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Implementation and the Vienna Program  
of Action**

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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,



**Rwanda, Chad, DG Azevêdo , Jordan, Oman**



**TFA Entry into Force  
February 22, 2017**

# Ratifications



# Beyond trade policies

# Sustainable development goals

# TTF is good for development

**TTF reforms help to ...**

- **increase revenue collection, compliance and security**
- **formalize trade,**
- **improve governance,**
- **empower women entrepreneurs,**
- **strengthen regional integration,**
- **modernize public administrations,**
- **foster IT capacities,**



**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**



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





**Improve coordination in the implementation of TF reforms**

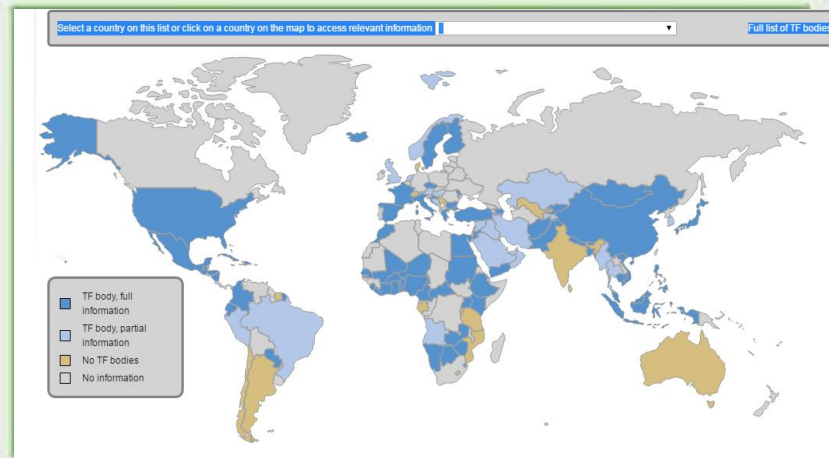


UNCTAD has intensive experience supporting

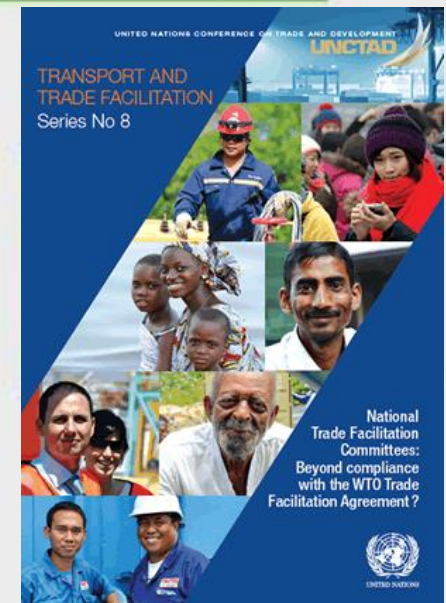
**NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES**



**ART 23.2  
NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES**



**Repository of more than 80 national trade facilitation committees**



<http://unctad.org/tfc>

<http://unctad.org/en/DTL/TLB/Pages/TF/Committees/default.aspx>



# UNCTAD EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

## for National Trade Facilitation Committees

UNCTAD provides an intensive professional programme for the secretariats and members of national trade facilitation committees (NTFCs). The main objective is to help them implement, in a coordinated manner, trade facilitation reforms, including the provisions of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation of the World Trade Organization. Successful committees and their members will be granted a completion certificate.



### BENEFITS

- Establishing an NTFC, if needed
- Improving teamwork dynamics within an NTFC
- Launching a national road map for mainstreaming trade facilitation in development policy
- Ensuring impact sustainability by transferring knowledge with a training-of-trainers approach and preparation of a knowledge transfer strategy
- Providing a sign of quality for donors and international agencies



### KEY ASPECTS

- Courses developed by international experts in collaboration with other United Nations and international organizations (in particular, the International Trade Centre and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe)
- Content tailor made to country-specific needs
- E-learning and face-to-face training
- Interactive methodology: "learning by doing"
- Technical visits in the field and training-of-trainers module included



