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WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and Consolidated Trade Agenda

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The WTO and TFA Implementation

- Depository for TFA commitments
- Forum to review the status of implementation
- Forum to raise implementation issues and reach resolution if possible, thereby avoiding disputes
- Forum to access implementation support through the Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility



WTO Global Overview of Members' implementation of the TFA

Who

- Ratifications

What

- Notification of commitments

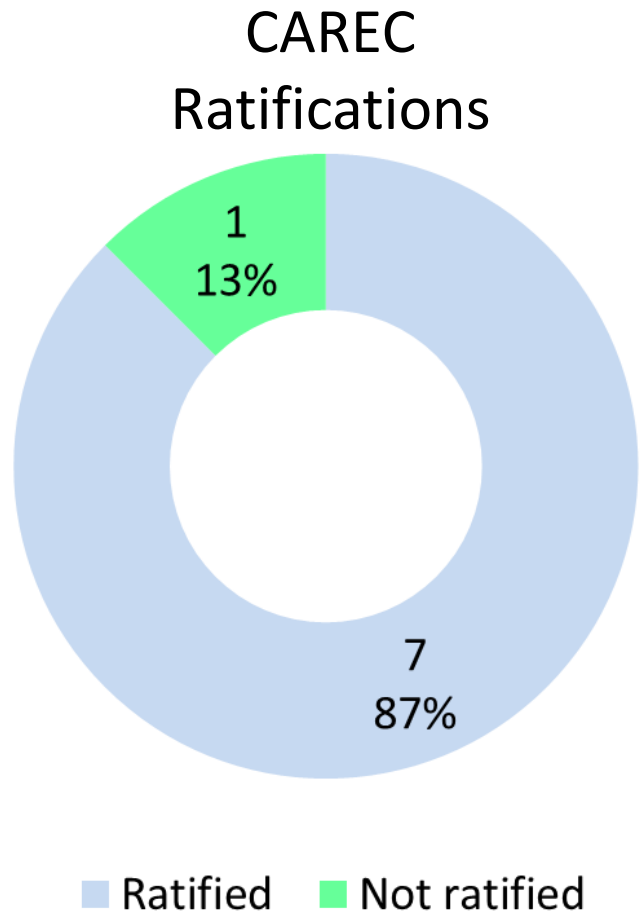
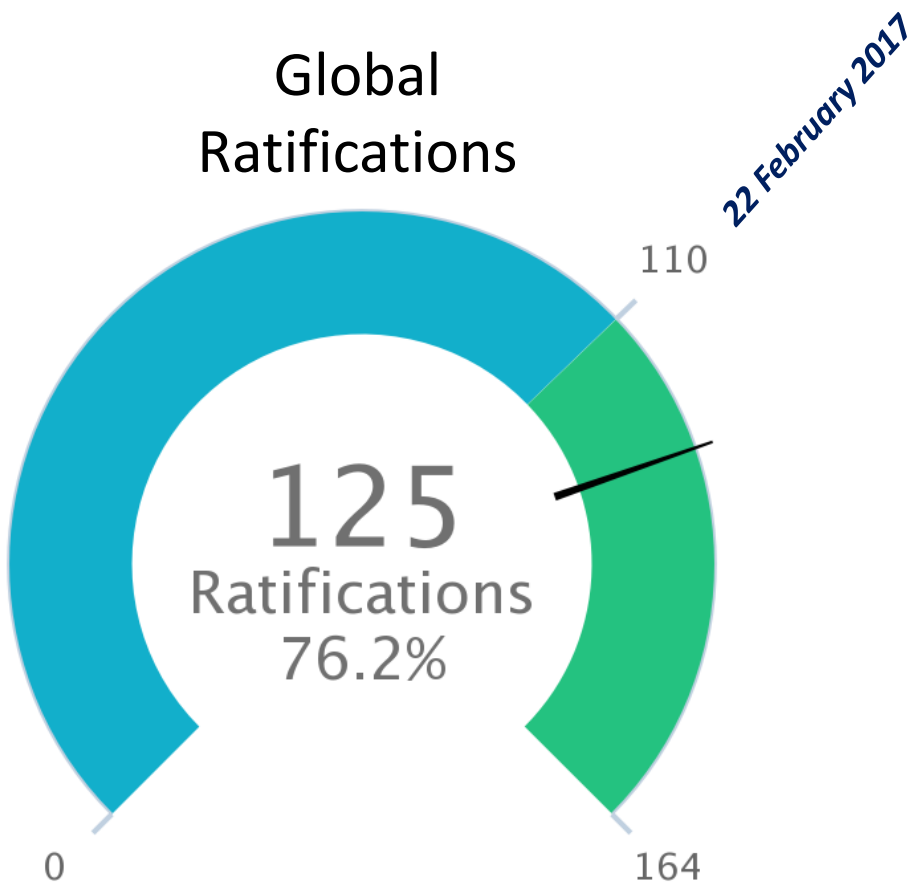
How

