

Support on Facilitating Trade in Vaccines and Essential Medical Supplies during Pandemic

Disaster Preparedness:

International Donor Cooperation to Facilitate the Movement of Humanitarian Goods During Emergencies and Disasters

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ADB's role in Disasters and Emergency Assistance

- Policy issued in 2004: Focuses on risk reduction, preparedness, early recovery and reconstruction in accordance with its development focus.
- Policy being reviewed and updated to include emphasizes on the importance of :
 - Building partnerships and coordination, including with CSOs
 - Addressing gender dimensions in building resilience and responding to disasters and emergencies
 - Applying participatory approaches, particularly through meaningful dialogue with and active participation of poor and vulnerable groups
 - Regional cooperation

Trade facilitation during pandemic

- Asia Pacific Wide Knowledge sharing webinar
 - Countries experiences from within Asia pacific, private sector reps
- Issuance of Guidance notes:
 - Aims to build a shared framework to understand trade facilitation and border health in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Provide checklist and guiding questions can drive consultations and the policy dialogue with developing member country (DMC) stakeholders organized to identify, commission, undertake or review trade facilitation and RPG interventions to combat current and future pandemics.

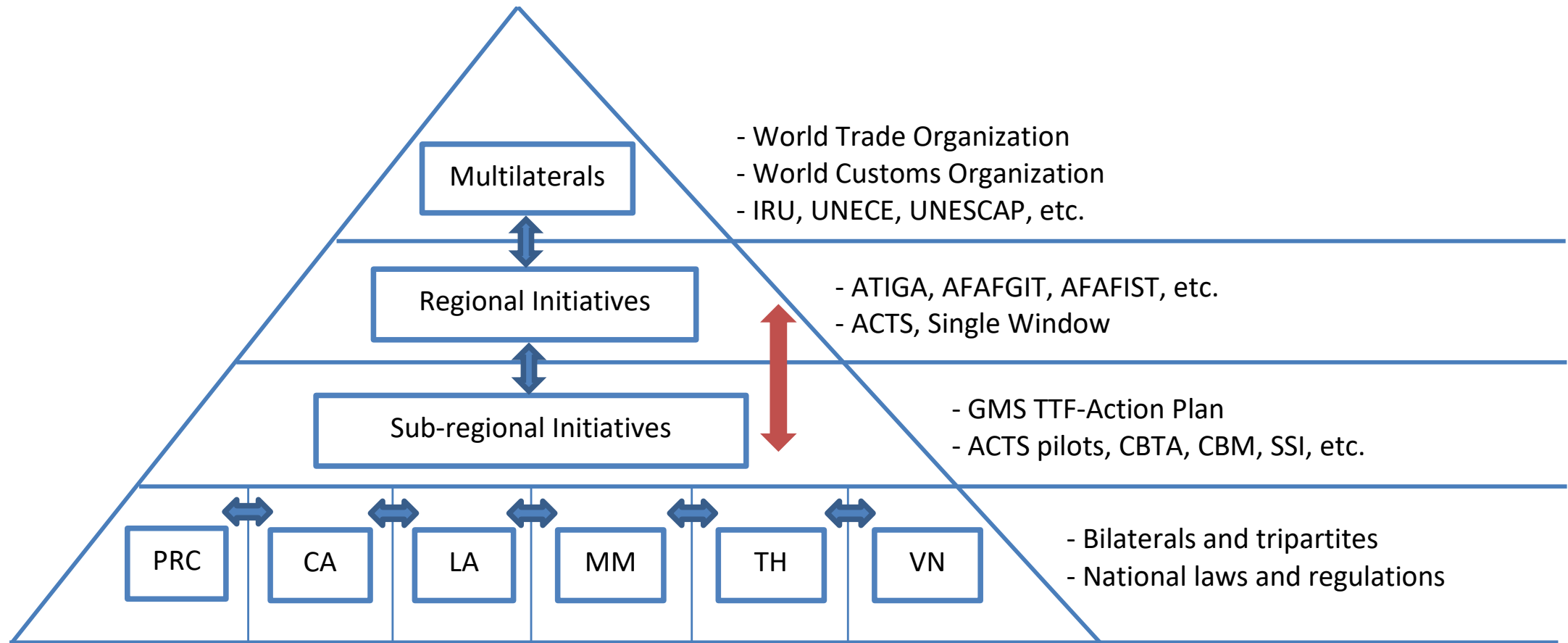


FACILITATING TRADE IN VACCINES AND ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES

GUIDANCE NOTE

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Trade and Transport Facilitation Support Pyramid



Subregional Groupings

- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan 2021–2023** Greater Mekong Subregion(GMS) -CAM, LAO, MYM, VN, TH, Yunnan and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of PRC
- **Pillar 1: Protect lives with a One Health approach**
- **Pillar 2: Protecting the vulnerable and poor**
- **Pillar 3: Ensure that borders remain open**
- **Action Plan to cope with Pandemics through Trade Facilitation** South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) – BAN, BHU, IND, MYM, MLD, SL, NEP
 - Tariffs and Fee payments
 - Simplified Procedures
 - Digitization
 - Institutional measures
 - Staff Protocols
 - Other facilitative steps

Impact of Pandemic: Lessons for Trade Facilitation Agenda

- Pandemic has highlighted critical gaps in modernization of cargo handling and clearance operations
 - Prevalence of physical interface points, manual submissions and intrusive checks
 - Several regulatory agencies needed paper filings; interface with logistics operators and terminals systems missing
 - Additional areas that could benefit from automation (submission of supporting documents, bonds, ATA Carnet)
- Lack of business continuity and emergency protocols
- Institutional mechanisms at bilateral/sub-regional level need to be enhanced

THANK YOU