

UPDATE on ESCAP Customs- and Trade Facilitation- Related Activities

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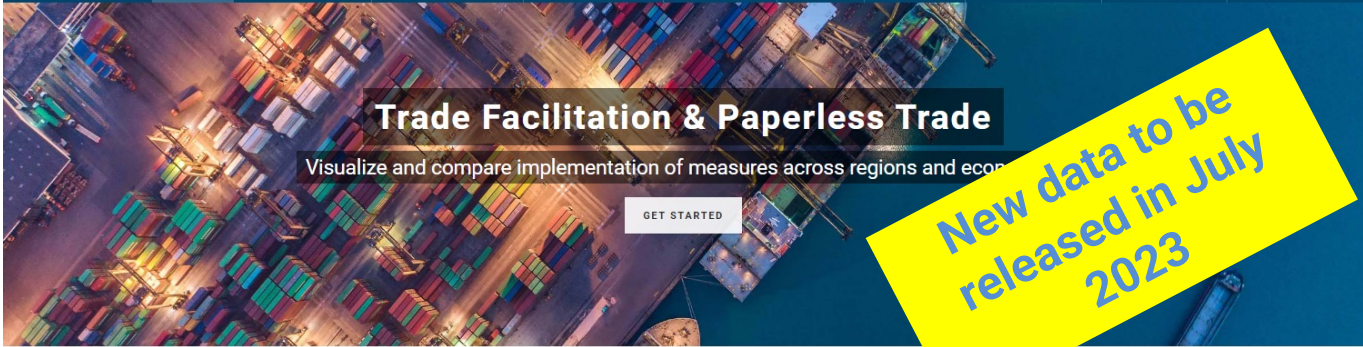
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UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation

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Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade

Visualize and compare implementation of measures across regions and economies

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New data to be released in July 2023

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Interactive visualization of Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade data

To help countries benchmark and reduce the time and cost of trading across border, the UN Regional Commissions jointly conduct the UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation. The Survey currently covers 143 economies around the globe, and 58 measures related to the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), as well as emerging regional and global initiatives on paperless trade or e-trade, such as the recent Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA). The Survey leads to the production of a Global Report and five Regional Reports, which aim at providing insightful information for policy makers to harness trade as a key means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Survey is conducted in collaboration with growing number of global and regional partners, since 2015 and every two years. On this website you can visualize the results - please make a selection:



Visualize Global Results
Get an overview of global survey results on chart or map, with the option to narrow down



Visualize Regional Results
Select a geographic region / regional UN Commission and display regional & sub-



Visualize Country Results
Select any economy of interest and get a detailed overview of trade facilitation &



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ESCAP Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA)

An enabling UN treaty entered into force in 2021

Article 1: Objective

The objective of the present Framework Agreement is **to promote cross-border paperless trade** by enabling *the exchange and mutual recognition of trade-related data and documents in electronic form* and *facilitating interoperability among national and subregional single windows and/or other paperless trade systems*, for the purpose of **making international trade transactions more efficient and transparent while improving regulatory compliance.**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDzclWbZU3s&t=375>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTPXQlr8RHU&t=1025>

Accelerating Digital TF through the *Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific*

- 100% increase in number of acceding parties in 2022 – now 11 parties
- Most inclusive and cooperative platform for progress
- Join to demonstrate high-level commitment to digital trade transformation
 - and enable cross-border cooperation

Participant	Signature	Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a)
Armenia	22 Sep 2017	
Azerbaijan		2 Mar 2018 a
Bangladesh	29 Aug 2017	13 Oct 2020
Cambodia	29 Aug 2017	
China	29 Aug 2017	22 Nov 2020 AA
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	29 Sep 2017	29 May 2020
Mongolia		27 Jul 2022 a
Philippines		23 Dec 2019 a
Republic of Korea		28 Nov 2022 a
Tajikistan		8 Dec 2022 a
Timor-Leste		5 Apr 2022 a
Turkmenistan		4 May 2022 a
Tuvalu		8 Dec 2022 a

<https://www.unescap.org/projects/cpta>



Technical support in conducting Cross-Border Paperless Trade Readiness Assessment available

Background: Assessment guide and legal + technical checklists developed by ESCAP interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-Border Paperless Trade and UNNExT, in collaboration with UNCITRAL and WTO EIF

