



# Single Customs Territory in EAC

Connecting Trade in East Africa



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# East African Community

-  **South Sudan**
-  **Uganda**
-  **Rwanda**
-  **Burundi**
-  **Kenya**
-  **Tanzania**

6 Countries (4 landlocked)

# East African Community



Customs Union

Common Market

Monetary Union

Political Federation

## Objectives of the Customs Union

1. To further liberalise intra-regional trade in goods on the basis of mutually beneficial trade arrangements among Partner States;
2. To promote efficiency in production within the Community;
3. To enhance domestic, cross-border and foreign investment in the Community; and
4. To promote economic development and diversification in industrialisation in the Community.

# Challenges Faced by Customs Union



## Single Customs Territory (SCT)

- Interconnectivity of customs systems in the region facilitates seamless flow of information between customs stations
- Payment system to manage transfers of revenues between Partner States; and
- Legal provisions to enjoin Partner States to enforce customs debts on behalf of each other.

A single window system to enable exchange of information between cargo clearance agencies to further enhance operations of the Single Customs Territory

## Agreement to Implement SCT in November 2013

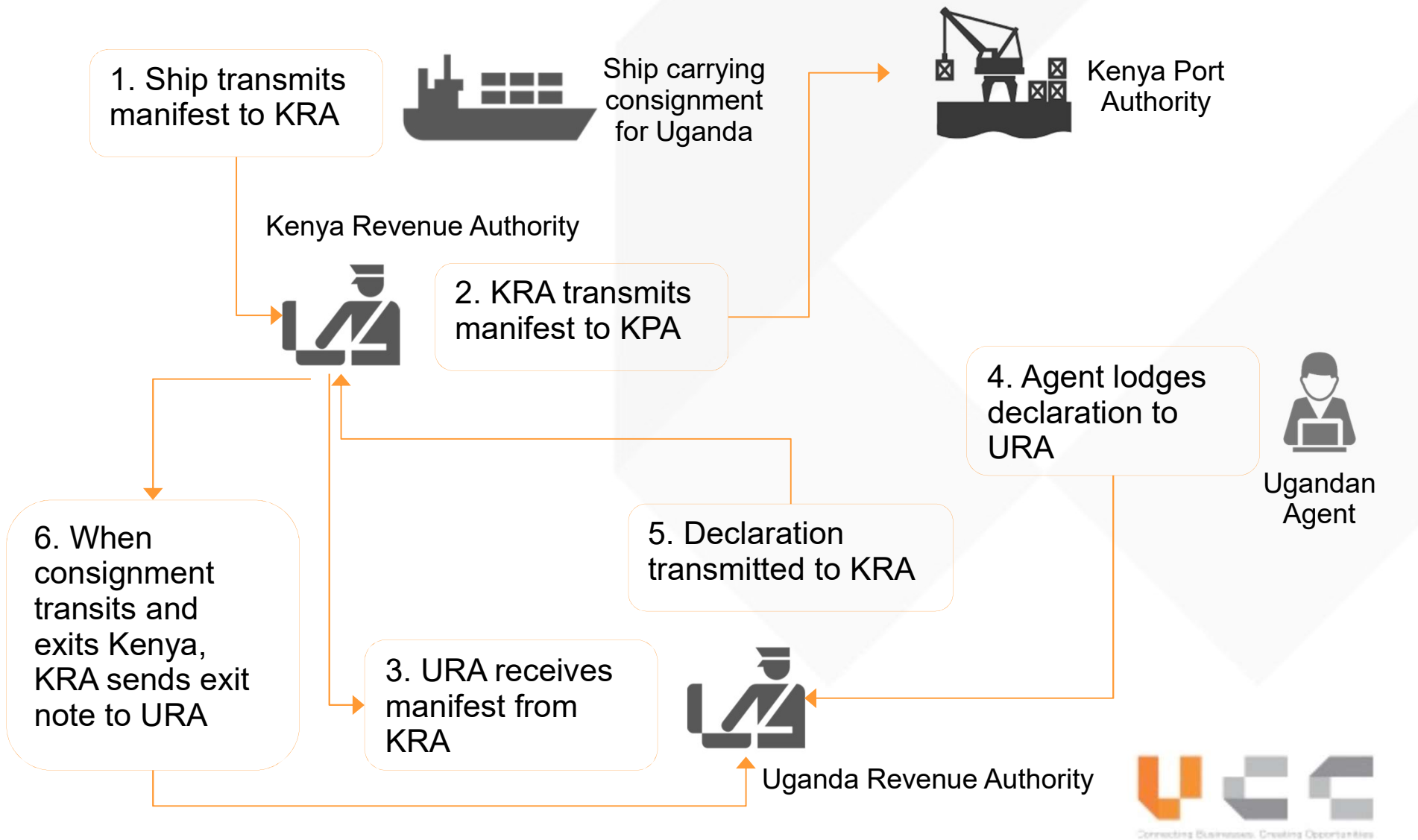


“At a stroke (of the pen), the agreement removed multiple weighbridges, police and customs checks along the Mombasa-Kampala-Kigali route and introduced computerised clearance and electronic tracking and other innovations that have overturned many of the hurdles to free trade or Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) that the Northern Corridor was infamous for.”

