



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (NTFC)

TRADE FACILITATION PROGRAMME

**Presented to : WTO Trade Facilitation Committee
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PRESENTATION OUTLINE



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ESWATINI RATIFICATION AND CATEGORISATION AND NOTIFICATION STATUS

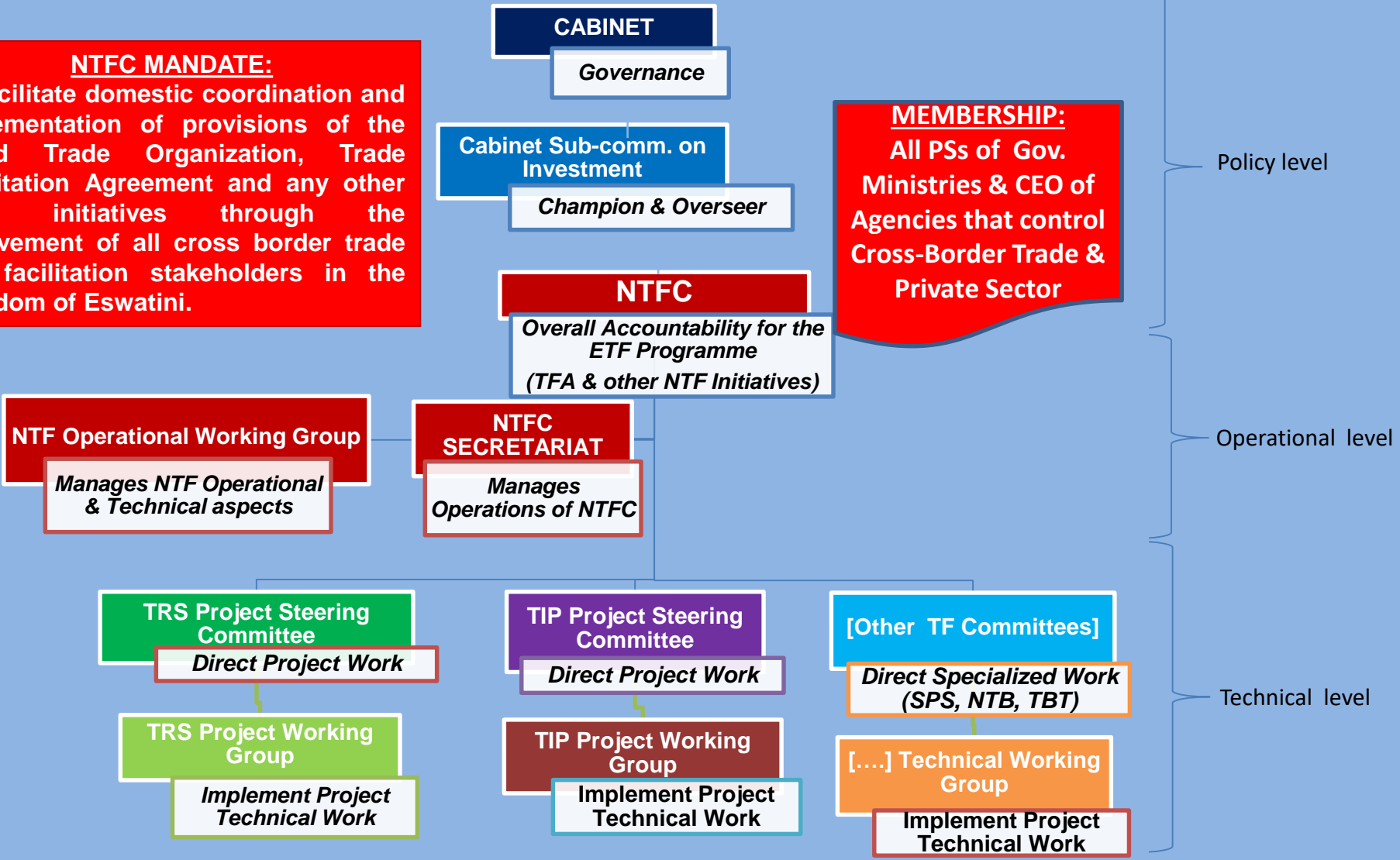
- Eswatini ratified the TFA in November 2016
- Categorisation of commitments is as follows;
 - Category A – 6 provisions
 - Category B – 17 provisions
 - Category C – 13 provisions
- Notification of definitive dates for the implementation of Category B and C submitted