- readiness.digitalizetrade.org

State of play: Readiness assessments conducted in more than 18 countries

ESCAP (or partners) support provided at national level on request

- (1) funding for national legal/technical experts;
- (2) advisory and peer-review support to national team [by international experts]



**Upcoming
19 June**

**Second Session of the Standing Committee of the Framework Agreement
on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific**

Bangkok and online, 19 – 21 June 2023

	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon
Monday 19 Jun	Second Session of the Standing Committee	Workshop: State of Play on Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific <i>(by invitation only)</i>	Second Session of the Standing Committee
Tuesday 20 Jun	Workshop: Advancing towards Pilot Projects on Cross-border Paperless Trade		Second Session of the Standing Committee
Wednesday 21 Jun	Workshop: Undertaking Feasibility Studies on Cross-border Paperless Trade		Second Session of the Standing Committee

**Second Session of the Paperless Trade Council of the Framework Agreement
on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific**

Bangkok and online, 22 – 23 June 2023

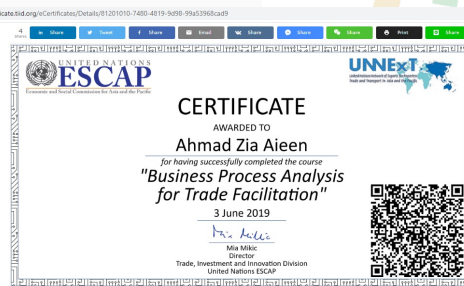
Date	Morning	Afternoon
Thursday 22 Jun	Second Meeting of the Ad-Hoc South Asian Subregional Task Force on Cross-border Electronic Trade Data Exchange <i>(by invitation only)</i>	Second Session of the Paperless Trade Council
	Workshop: Cross-border Legal Recognition and Technical Interoperability of Trust Services	
Friday 23 Jun	Workshop: Lessons Learned from 18 National Readiness Assessments for Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific	Second Session of the Paperless Trade Council

Other upcoming ESCAP events

- UN/CEFACT Forum in Bangkok, co-hosted by ESCAP and ECE, 2-6 October 2023
- Green Trade Facilitation Workshop, co-hosted by ESCAP, ADB and ROC-TF partners, 5 October 2023
- UNNExT Masteclass on Single Window and Paperless Trade Implementation in RoK, co-hosted by RoK Customs, WCO and ESCAP (date to be announced, 2023)

Online courses on trade facilitation (w/ free traceable certificates)

- Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation - English ([available now](#))
- Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation - French ([available now](#))
- Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation - Chinese ([available now](#))
- Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation - Russian ([available now](#))
- Enhancing Trade Information Portals ([available now](#))
- Next Generation Trade Facilitation ([available now](#))



<https://www.unescap.org/kp/2021/e-learning-courses-trade-policy-negotiation-and-facilitation>



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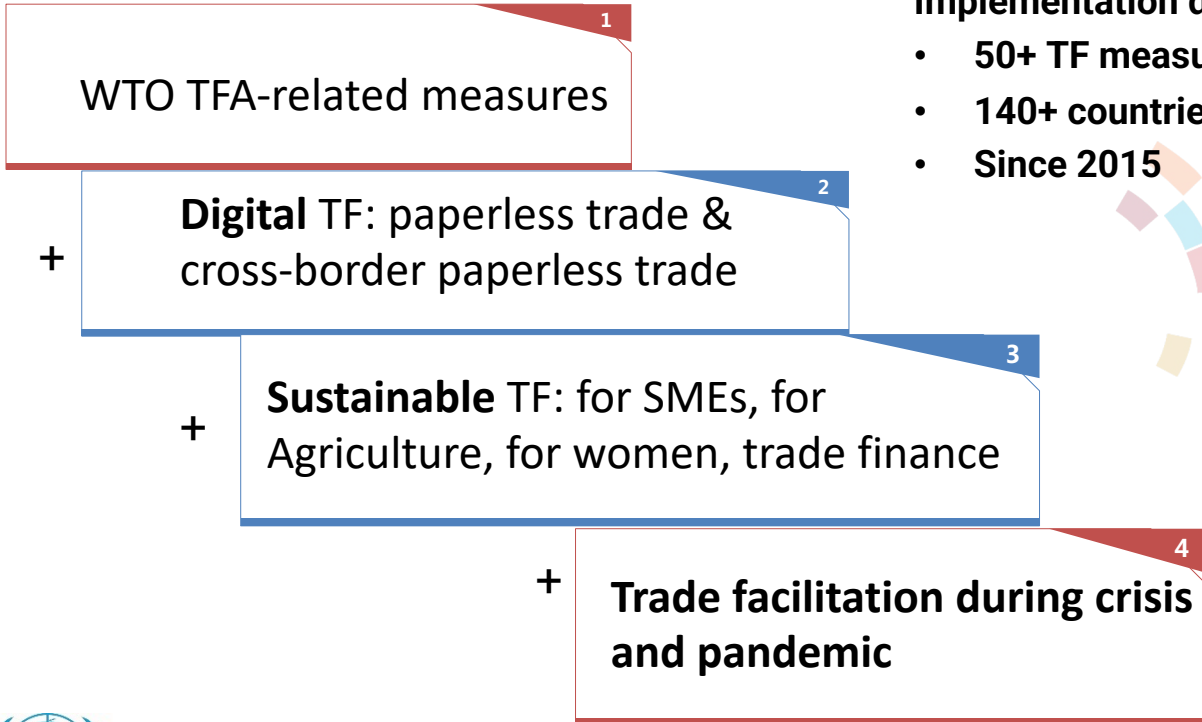
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Thank you!