- Notification of Members' capacity-building needs for implementation

When

- Notification of the timeline of commitments

Entry into Force



TFA entered into force on 22 February 2017 with acceptance by two-thirds of the WTO 164 membership

Ratification Map



How Members are implementing the TFA

Category A Commitments

101 Members

- Of 101 Members, 84 developing country Members have committed to implement provisions immediately upon entry into force of the TFA, and 17 least developed countries in Feb 2018

Category B Commitments

35 Members

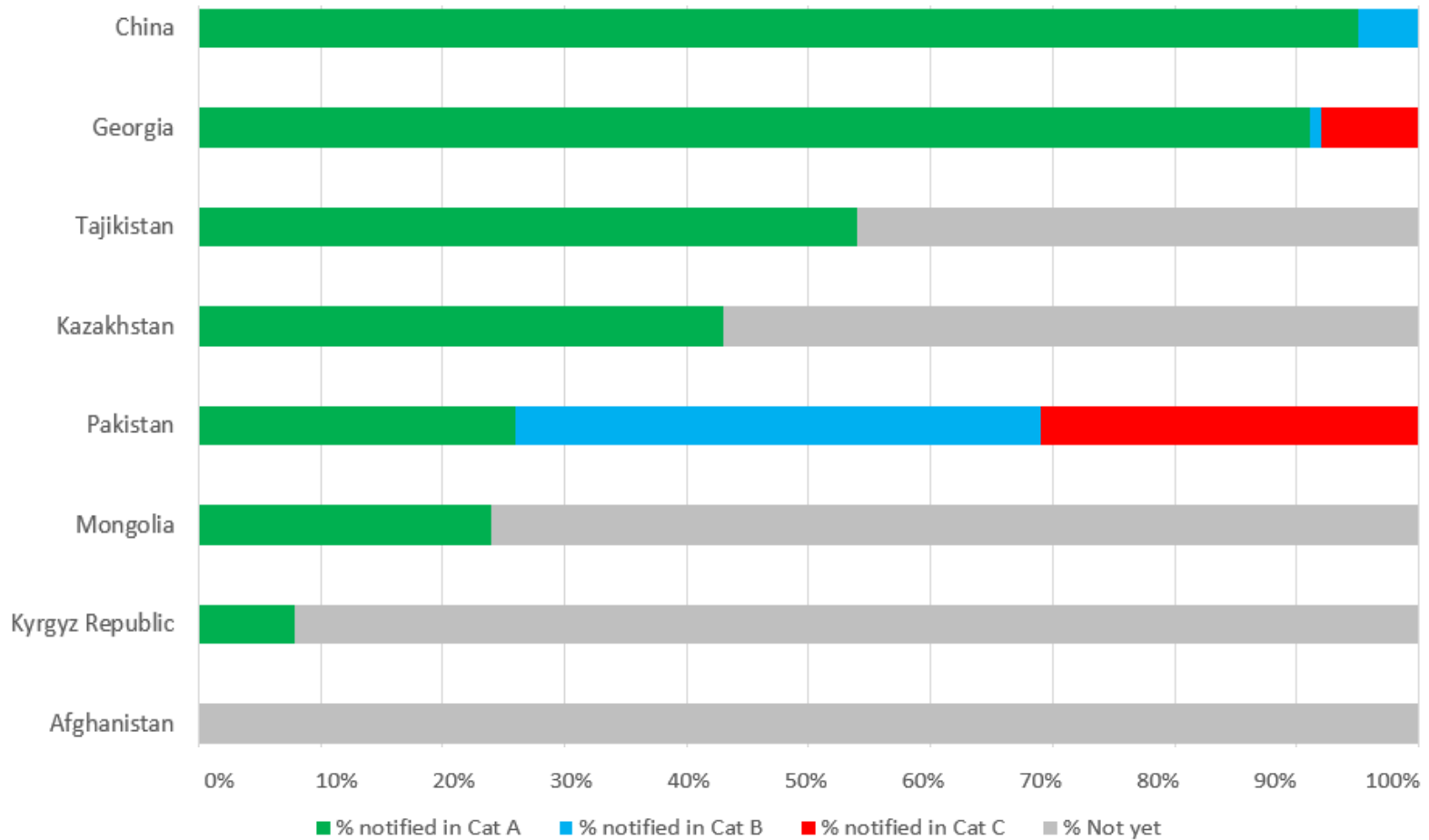
- 35 Members have committed to implement TFA provisions following a transition period determined by them

