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Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation: Global Report 2021

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UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2021



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58 trade facilitation (TF) measures covering 144 countries

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WTO TFA-related measures

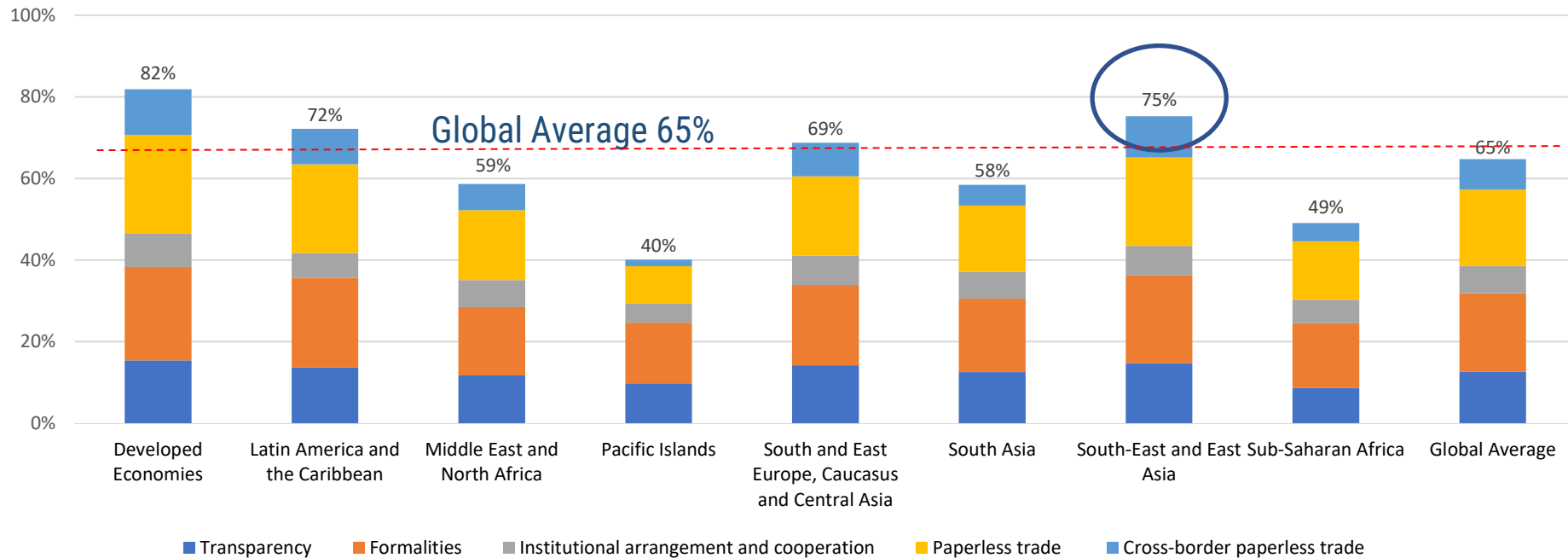
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Digital TF: paperless trade &
cross-border paperless trade

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Sustainable TF: for SMEs, for Agriculture,
for women

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Trade Finance Facilitation &
Trade Facilitation during Crisis/Pandemic

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Implementation of trade facilitation with Southeast and East Asia leading developing countries