### FLEXIBLE MODULES

- A total of 4 to 5 modules of 30 hours each
- Module length of 3 to 5 days each, according to country-specific needs
- Possibility of choosing sequence of modules depending on current and future needs
- Optional "start-up" module on establishing an NTFC



### TARGET AUDIENCE AND LANGUAGE

- Current and future members of NTFCs, including their secretariats and a wide variety of public and private sector members
- English, French and Spanish
- Other languages may be available upon request



### CERTIFICATION

- Following successful achievement of the Empowerment Programme, NTFC members will be granted an UNCTAD certification of completion
- Empowered NTFCs will be featured in the UNCTAD online repository on NTFCs: [unctad.org/tf](http://unctad.org/tf)



## 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  
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  
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  
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

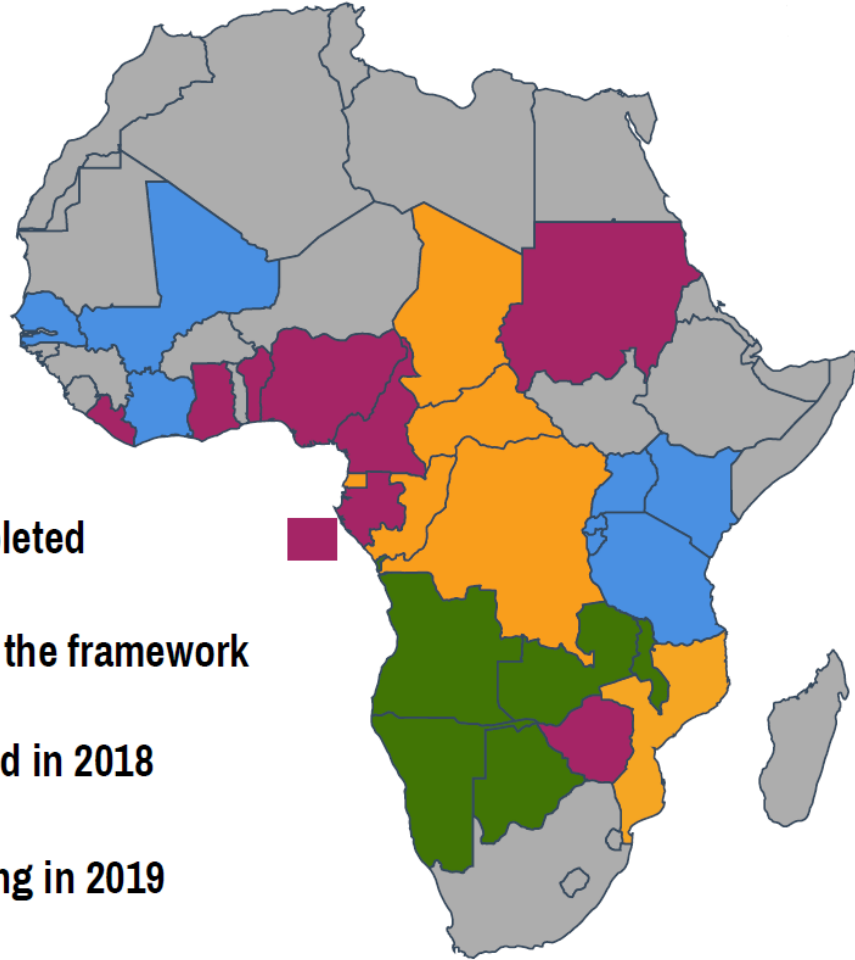


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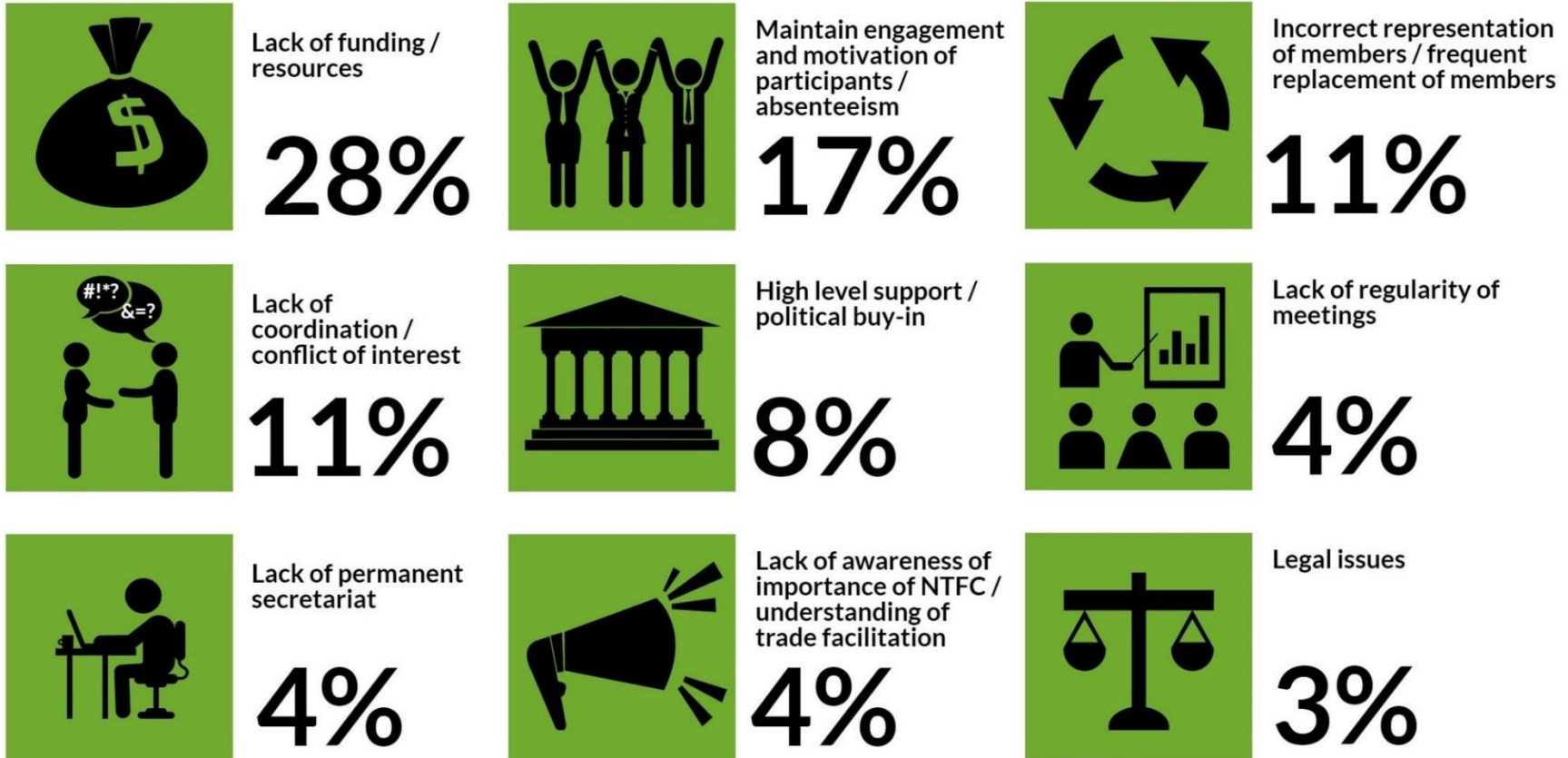


# 02 UNCTAD SUPPORT TO TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES IN AFRICA



- Empowerment Programme completed
- NTFC support 2017-2018 outside the framework of the Empowerment Programme
- Empowerment Programme started in 2018
- Empowerment Programme starting in 2019

# What are the greatest challenges for NTFCs in developing



## ***Main differences with the previous study:***

- Lack of financial resources is still main obstacle but goes from 23% to 28%***
- Lack of knowledge / awareness decreases from 12% to 4% but frequent replacement of members or incorrect representation increases from 4% to 11%***
- New obstacles: lack of regularity of meetings, lack of permanent secretariat and legal issues***