Category C Commitments

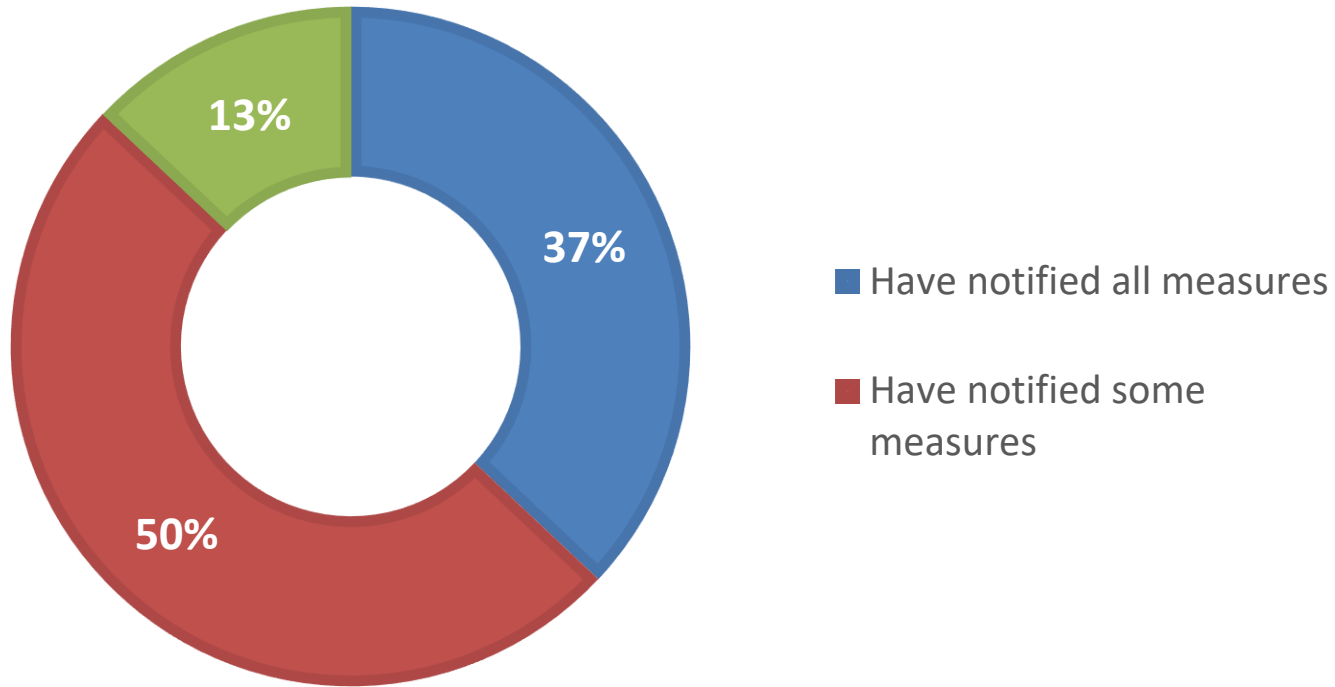
26 Members

- 26 Members have committed to implement TFA provisions following a self-determined transition period and receiving the necessary capacity-building support
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Status of Categories A, B, C in the CAREC region