Implementation of TF: Progress 2019-2021

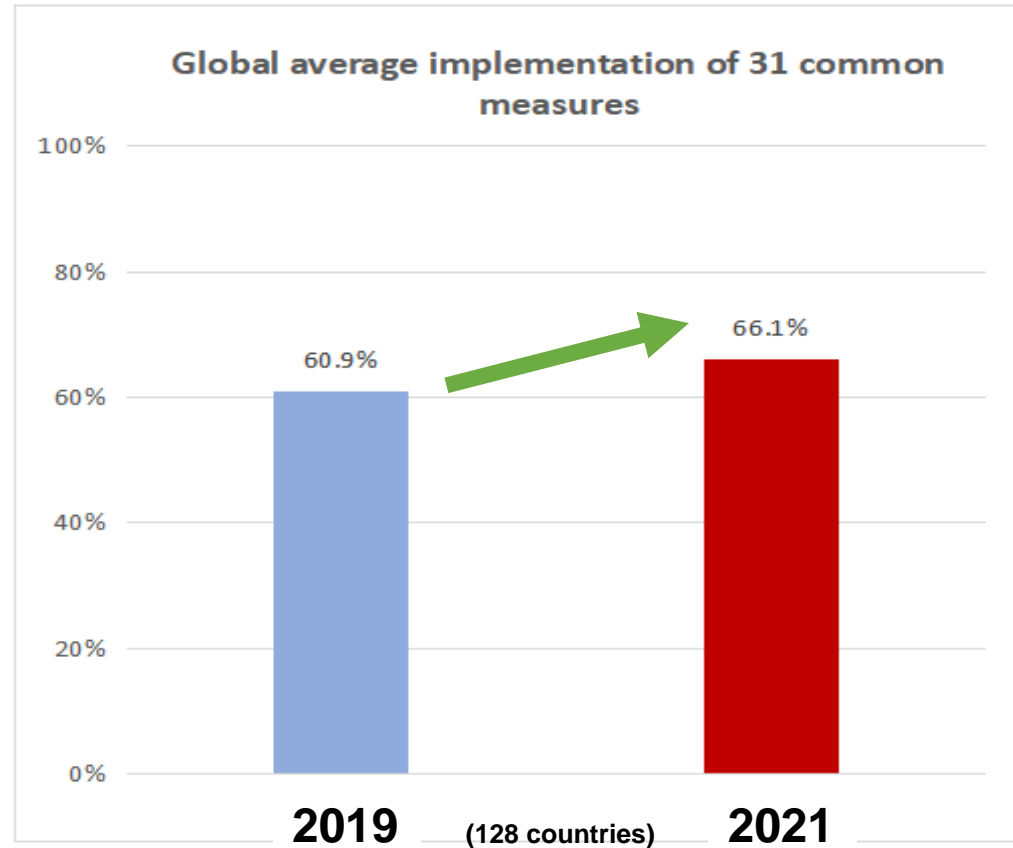
(128 countries covered in both 2019/2021 Surveys)



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Despite supply chain disruptions during COVID-19, implementation increased by over 5 percentage points since 2019.