National Trade Facilitation Committee Mandate & Membership



NTFC MANDATE:
 To facilitate domestic coordination and implementation of provisions of the World Trade Organization, Trade Facilitation Agreement and any other trade initiatives through the involvement of all cross border trade and facilitation stakeholders in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

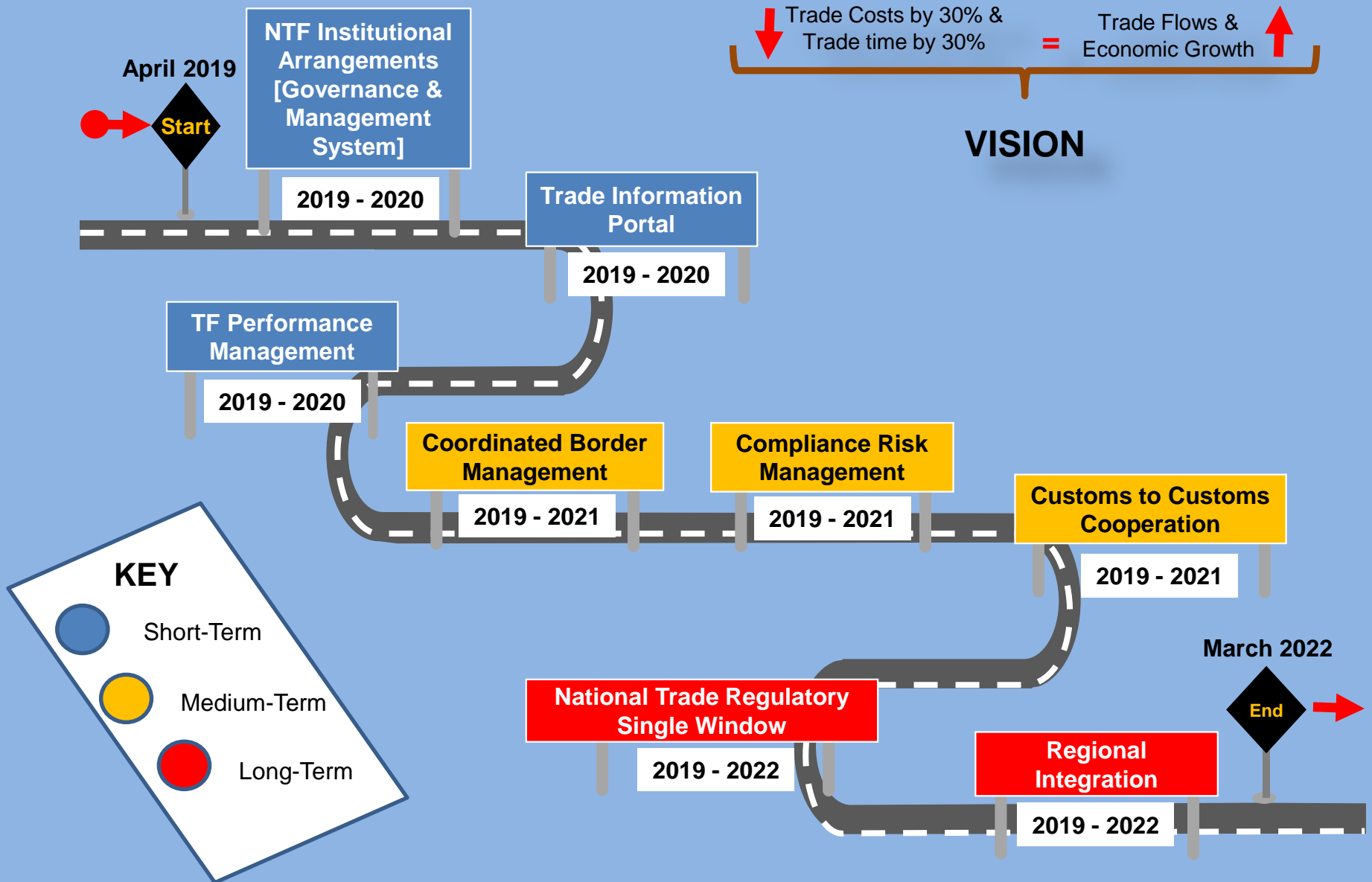
MEMBERSHIP:
 All PSs of Gov. Ministries & CEO of Agencies that control Cross-Border Trade & Private Sector