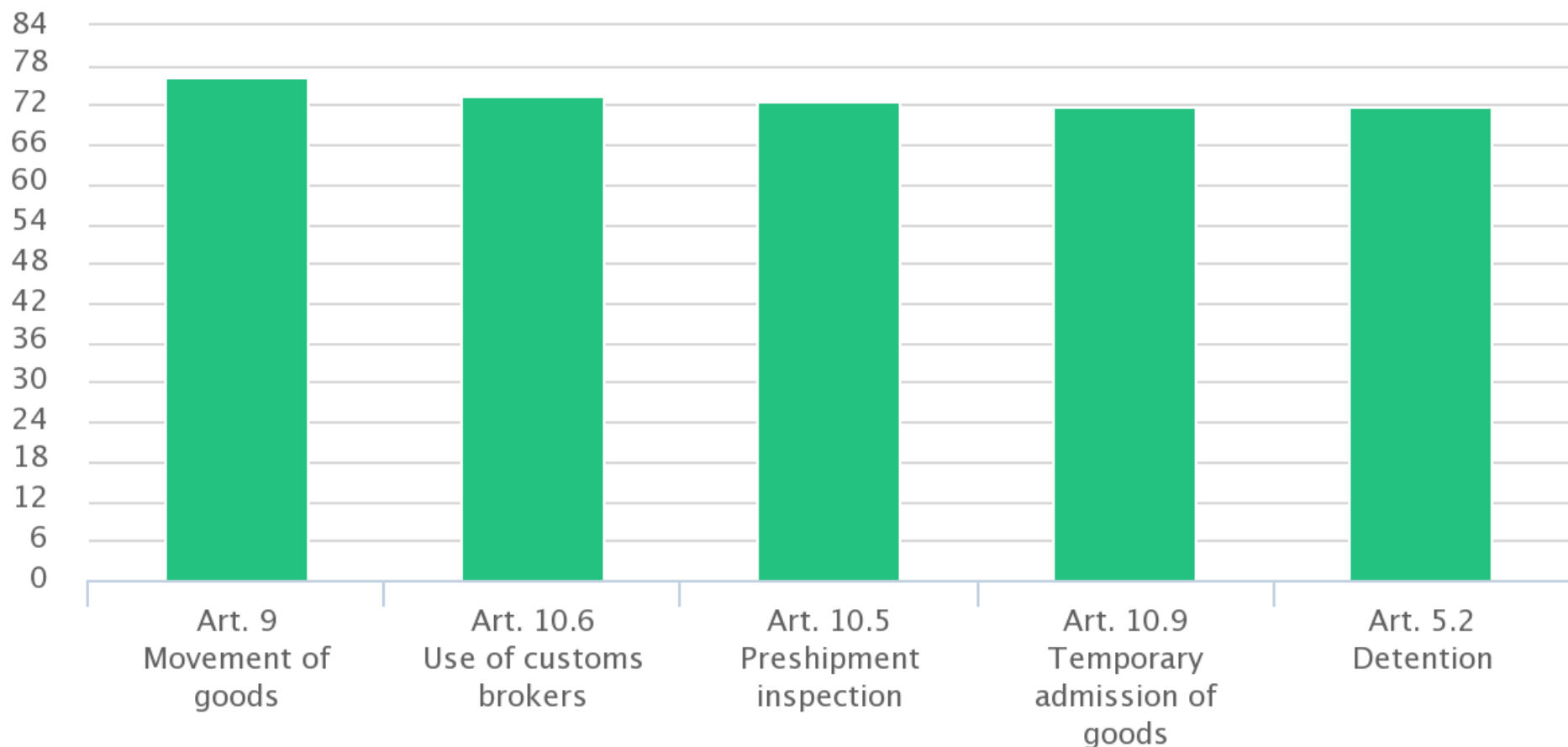


Status of implementation notifications in the CAREC region



The 5 most notified measures in Category A