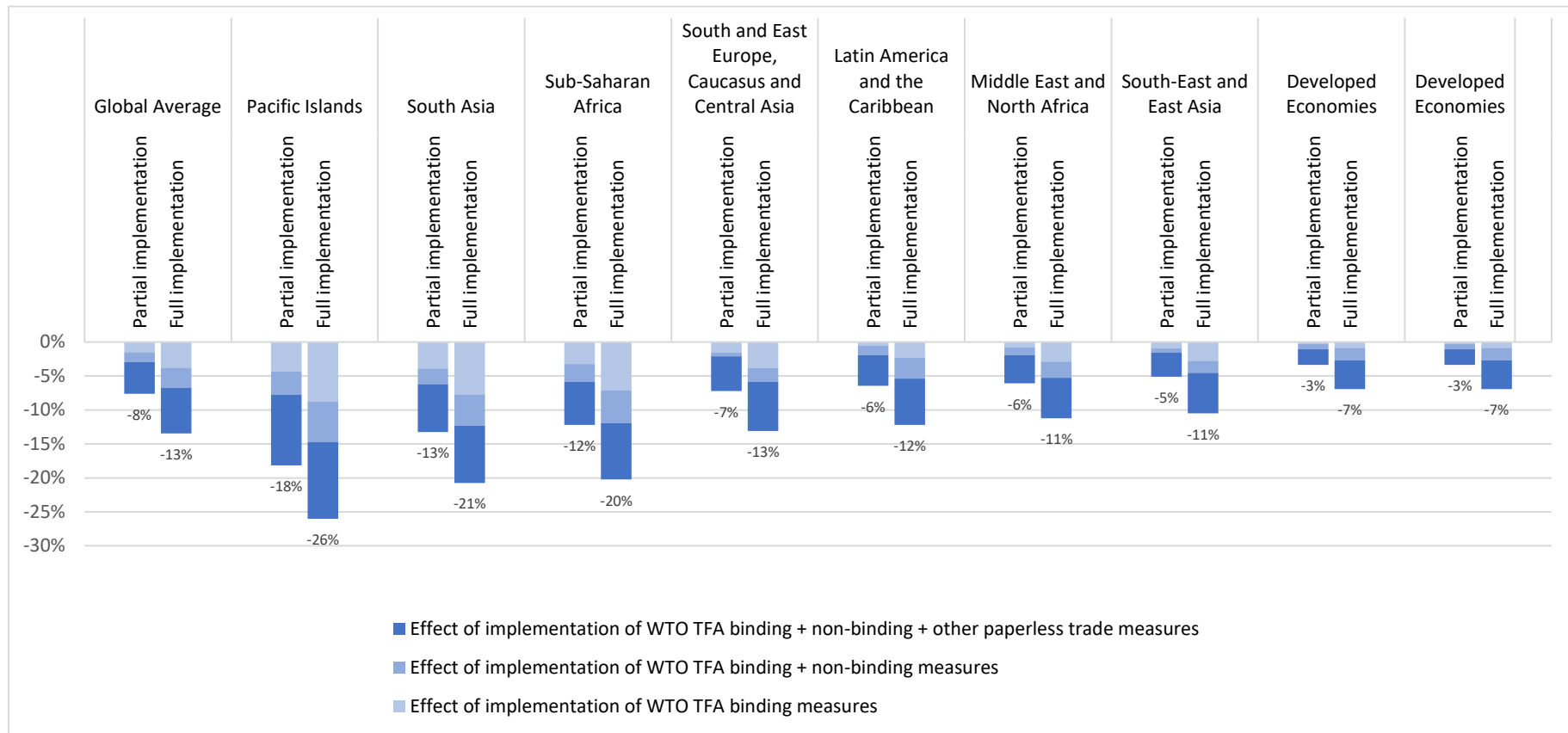


Digital Trade Facilitation Measures: Catalyst for Trade Cost Reduction



Global: trade costs model	WTO TFA (binding only)		WTO TFA (binding + non binding)		WTO TFA+ (binding + non binding + other paperless and cross-border paperless trade)	
	Partially implemented	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	Fully implemented
Model 1						
Overall trade facilitation	-1.52%	-3.76%	-2.96%	-6.78%	-7.62%	-13.47%
Model 2						
General trade facilitation measures	-0.55%	-1.34%	-0.89%	-2.09%	-1.06%	-2.33%
Digital trade facilitation measures			-1.27%	-2.42%	-8.13%	-12.54%

