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1 Why is sustainability a challenge for NTFC?

According to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

“Each Member 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” (Art 23.2)



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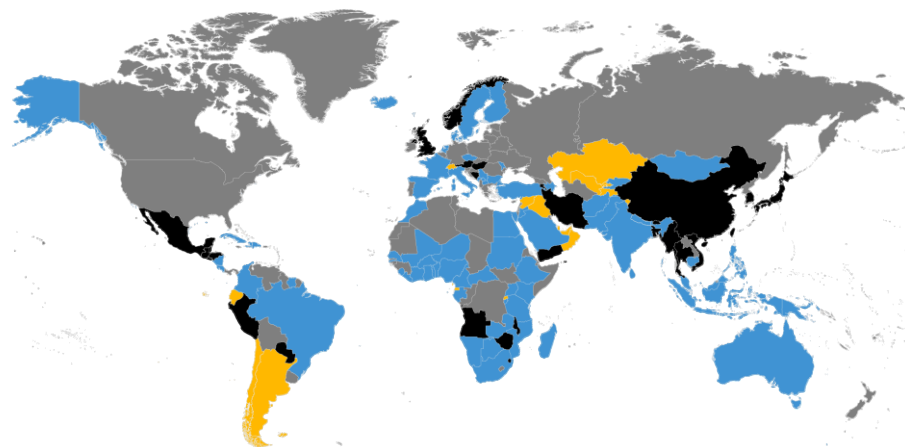
1 Why is sustainability a challenge for NTFC?

Map of Trade Facilitation Committees around the world

as of October 2018

Legend

- Formally established committee*
- De facto committee**
- No Trade Facilitation Committee
- No information



<https://unctad.org/tfc>

*formally established committee: committee created by legal instrument

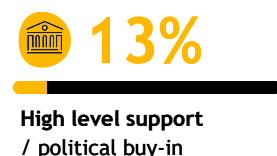
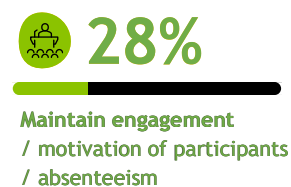
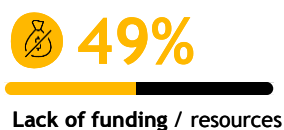
**de facto committee: existing committee, although not created by a legal instrument

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Percentage of National Trade Facilitation Committees that mention these aspects as their greatest obstacles



Sample: 53 countries

Source: UNCTAD, based on data from the online repository of National Trade Facilitation Committees, available at <http://unctad.org/tfc>

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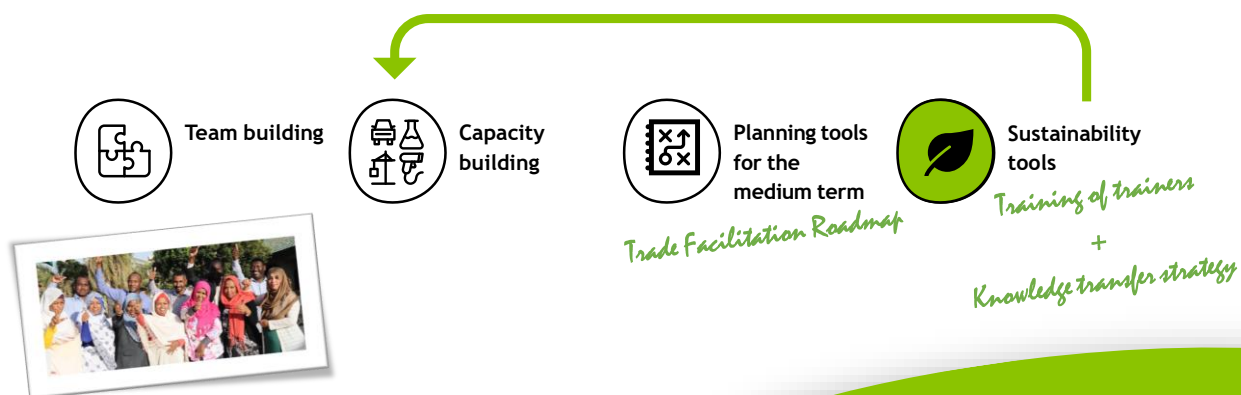


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for National Trade Facilitation Committees

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How does the Empowerment Programme promotes the sustainability of the Committees?



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10 courses
of 45 minutes

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2 Online course

Course outline



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Timeline



Finding donors to finance the translation of the courses to other languages!



National Trade Facilitation Committees in the world



Key learnings



Better understand the concept of National Trade Facilitation Committees



Identify the key elements that will contribute to the sustainability of the committee

You will need approximately 45 minutes to complete this course



National Trade Facilitation Committees

1

Concept

2

Brief history

3

Key elements

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Lessons learned



1 Concept

Why countries need a National Trade Facilitation Committee?

Carrying out trade facilitation reforms requires:

- a great deal of coordination and cooperation among the various public and private stakeholders

This is not an easy task

- different stakeholders have different interests
- trade facilitation measures may be complex in their design and operation
- they require the participation of public and private actors



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1 Concept

What is a National Trade Facilitation Committee?

A Trade Facilitation Committee is a multi-agency permanent platform where relevant stakeholders from the public and private sectors discuss and coordinate trade facilitation measures at a national level



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1 Concept

Trade Facilitation Stakeholders



Public stakeholders

- **Ministries, agencies and officials** - involved in export, import and transit processes
- **Policy and lawmakers** - major players in the design and implementation of national policies, laws and regulations



Private stakeholders

- **Users of trade services** - traders grouped under a chamber of commerce or business association, including SME's associations
- **Service providers** - transportation and service providers associations, bankers' associations, consumers organizations, insurance industry associations
- **Civil society** - unions, consumers associations, non-governmental organizations, academic communities



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