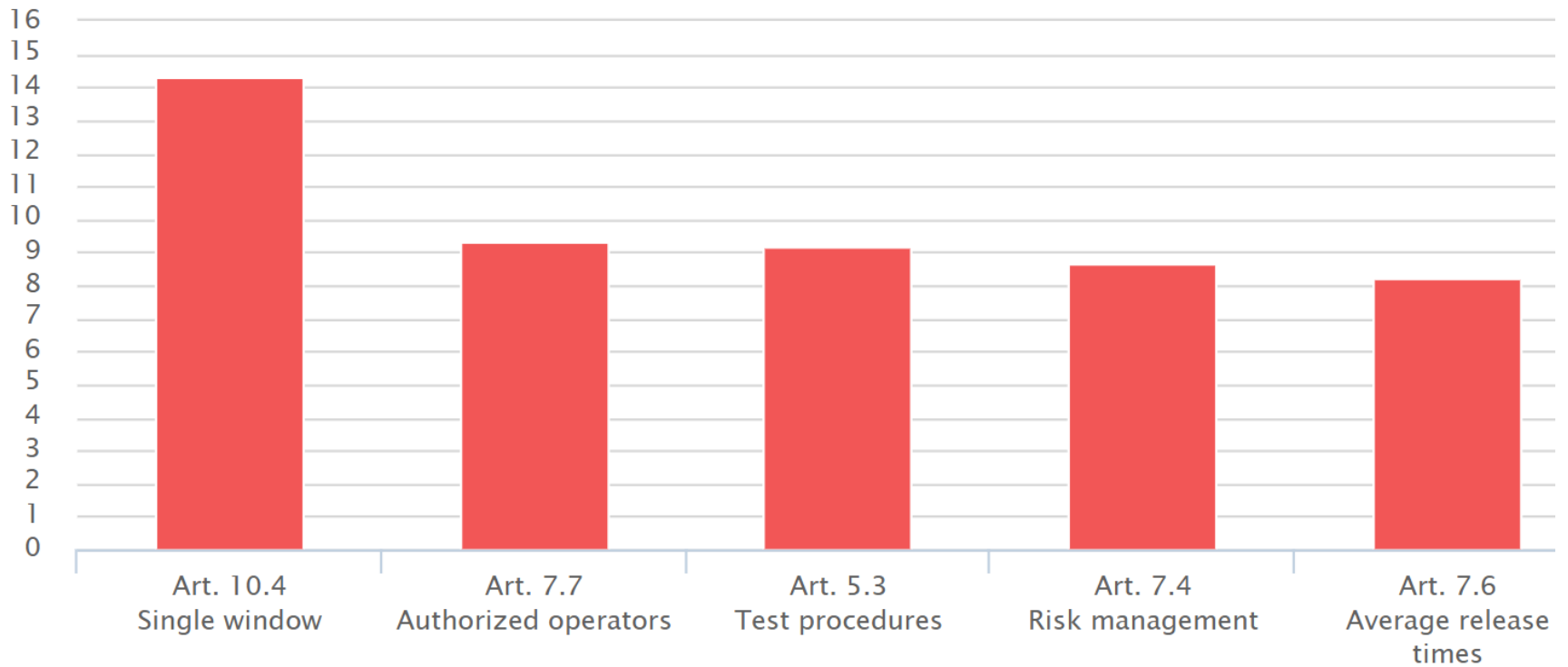
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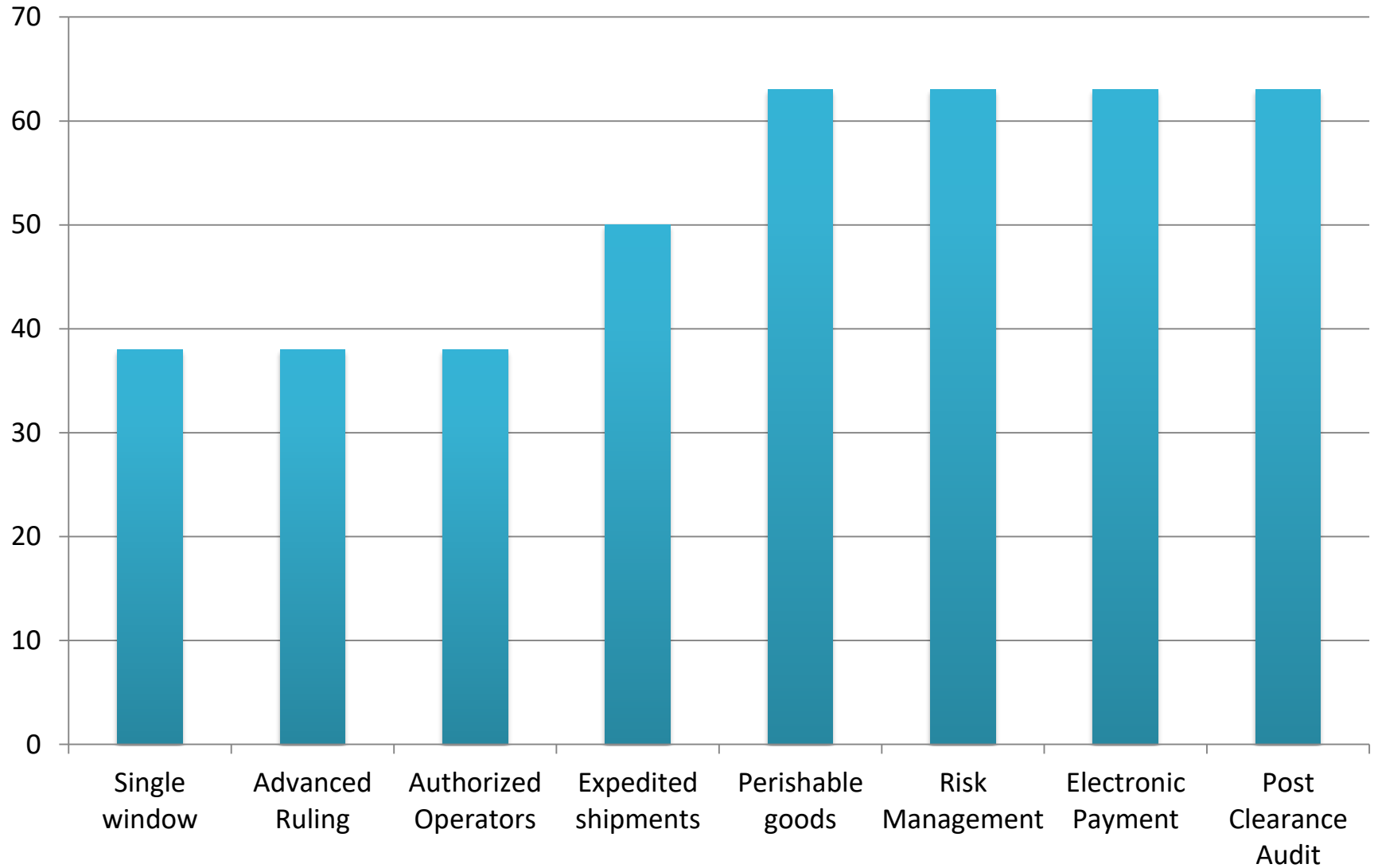
The 5 most notified measures in Category C