Impact of trade facilitation implementation on trade costs in various regions



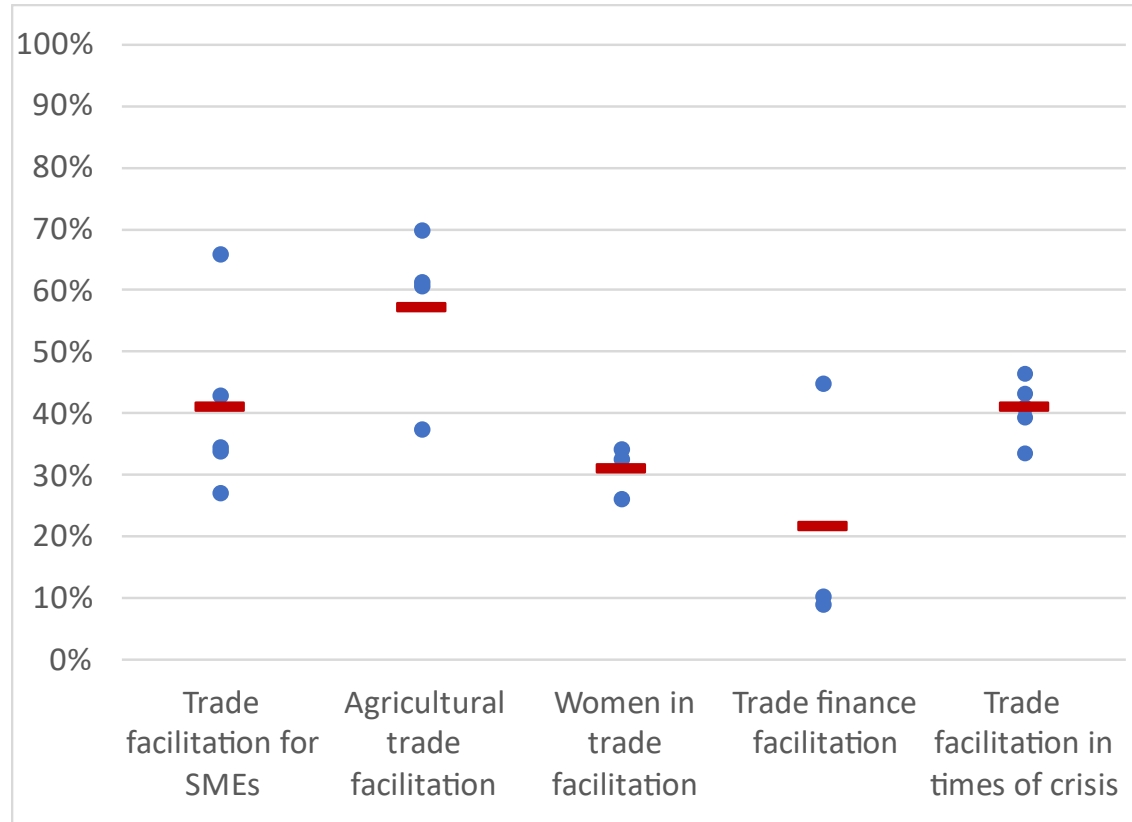
Implementation of Sustainable and Resilient TF measures



Implementation of TF measures for special and disadvantaged groups (SMEs & Women) remains low

Trade finance facilitation – absence of data & lack of awareness

Challenges exist in TF in times of crisis



Good Practices during crisis



CHALLENGE:
Long-term
preparedness for
future crises

Turn to digital
documents +
develop technique
for validating e-cert

issue guidance on Customs
issues related to the COVID-19
emergency in order to provide
solid and practical solutions
for all stakeholders



Coordination and
joint clearance
between border
agencies



24/7
Expedited clearance
for essentials
GREEN LANES





Good Practices – for



01

Support SMEs in
AEO Scheme
Australia, HK China

02

A dedicated outreach
working group for
SMEs in NTFC
India

03

Makes SW more
accessible to SMEs
Azerbaijan

Conclusion & Way Forward



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01

Accelerate implementation
of digital trade facilitation
measures

02

Design trade facilitation strategies
that are inclusive and supportive
of the SDGs

03

Strengthen long-term capacity
to keep trade going during
future crises



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Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade

Visualize and compare implementation of measures across regions and economies

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Good Practices towards Seamless Cross-border Paperless Trade



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ASEAN Single Window

African Alliance for
Electronic Commerce

IPPC e-phyto Hub

Framework Agreement
on CBPT



Good Practices in Agricultural TF



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01

[Peru]

Integrating
agriculture-related
trade procedures
into Single Window



02

[Ireland]

Special treatment
for perishable
goods: dairy, beef ,
seafood etc.

03

[Paraguay]

New platform &
mobile application to
enhance
transparency &
facilitate trade of
agri-products.

Good Practices for women traders



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[India] The National Trade Facilitation Action Plan 2020-2023 promotes gender inclusiveness in trade

The South Asia Regional Trade Facilitation Program (SARTFP) promotes women's participation in cross-border trade and their rights

[Kenya-Uganda] installing sex-differentiated facilities to improve health and environmental conditions for women traders at border crossing.



Women in TF