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5 October 2023
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UNCTAD Empowerment Programme for National Trade Facilitation Committees
ASYCUDA Programme

Programme initiated in 1980’s to support customs automation and trade facilitation reforms

ASYCUDA 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

ASYCUDA 4 Generations of IT solution for Customs

Human Resources

150

100+ Countries and territories

Current operations in 50+ countries

90%

USING ASYCUDA World

Main States

Main Contributors

- Beneficiary countries
- European Union
- WORLD BANK
- TMEA
- ADB
- Australia
- Germany
- New Zealand
- etc...

Main Partners

15 MoUs
**Economic & Social Impact**

**Afghanistan**
- 876 MSMEs capacity building - 37% led by women

**Bangladesh**
- 11% customs revenue increase in 2021-2022

**Chad**
- 100% customs revenue increase at the International Airport of N’Djamena in Sept-Oct 2022

**Gambia**
- 80% payments collected electronically through ASYCUDA

**Papua New Guinea**
- 14% customs revenue increase from 2021 to 2022

**Tuvalu**
- 20% customs revenue increase from 2021 to 2022

**Aruba**
- Customs annual revenue evolution (Million $)
  - 2014: 232
  - 2015: 287
  - 2016: 276
  - 2017: 309
  - 2018: 320
  - 2019: 340
  - 2020: 240
  - 2021: 303
  - 2022: 342
ASYCUDA for Single Window Systems

Examples

Rwanda (over 20 OGA): Health Ministry, Rwanda Development Committee, Bureaux of standards, « Magasin générale du Rwanda » etc.

Uganda (over 20 OGA): Foreign Affairs Ministry, Atomic Agency, Bureaux of Standards, Coffee Export Board etc.

Kazakhstan (12 OGA): Ministry of Agriculture, Central Bank, Justice Ministry, Energy Ministry etc.

Comoros (4 OGA): INRAPE (Agriculture), ANAMEV (Medecines), Direction des mines (Vehicles), ANPI (Investments)

Jamaica (6 OGA): TBL Trade Board Ltd, PQPI Plant Quarantine Produce Inspection, JACRA Jamaica Agricultural Commodities Regulatory Authority (March), PCA Pesticides Control Authority, VSD Veterinary Services Division (April 6), JCA Jamaica customs agency

Vanuatu (5 OGA planned): Biosecurity, Energy Ministry, Environment Ministry, Industry Ministry and Immigration

Timor-Leste (4 OGA): TradeInvest, Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry, National Ozone Unit and Aportil (Port Authority)

Grenada (2 OGA): Ministry of Trade and Bureau of Standards

Jordan (7 OGAs): Ministry of Health etc.

Zimbabwe: Inception phase

Turkmenistan: Inception phase
Explore National Trade Facilitation Committees

Select a country on this list or click on a country on the map to access relevant information.

134 NTFCs are included in the database

National Trade Facilitation Committee Norway

Last update: 03.03.2021
Established on 2018

Explore the different features of this National Trade Facilitation Committee

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57 points over 100

UNCTAD SUSTAINABILITY SCORE for National Trade Facilitation Committees
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Empowerment Programme for National Trade Facilitation Committees
# TRADE FACILITATION REFORMS

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Article: A1 Publication and Availability of Information
Lead Agency: NTFC Secretariat

The Implementation Checklist was developed to define the deliverables each country needs to meet in order to comply with the WTO TFA for each measure. It looks and interprets all aspects of the Provision as described in the legal text of the Agreement but considers an optimum execution approach for the actual implementation of each measure.

The Implementation Checklist helps calculating a country's Implementation Score. Further information on the Score can be found under Statistics.