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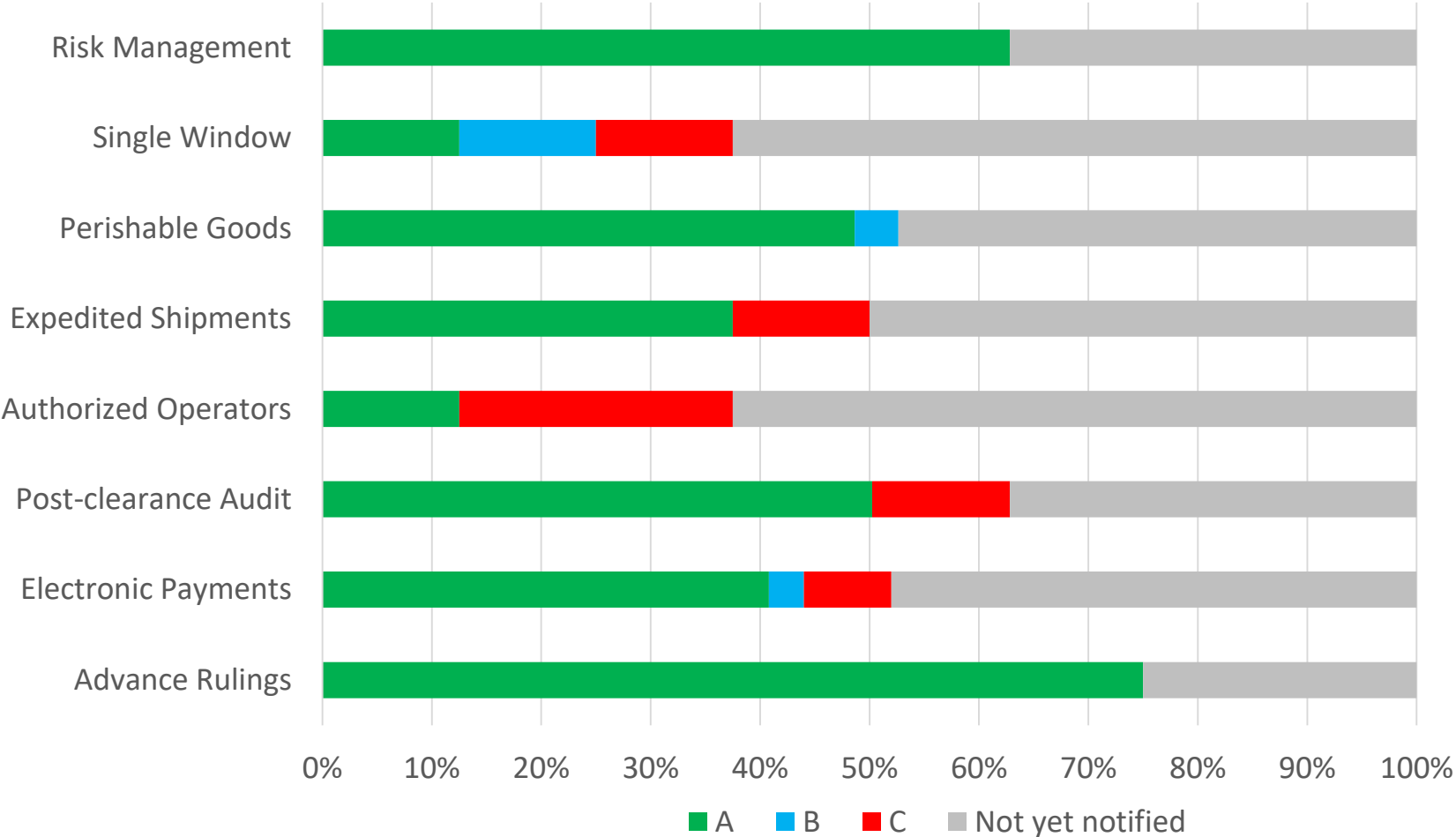


Snapshot of 8 measures notified by CAREC WTO Members

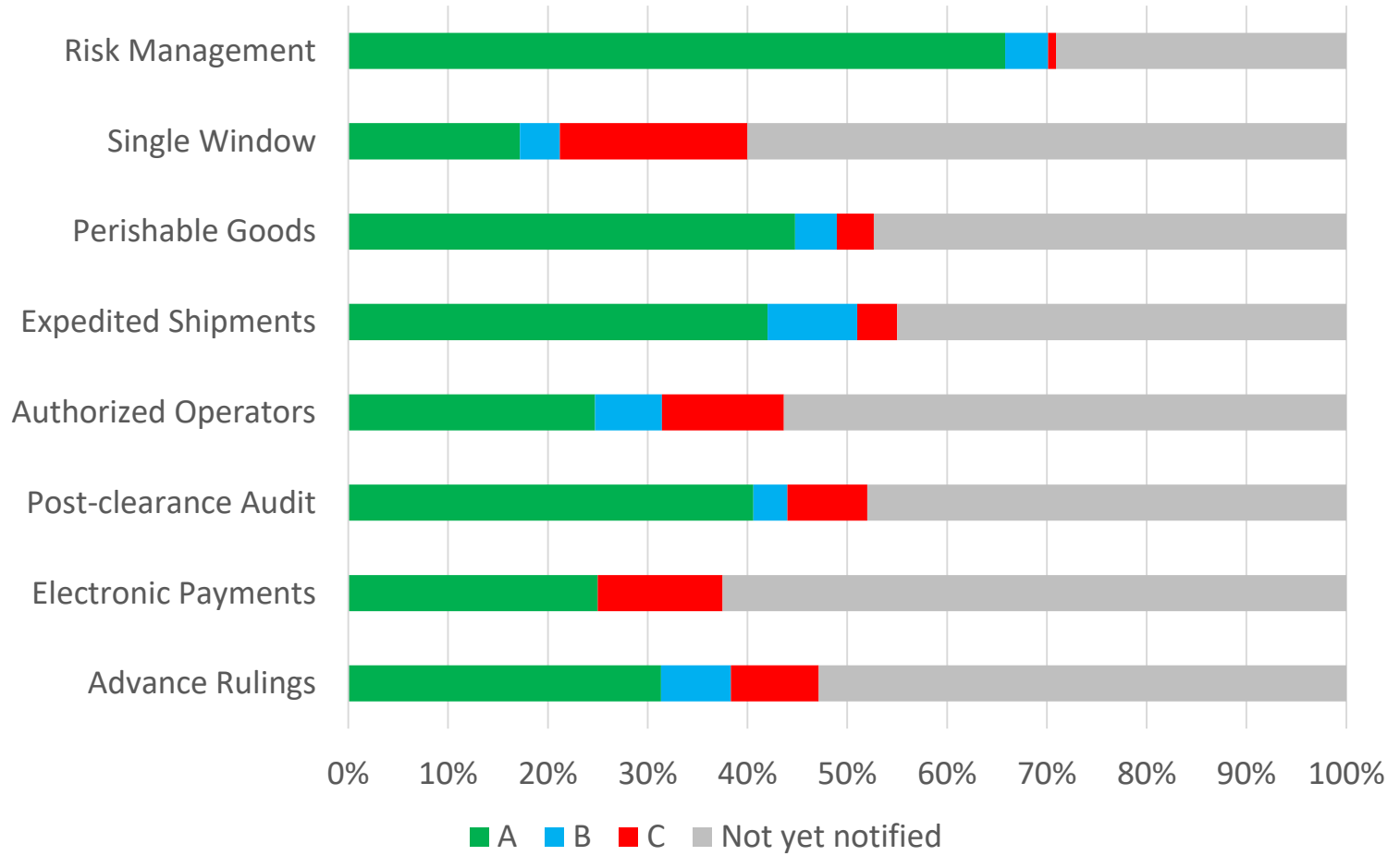
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Notification categories - CAREC