## 2. CUSTOMS AUTOMATION: Automated SYstem for CUsoms 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**

**ASYCUDAWORLD CUSTOMS PORTAL**  
CUSTOMERS: NEPAD/ICG, JMWELC AND GDS



**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

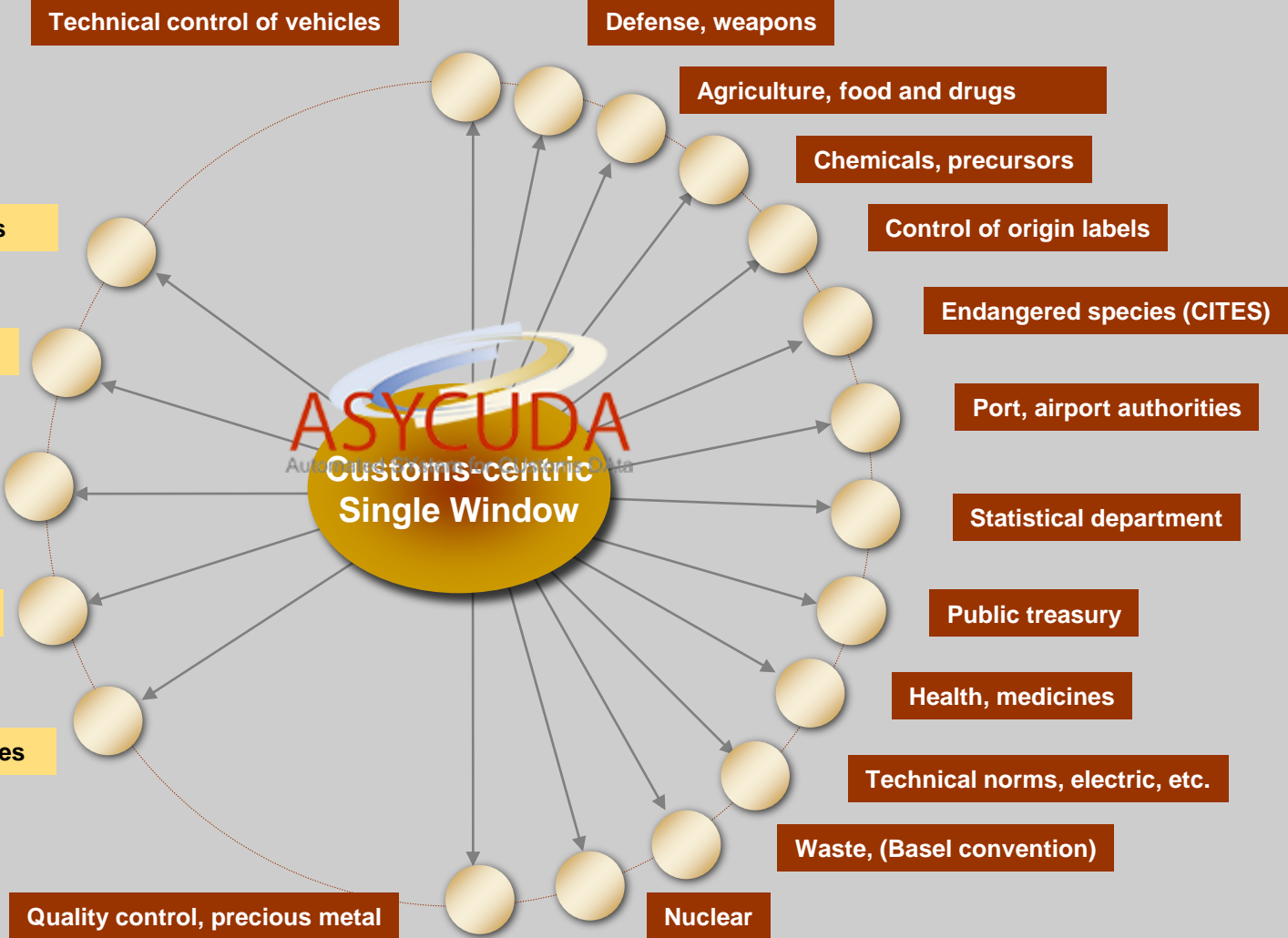
Health, medicines

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

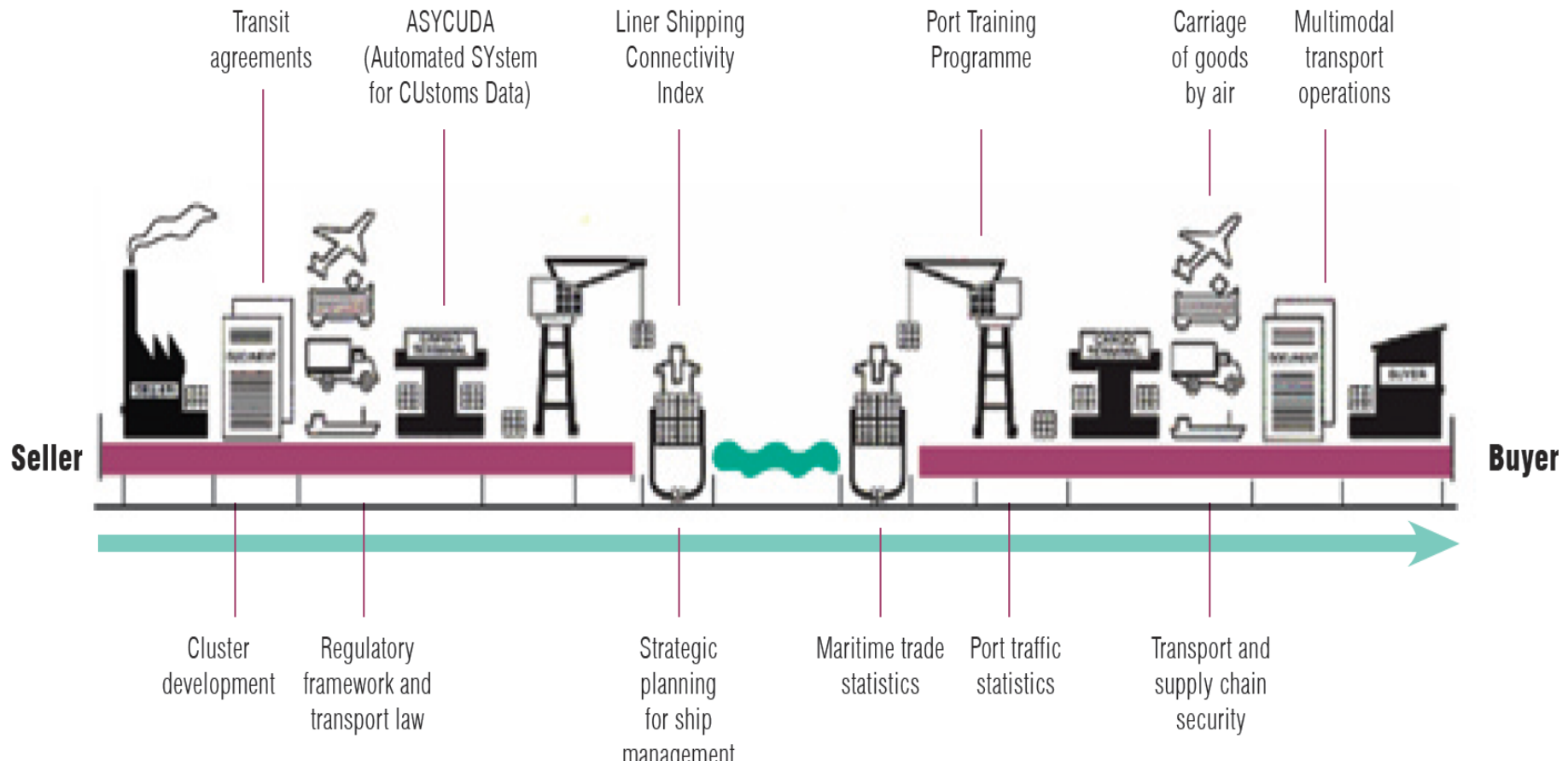


**Implementation of policies and measures aimed at economic restructuring and specialization to overcome transport-related obstacles**



**ART 11**

**FREEDOM OF TRANSIT**





# The Vienna Programme of Action (VPOA)

Outcome of UN LLDC II Conference,

- Holistic and action-oriented Programme 2014-2024
- Transform landlocked countries to land-linked economies
- Based on renewed and strengthened partnerships between LLDCs, transit countries, development partners, private sector, UN system and international, multilateral and regional organizations



