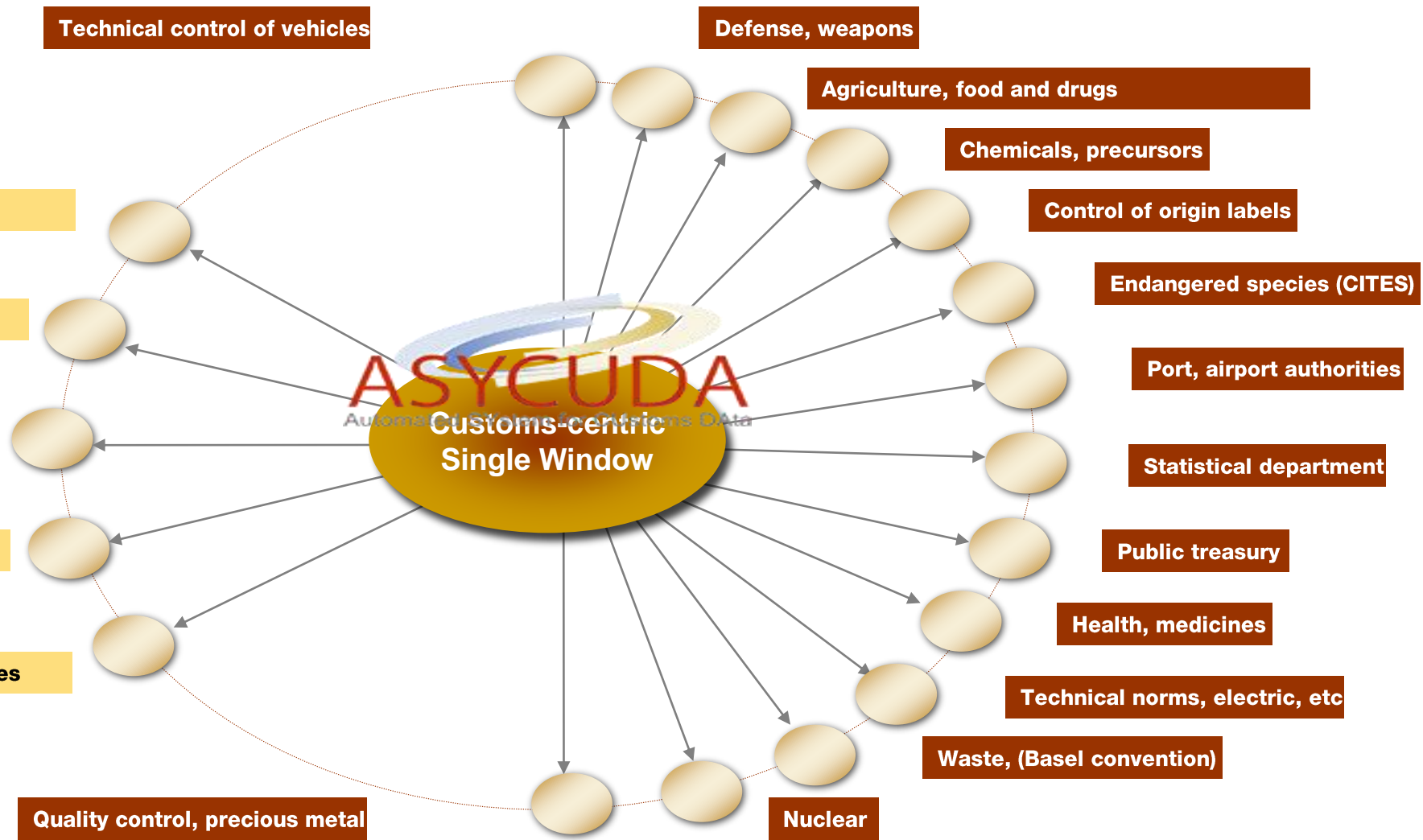
**Health, medicines**

**Technical norms, electric, etc**

**Waste, (Basel convention)**

**Quality control, precious metal**

**Nuclear**



**...KEEP UP WITH DEMAND!**

### 3. ONLINE PORTALS ON FOREIGN TRADE PROCEDURES



**eRegulations, an electronic tool to help governments make rules and procedures fully transparent and to facilitate business, trade and investment.**