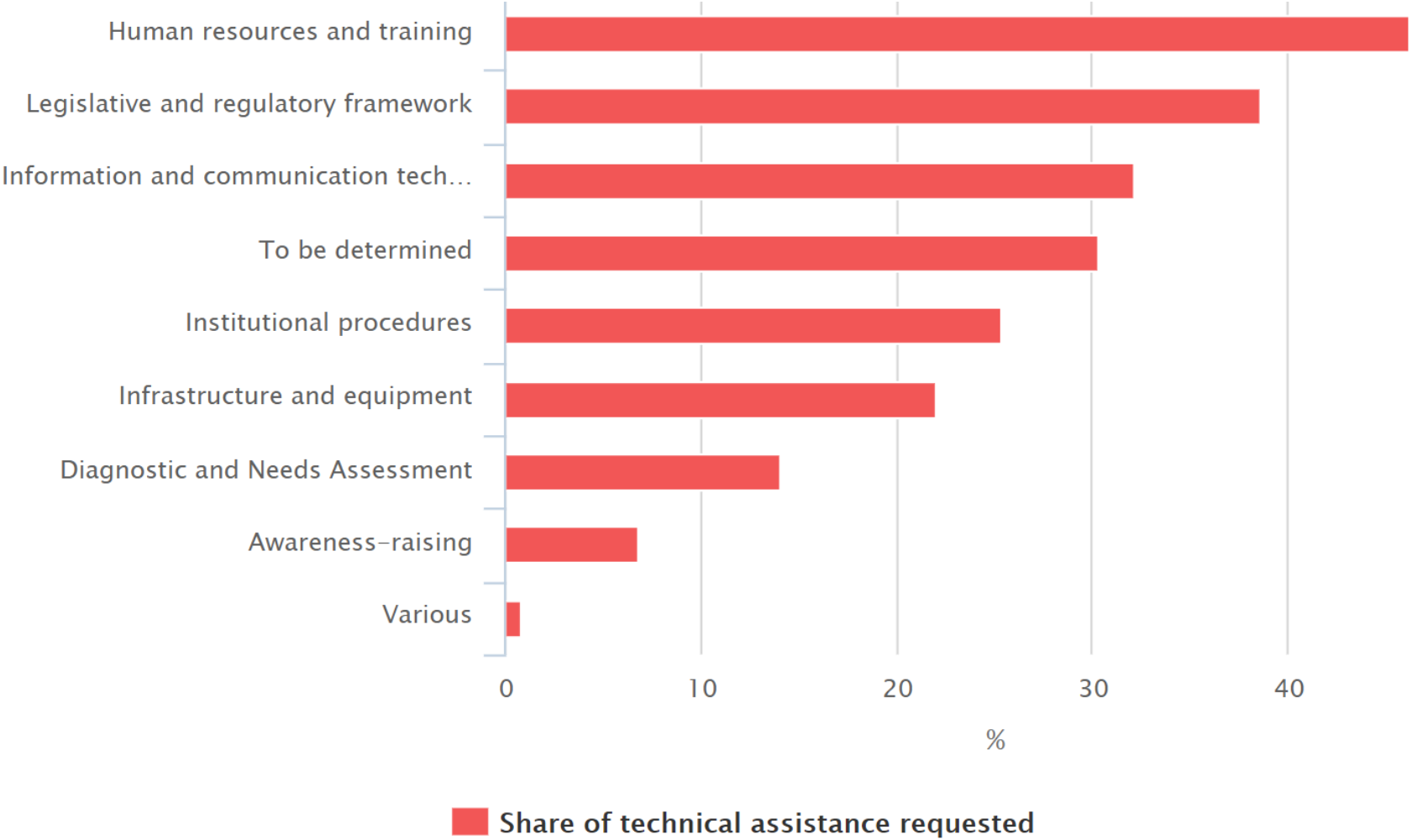
Notification Categories - Globally



Category C notifications in the CAREC region

Article 1	Publication and Availability of Information
Article 1.2.1	Information Available through Internet
Article 1.2.3	
Article 3	Advance Rulings
Article 7	Release and Clearance of Goods
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment
Article 7.4	Risk Management
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments
Article 10	Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit
Article 10.4	Single Window
Article 10.7.1	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements
Article 11	Freedom of Transit
Article 11.9	Freedom of Transit

Identification of TACB required in cat. C notifications



Technical assistance and capacity-building support

Notifications

Art. 22.1

**12 notifications
received**

- Donor Members are required to notify the support that they provide for TF capacity-building

Art. 22.2

**7 notifications
received**

- Donor Members are required to notify the process and mechanisms that should be followed in order to request assistance

Art. 22.3

- Contact points of developing and LDC Members seeking TACB support

Necessary elements identified for implementation of the TFA

- National Trade Facilitation Committee
- Transparency
- Sustainable funding
- Regional approach



Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility

Functions

- Ensure developing and least-developed countries acquire capacity to take on commitments under the agreement