'The establishment of NTFC was approved by Cabinet in February 2019'



NTF ROADMAP – 2019 TO 2022





NTF ROADMAP – GOALS



1. To **strengthen governance, management and coordination** of all National Trade Facilitation initiatives and processes by 2020;
2. To **modernize information systems** of trade regulatory agencies, and establish a single electronic platform enabling on-line publications, availability and accessibility of trade related information by 2020;
3. To **implement Coordinated Border Management (CBM)** practices, systems interconnectivity and information exchange between all Trade Regulatory Agencies, enabling paperless trade by 2021;
4. To **establish and implement a performance measurement** system to monitor and improve efficiency of clearance processes by 2022;
5. To **strengthen the accreditation program** for compliant traders by 2022;
and
6. To **improve cooperation** between the Kingdom of Eswatini and External Trade Partners, by 2022



ACHIEVEMENTS



1. **Establishment of the NTFC with its Secretariat**, by Government Gazette published in November 2019
2. Signing of an **Advisory Agreement** with IFC of WBG
3. Development of a **National Trade Facilitation Roadmap** and detailed implementation plans
4. Establishment of **Project Teams and Technical Task Teams** to support implementation of the NTFC Roadmap
5. Development of the NTFC **M&E Plan** for the project implementation



ACHIEVEMENTS



6. Initial work on;

- development of a **One Stop Border Post (OSBP)** with South Africa;
- Development of a **Coordinated Border Management Framework Blueprint**
- Review and streamlining of Trade Related Legislation towards developing an overarching National Trade Facilitation Act to support **CBM, NSW and OSBP**

7. **Launch of the Eswatini Trade Information Portal**



STEP-BY-STEP GUIDELINES TO EXPORT-IMPORT KEY PRODUCTS



Trade is critical to the Kingdom of Eswatini’s future, and a driving force for economic growth. An enabling environment for trading is one that allows faster, fairer, more predictable, and transparent processing and clearance of imports and exports—all at the lowest cost to traders. Eswatini Trade Information Portal (ETIP) is part of Eswatini’s Trade Facilitation Programme under the auspices of the Eswatini National Trade Facilitation Committee (ENTFC), led by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade & supported by the World Bank Group.

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LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Information on trade, including laws and regulations, measures, standards, procedures, process maps, guidance notes, fees, forms, licenses and permit and customs tariff (organized by HS Code) as well as duty, fees, taxes, levies and applicable penalties in case of a breach.



ESWATINI TRADE INFORMATION PORTAL (ETIP)



- The ETIP is addressing the requirements of **Article 1.2** on availability of information
- Project Kickoff event held on the **27th February 2020** and officiated by the Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade of the Kingdom of Eswatini
- Supported by the IFC a component of World Bank Group, as part of its Trade Facilitation Support Program (TFSP). The project was implemented by ECORYS UK in association with Imani Development.
- Launch of the Portal was held on the **30th September 2020** by His Excellency the Honorable Prime Minister Mr Mandvulo Dlamini.



ESWATINI TRADE INFORMATION PORTAL (ETIP)



ETIP Maintenance Sustainability

- Maintaining the ETIP is an ongoing activity which requires regular update of information to ensure timely, accurate and well presented information
- For sustainability of the ETIP a fulltime **maintenance team** comprising a **Content Analyst, Webmaster and Publicity officer** is required. They will be working with **nominated focal points** from the agencies who will be meeting from time to time to make updates to the portal.



CHALLENGES



1. **Cooperation** from agencies on providing updated information for the Trade Portal.
2. **Varying understanding** of the TFA and related obligations amongst Agencies.
3. **Limited prioritization and funding** of National Trade Facilitation Initiatives.
4. **Sustainability** of the NTFC Work and it's Secretariat.



REQUIRED SUPPORT



1. **Funding** towards implementation of the other areas in the roadmap whose work has already started
2. Support in **establishing a full time Secretariat** focusing on the TF work.
3. Support for maintenance of the ETIP which includes staffing, hosting and publicity.
4. Assistance in the work on **legal reforms** to support implementation of The Trade Facilitation Agreement.

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