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Why Regional TFA Strategies?

- **Coordinate reforms**: Drive and deepen, Cost & capacity effective
- **Maximize market access opportunities**: Address obstacles, Harmonize border procedures, Keep trade in the region
- **Improve business environment**: Reduce time and cost
- **Mobilise donor support**: Attract donors to region, Coordinated approach
- **Economic Resilience**: Improve competitiveness, Attract Foreign Direct Investmt, Integrate into value chains, Increase participation of SMEs
Regional Approach

Commonalities

• Countries at different levels of development

• Some not WTO Members

• Connectivity issues

CARICOM Strategy

• Strategy – identifies priority provisions for regional coordination
  • 18 Cat. C provisions
  • Short list of priorities

• Identify regional provisions and regional support for national implementation

• Describe implementation of priority projects

• Regional committee

• Working on road map
### Priority Projects Identified with Private Sector

#### TFA Provision

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# CARICOM Regional and National with Regional Support

## Regional Approach to Implementation
- Regional Trade Information Website
- Regional Trade Information Enquiry point
- Regional Risk Management System
- Regional Advance Rulings Unit
- Practical Guide to CARICOM Harmonized Procedures
- Regional Laboratories
- Regional Representation in International Standards Setting Bodies

## Regional Support for National Implementation
- Model Laws, Regulations and Agreements
- Standard Operating Procedures and Technical Guidelines
- Regional Coordinating Committees
PROJECT DESCRIPTION OF REGIONAL PRIORITIES

CARICOM Members will publish or make available and keep updated on a CARICOM regional or sub-regional website the required trade information of CARICOM members.

Explanation:

This activity requires establishment of a CARICOM regional or sub-regional website that would publish or make available (for example, by links to national websites) and maintain all the information required by the TTA to be published and updated by individual CARICOM members. The activity envisages that the CARICOM regional or sub-regional website may be in addition to, and would be coordinated with, national trade information websites of CARICOM members, where these exist.

The activity further envisages that a CARICOM entity shall be formally designated with authority to establish and manage the regional website and to coordinate with CARICOM members on publication of required information. However, the scope of publication, the modes of operation and coordination with CARICOM members, and the technical, editorial or other resources required to operate and maintain the regional trade information website are to be determined. It is envisaged by this plan that an initial diagnostic study would be particularly important to be undertaken for that purpose in order to define options for decision by CARICOM members.

Priority Project 1.1: Implement Regional Trade Information Website

Objective:

To establish and maintain a regional trade information website which publishes or makes available certain or all TTA-required information of certain or all CARICOM members

Priority: Transparency

Dependencies: Subject to results of Diagnostic Assessment, implementation of National Trade Information Website(s)

Tasks/Outputs/Resources:

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Role of CARICOM Secretariat

- Oversee regional coordination and implementation within region
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Ensure coherence and consistency between national and regional TF priorities
- Facilitate public-private sector dialogue
- Platform for sharing of experiences and best practices
- Mobilize donor support for regional projects
Success Factors:
Buy-in from regional private sector

- Consultation and coordination between government and business community
- Structured & ongoing dialogue to identify barriers to cross border trade
- Joint identification of TACB needs
- Sharing of experience and best practice
Спасибо!
Thank you!
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TFA and Regional Implementation

Article 24.5 Regional approaches

Implement provisions at a regional level

Article 21.3(b) Donor support

National implementation with regional support to address reg. challenges and promote regional integration
Regional trade information website - info required by TFA
Regional enquiry point – link to all enquiry points
Regional risk management - assess regional threats
Regional advance rulings Unit
Regional laboratories
Regional representatives in international settings bodies

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Common Issues

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