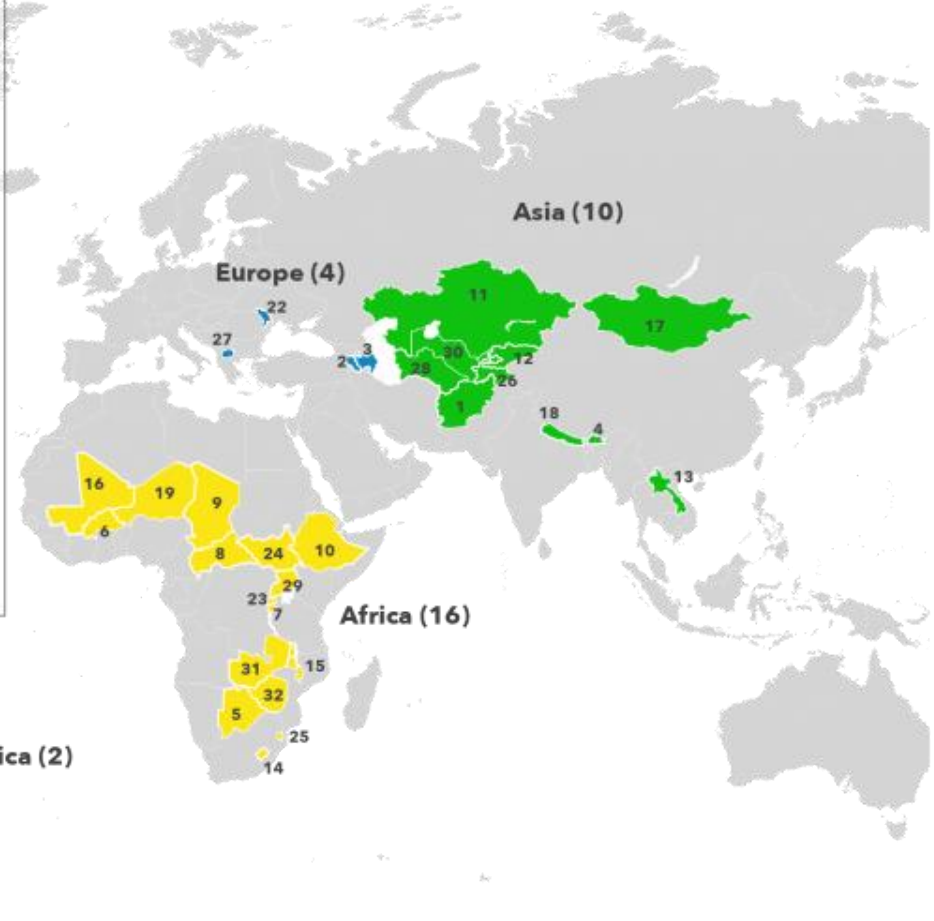


# The Vienna Programme of Action (VPOA)

**List of LLDCs** (as of 23 February 2017)

1 Afghanistan	13 Lao People's Democratic Republic	24 South Sudan
2 Armenia	14 Lesotho	25 Swaziland
3 Azerbaijan	15 Malawi	26 Tajikistan
4 Bhutan	16 Mali	27 The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
5 Botswana	17 Mongolia	28 Turkmenistan
6 Burkina Faso	18 Nepal	29 Uganda
7 Burundi	19 Niger	30 Uzbekistan
8 Central African Republic	20 Paraguay	31 Zambia
9 Chad	21 Plurinational State of Bolivia	32 Zimbabwe
10 Ethiopia	22 Republic of Moldova	
11 Kazakhstan	23 Rwanda	
12 Kyrgyzstan		

Note: The boundaries shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.