# Objectives of SCT

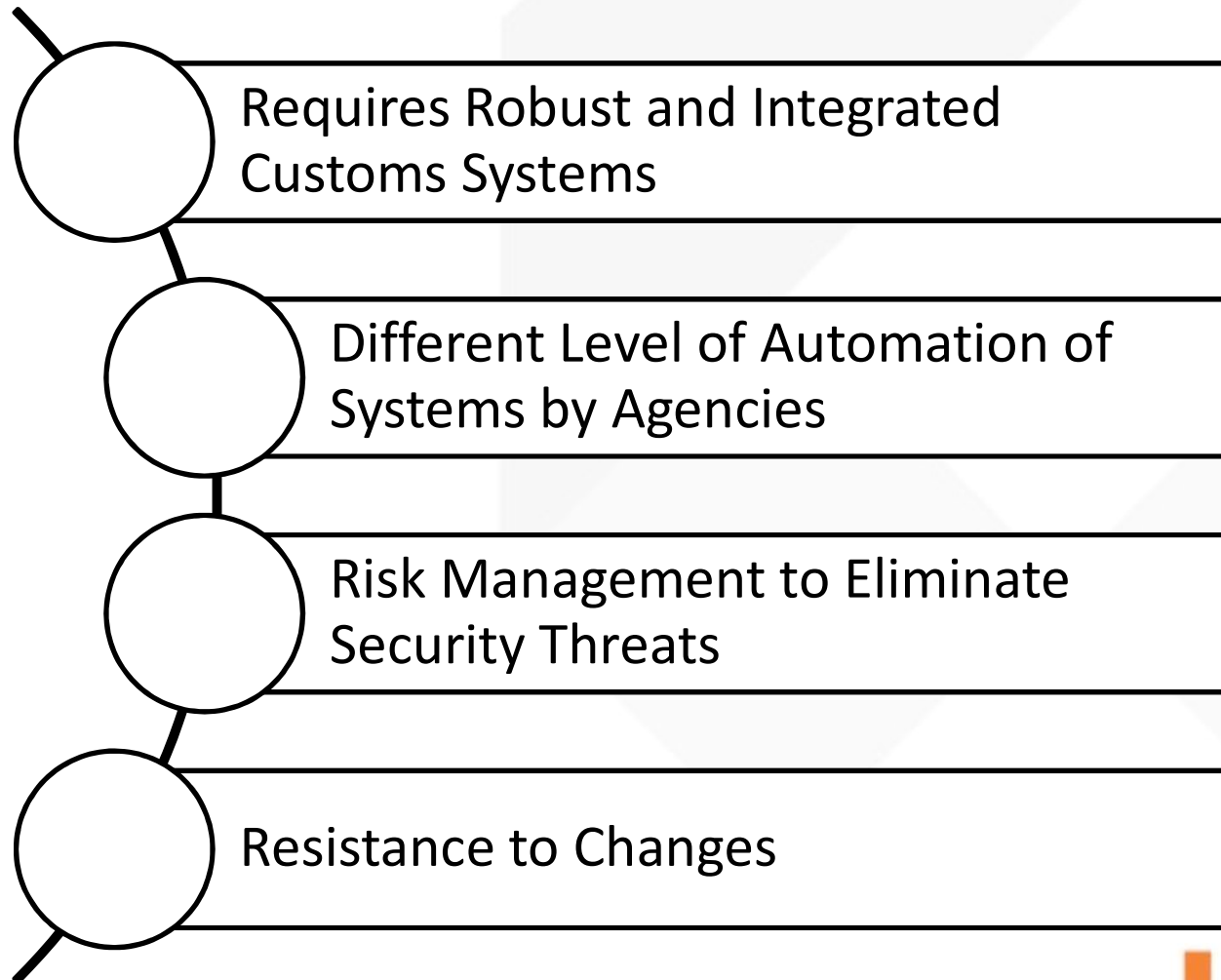


# Example of Process Flow of SCT (Kenya to Uganda)





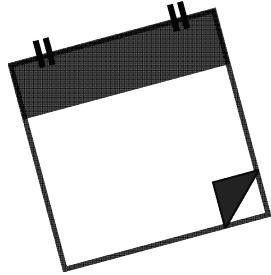
## Challenges of SCT



## Success Story of SCT Implementation in Northern Corridor

- Reduced Turn Around Time by More Than 70%
- Single Weighing for Transit Cargo
- Single Customs Declaration for Goods Destined to Rwanda and Uganda
- Reduce Customs Documentation and Cost of Doing Business
- Enhanced Information Exchange Between Revenue Authority

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