**ART 1**

**PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION**



**eRegistrations, a facility to traders for online tracking of their procedures through a single interphase can be developed in cooperation with ASYCUDA**



**ART 10.4**

**SINGLE WINDOW**

<http://businessfacilitation.org>

## Business Facilitation Map

eRegulations eRegistrations Trade Portals



EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS



HOME

PROCEDURES

SEARCH TARIFFS

ABOUT US

CONTACT US



# A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE ON FOREIGN TRADE PROCEDURES

Search by

Product

Pre-clearance procedures

Clearance procedures

Type of operation: ▼

Product: ▼

Search

HOW DOES IT WORK?

FORMS, LAWS AND CONTACTS

TRADE FACILITATION  
AGREEMENT REPOSITORY

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS  
POWERED BY ITC



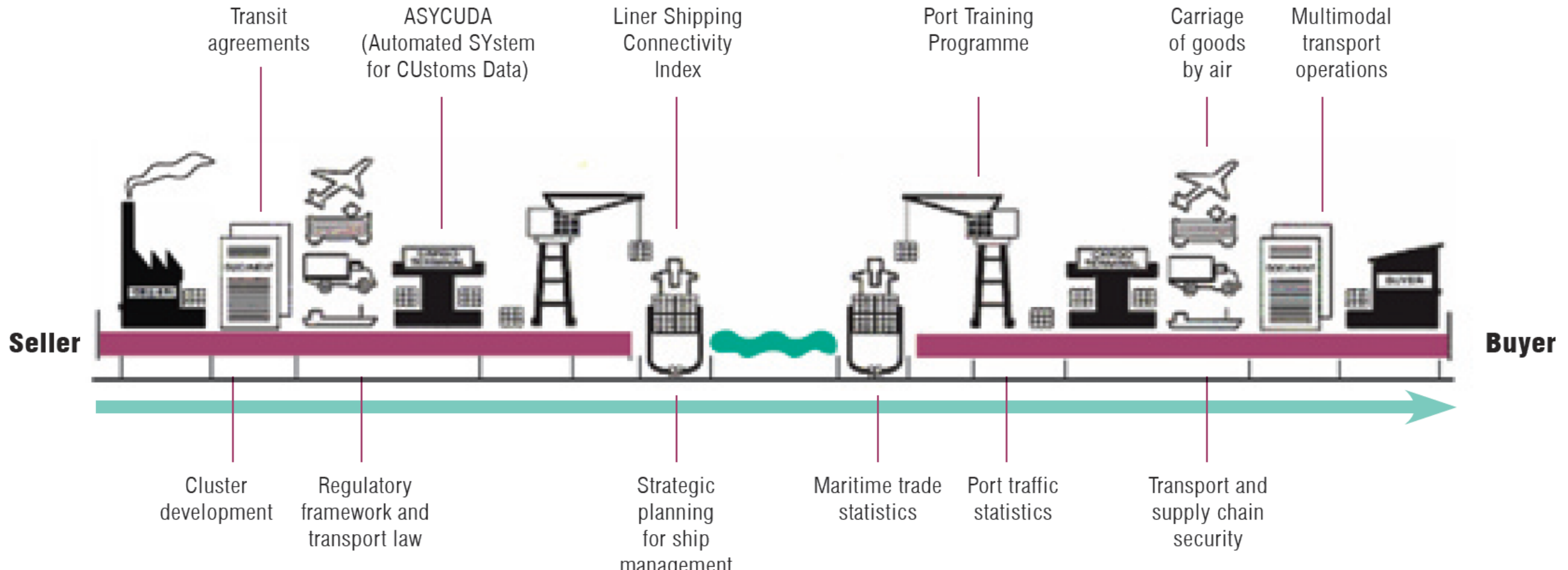
# 5. TRANSIT AND SUPPORT TO LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES



**Implementation of policies and measures aimed at economic restructuring and specialization to overcome transport-related obstacles**



**ART 11  
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# THANK YOU!



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