Approval of the request by Secretariat of the Trade Facilitation Committee - Motheba MALIBENG

National implementation framework
There is a national implementation framework composed of legislation, administrative regulations and procedures, which disciplines the practical operationalization of trade-related publication, including a national coordinator

- Initial Request
- Waiting Administrator Review
- Reviewed By The Administrator
- Waiting NTFC Approval
- Approved by NTFC

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Notification to the WTO Trade Facilitation Committee
The official place of publication has been notified to the WTO Trade Facilitation Committee

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TRADE PORTALS
for Trade Facilitation
Full procedure for the import of fruit juices

Summary of the procedure:

Institutions Involved (5):

- Institution 1
- Institution 2
- Institution 3
- Institution 4
- Institution 5

Timeline (1):

- Step 1
- Step 2
- Step 3
- Step 4
- Step 5

Required Documents (18):

- Document 1
- Document 2
- Document 3
- Document 4
- Document 5
- Document 6
- Document 7
- Document 8
- Document 9
- Document 10
- Document 11
- Document 12
- Document 13
- Document 14
- Document 15
- Document 16
- Document 17
- Document 18

This procedure sequentially compiles the permits and decisive steps to be fulfilled by a registered business owner importing a consignment of fruit juices of more than 500kg of value for the first time to Rwanda, or a trader from a trade office.
## Total Duration

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## Laws (14)

1. **East African Community Common External Tariff 2017**
2. **East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004 (Revised 30th June 2019)** (Sections 41, 147, 148)
3. **FDA Notice to the public - 20 March 2020**
4. **FDA Regulation governing service fees, tariff and fines**
5. **Guidelines for importation and exportation of food** (articles 1.1 - 1.4, 1.3, 10, 1.3)
6. **Law no 19/2017 of 28/04/2017 establishing the levy on imported goods for financing African Union activities** (Article 4-6)
7. **Law no 34/2015 of 30/06/2015 establishing the infrastructure development levy on imported goods** (Article 4-7)
8. **Law no 47/2012 of 14/01/2013 relating to the regulation and inspection of food and pharmaceutical products** (articles 26, 28, 34, 44)
9. **Law no 003/2018 of 09/02/2018 establishing Rwanda Food and Drugs Authority and determining its mission, organisation and functioning** (articles 3, 8, 8.9)
10. **Law No 025-2019 of 13-09-2019 establishing the Excise Duty** (articles 1.2)
11. **Law no 47/2012 of 14/01/2013 relating to the regulation and inspection of food and pharmaceutical products** (articles 26, 28, 34, 44)
12. **R55 Instruction No. 01/2004 setting up regulations for compulsory batch certification of imports** (Article 15)
13. **Regional local clearing tariff**
14. **The East African Community Customs Management Regulations, 2010**
In line with Bridgetown Covenant, para 127 (n): “Continue and reinforce its work.....that reduce trade transaction costs”

Testimonial
Thanks to UNCTAD’s support to analyze and simplify trade procedures, KenTrade has been able to map out procedures for 95 commodities since 2018.

The simplification process has reduced the administrative and cost burden incurred by businesses, more specifically, saving businesses approximately 62 percent of the total cost for the procedures involved

David Ngarama
Acting Chief Executive Officer
### Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) Work Group

**Register with Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)**

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Integrating a gender perspective into trade facilitation reforms

Women cross-border traders face significant challenges, including time constraints, costs of documentation procedures, discrimination and harassment at borders. Despite evidence that investment in trade facilitation reforms and to make trade practices gender inclusive, notably the Revised Sanaa Action Declaration, limited progress has been made on gender equality in trade.

This policy brief outlines key gender-based barriers for women traders and provides 10-step policy recommendations to address them.

1. Monitor for what women traders have to say
2. The time is now to listen to what women traders have to say. There may not be more of the obstacles or patterns of the national context documented, for example in the EFTA study, but women traders will continue to face major challenges even today. WTO should consider mechanisms to help traders to monitor their daily experiences. This could be done through a national-level study process, such as ACP countries, or a

Global Report on Blockchain and Its Implications on Trade Facilitation Performance

UNEP/GRID-Arendal

Climate-smart trade and transport facilitation

Weekly Update: Trade and Transport Facilitation News

Transport and Trade Facilitation Series No. 19

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Debate: UNCTAD meetings
UNCTAD Trade facilitation program 2022:

- Activities in 40+ countries and with eight RECs
- Assisted 15 countries for WTO TFA notifications
- 1000+ stakeholders trained – 50% women, 200+ online courses and webinars
- 95% of participants noted UNCTAD training helped them significantly
- UNCTAD Reform Tracker implemented in 20+ countries
- UNCTAD trade portals implemented in 30 countries.
- Work initiated on climate-smart trade facilitation
- Gender mainstreaming: Policy brief and e-learning on integrating gender perspective in TF
THANK YOU

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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