# VPOA 6 priorities,

- Promote **unfettered, efficient and cost-effective access to the sea, freedom of transit**, in accordance with international law
- **Reduce transit costs** through simplified and standardized rules and regulations to increase LLDCs' competitiveness
- Develop **adequate transit transport infrastructure** networks and complete missing links
- Implement **legal instruments** and strengthen regional integration
- Promote **growth and trade**, through structural transformation
- Enhance and strengthen **international support to LLDCs**

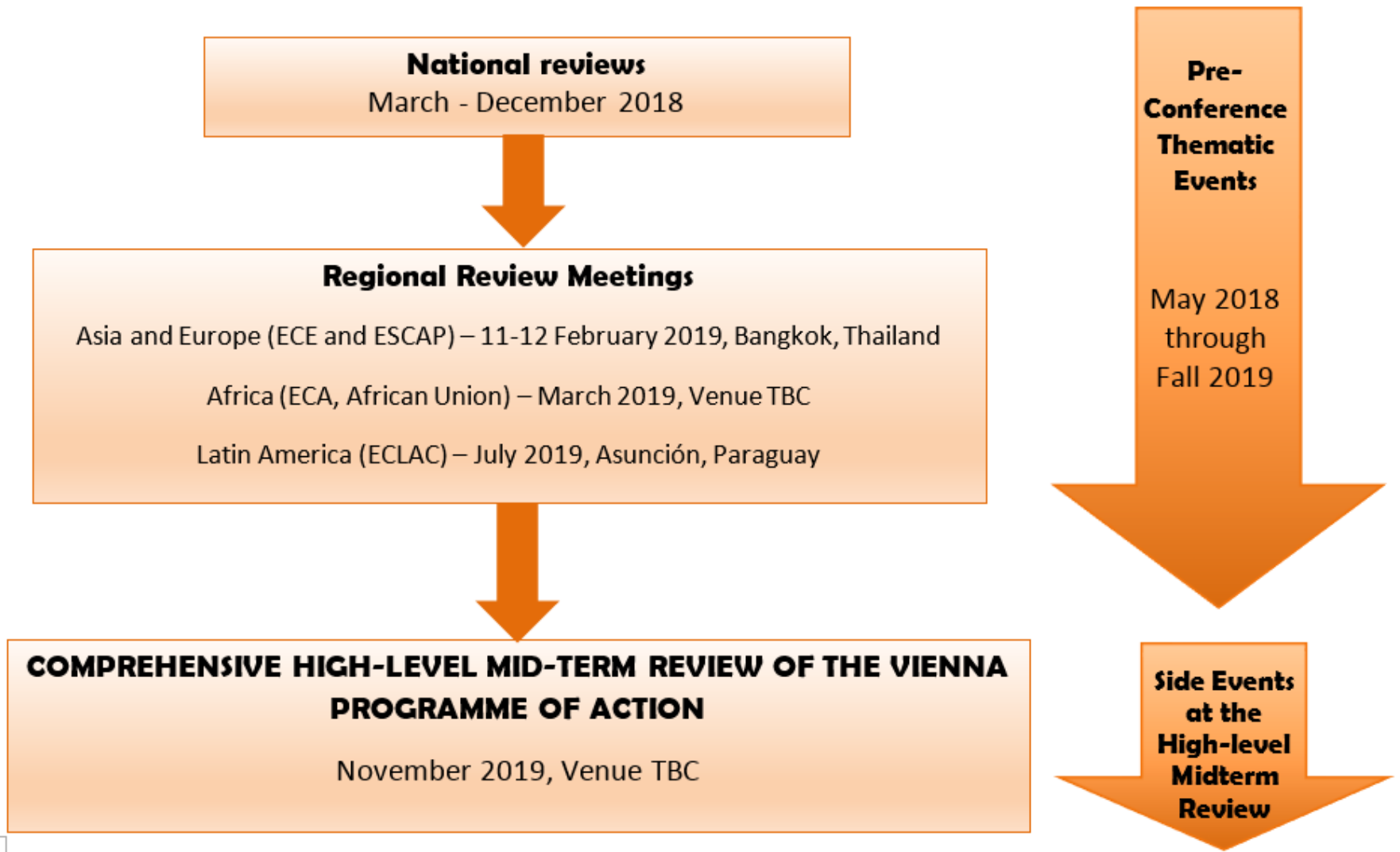
VPOA Priority 1: Transit Policy Issues

VPOA Priority 2: Infrastructure  
Development & Maintenance  
Transport

VPOA Priority 3b: Trade Facilitation

VPOA Priority 4: Regional Integration and  
Cooperation

# VPOA Midterm Review



**Thank you**

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