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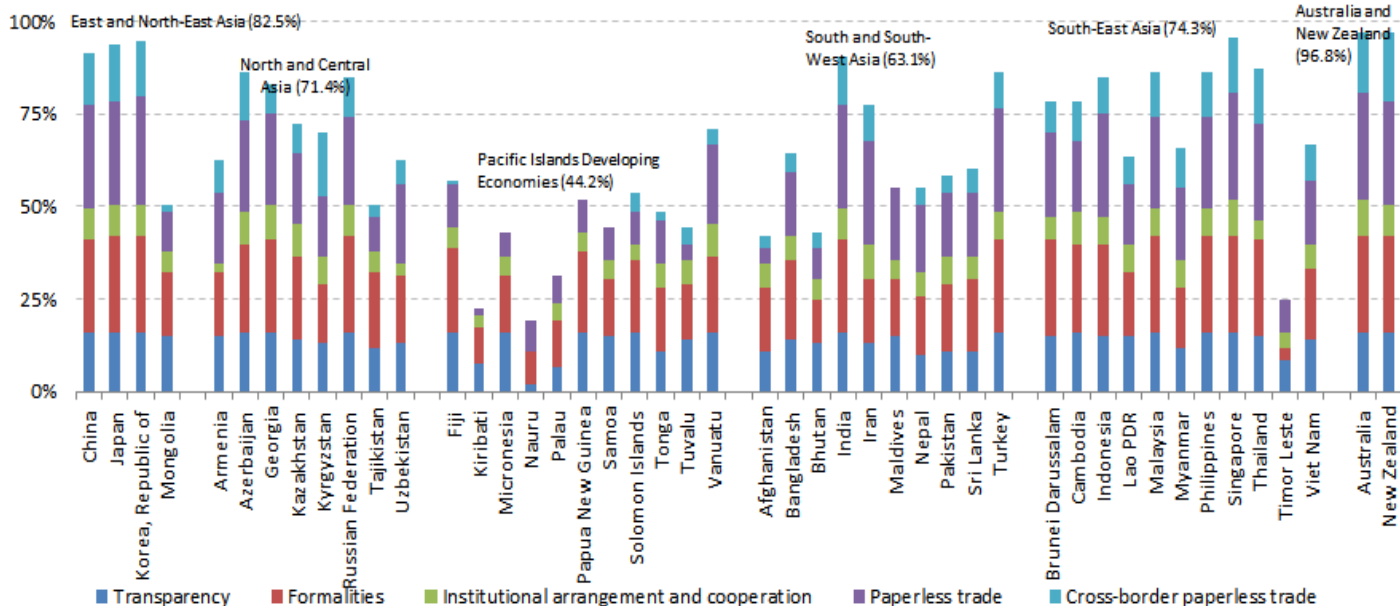


Implementation data for:

- 50+ TF measures
- 140+ countries
- Since 2015



Implementation of Trade Facilitation in Asia-Pacific (46 countries)



Source: UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation (2021)

Note: ESCAP is still receiving feedback from some member countries on data validation. Therefore, the results may be further – probably slightly – revised in the final report to be issued in the coming months.

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