- Encourage coordination among assistance-providers
- Complement existing efforts, enhance their effectiveness
- Provide flow of information between donors and recipients
- Where no other funds available, provide seed money or resources for implementation



Functions

- WTO Technical Assistance
- Implementation Assistance
- Information on donor TACB projects
- Matchmaking
- Case studies and training materials

- Project preparation (\$30,000)
- Project implementation (\$200,000)
- After EIF and receipt of Category C notification

Rate of implementation commitments by all WTO Members - Timeline

53.6%

Rate of implementation commitments today

2.8%

Rate of implementation commitments by 22 February 2018

4.4%

Rate of implementation commitments from 22 Dec 2017 to 22 Feb 2024

4.3%

Rate of implementation commitments from 22 Dec 2017 to 22 Feb 2032 upon receipt of capacity building support

34.9%

Rate of implementation commitments yet to be designated

Average Selected Implementation Periods for Categories B and C

Longest average
selected
implementation
period

- Single Window

April 2022

Shortest average
selected
implementation
period

- Common Border Procedures

June 2019



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Notifications



Ratifications



Implementation



Member Profiles



TFA Text



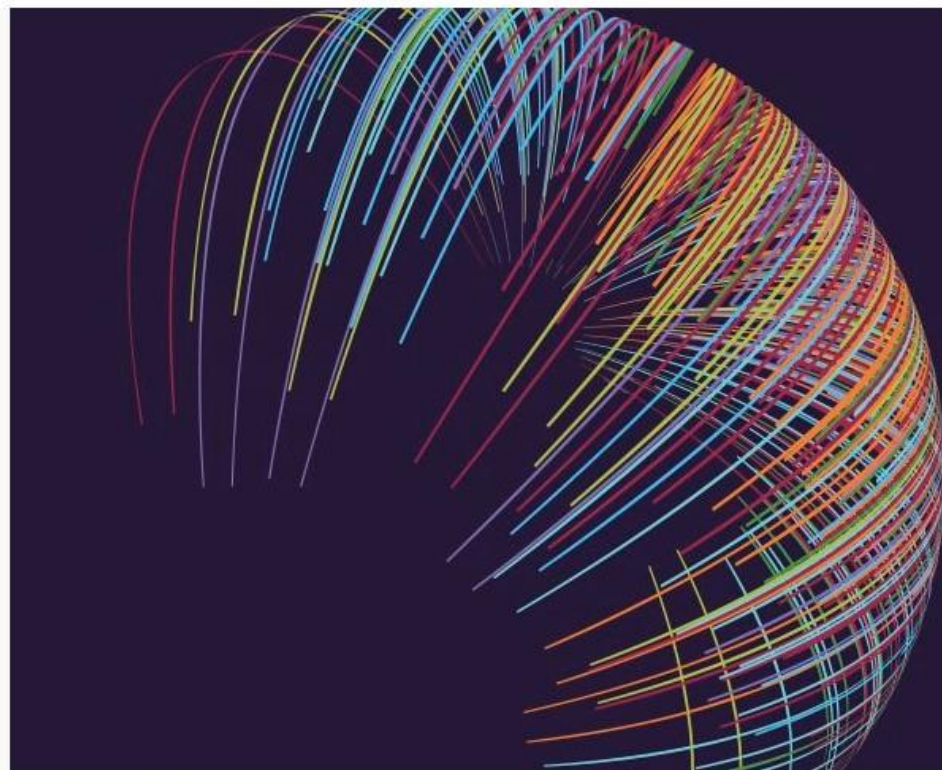
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TFA Facility



NewsBytes



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www.tfadatabase.org



Thank you

