WTO and TFA Benefits

✓ Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)

✓ TFA and the WTO - Benefits

✓ Trade Facilitation Committee

✓ Implementation Support
Reasons for Barriers

• Procedures
  – Mysterious
  – Outdated
  – Inefficient
  – Excessive
  – Time consuming
  – Costly

Example:
• 100% inspection
• Multiple inspections by various agencies
TFA Solutions

Predictability
Reduced uncertainty
TFA and the WTO

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1 ... cut living costs and raise living standards
2 ... stimulate economic growth and employment
3 ... cut the cost of doing business internationally
4 ... encourage good governance
5 ... settle disputes and reduce trade tensions
6 ... help countries develop
7 ... give the weak a stronger voice
8 ... support the environment and health
9 ... contribute to peace and stability
10 ... be effective without hitting the headlines
TFA and the WTO

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TFA

• Maximize market access opportunities
• Economic Resilience
• Improve competitiveness
• Attract Foreign Direct Investment
• Integrate into value chains
• Increase participation of SMEs
The WTO can...

3 ... cut the cost of doing business internationally

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The TFA

• Reduce barriers to trade
• Streamline border procedures
• Reduce time and costs
• Good governance provisions
• WTO Dispute Settlement and WTO Trade Facilitation Committee
The WTO Can
6 ... help countries develop
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TFA
• Full implementation can = 14.5% reduction of trade costs
  • implementation support
  • One country one voice.
  • Interest groups
# TFA and the WTO

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TFA AT THE WTO
WTO Trade Facilitation Committee Meetings

Chair: Amb Haqjo Afghanistan

- All WTO Members & Observers
- Review ratifications & notifications
- Experience sharing
- Dedicated session on TACB- (to discuss donor support issues)
- Member implementation issues
WTO Informal Landlocked Country Group

• Promote interests – transit
• Work closely with UN LLDC Group/OHRLLS
• Coordinate positions
• Vienna Program of Action and TFA
• Coordinator in Geneva: Paraguay
TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT FACILITY (TFAF)
Assistance for Members/Observers

- National workshops
  - needs assessments/notifications
  - parliamentarians
- Regional workshops- Border Agency Co-operation
- Capital based officials to TFC meetings/workshops
- Access to donors

- Coordinate development partners
- Support retreats/workshops for groups (Land-locked group)
- Platform of TF Resources
- Grant program
www.TFAFacility.org

Resources on TFA provisions
Donor information
Developing co contact info
Calendar of events
News

www.tfadatabase.org

Statistics from notifications

Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility

Donors
TFAF Grant Program

If can’t find assistance needed
- WTO Members
- Category C provisions

- Project preparation (max $30,000)
- Project implementation (max $200,000)
Спасибо! Thank you!

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TFA AT THE WTO
Additional Benefits

- Donor support
- Technical assistance activities
- Have a voice – interpretation of TFA