

Poul HANSEN, UNCTAD

WTO TFC, 28 Nov – 1 Dec 2022 Geneva



UNCTAD trade facilitation tools







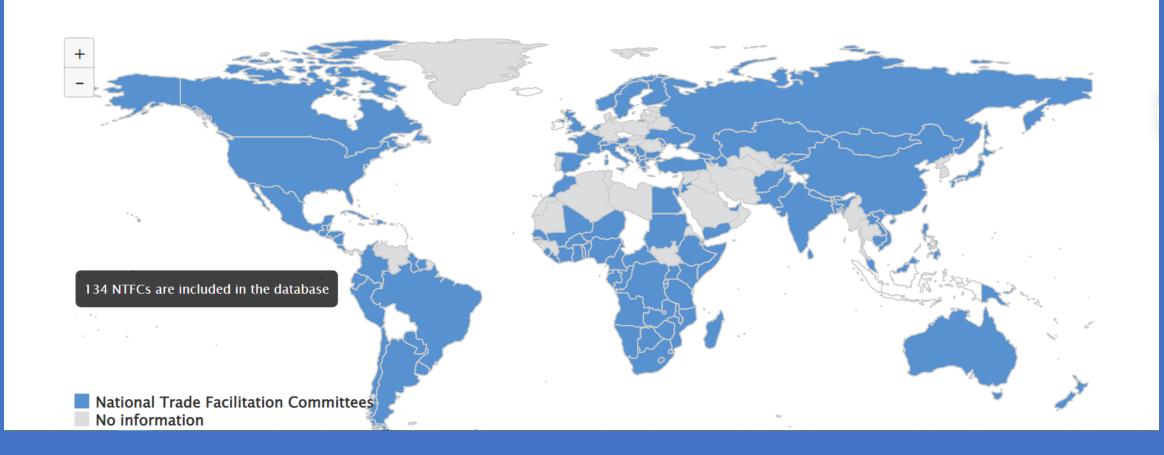


Explore National Trade Facilitation Committees

https://unctad.org/topic/transport-and-trade-logistics/trade-facilitation/committees-around-world

Select a country on this list or click on a country on the map to access relevant information

SELECT A COL









Get to know the NTFCs

Explore country-based information of NTFCs



Access aggregated

Explore information of NTFCs at global and regional level and by development groupings



Compare data

Find out how a NTFC is performing compared to other Committees, individually, in a specific region or level of development or globally

INFORMATION IS DIVIDED INTO 5 KEY ELEMENTS

OBJECTIVES & SCOPE

Provides key aspects of the mandate of NTFCs– from concrete scopes of action, limitations of scope of work, consideration of regional integration and cross-border e-commerce.

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Includes information on year of establishment, degree of institutionalization, existence of terms of reference, regularity and frequency of meeting, existence of a work plan, and monitoring and evaluation tools.

COMPOSITION AND GENDER

Information on chairpersonship, on whether there is a permanent secretariat, public-private membership and gender perspective in the NTFC

COMMUNICATION & OUTCOMES

Existence of a communication strategy, channels used to inform different stakeholders and concrete outcomes achieved by the NTFCs

SUSTAINABILITY

- Shows crucial factors of sustainability and obstacles to sustainability of the NTFC
- Provides results related to UNCTAD Sustainability Score which calculates the chances the NTFC has to be sustainable in time

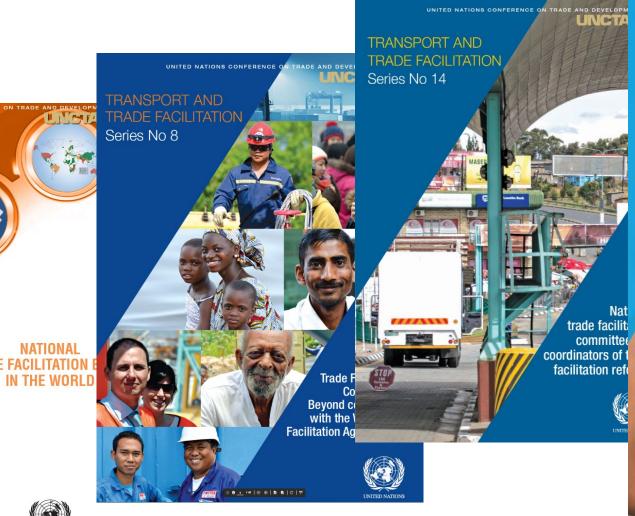


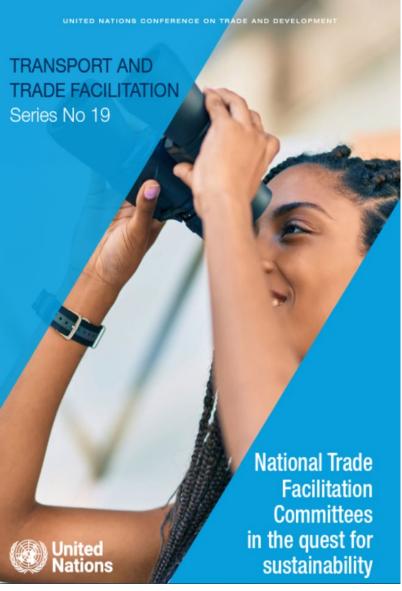


NTFC studies

NATIONAL

TRADE FACILITATION







Key	Facto	ors influencing the sustainability of National Trade Facilitation Committees	
	1	Scope of work	9
		The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement at the core of the NTFC focus	
		Concrete scopes of action for the NTFC	(
		Regional integration and bilateral relations	4
		E-Commerce	
	2	Institutional framework	
		Degree of institutionalization	
		Terms of reference	
		Work plan/Roadmap 1	
		Regularity and frequency of meetings2	
		Permanent secretariat	
		Chairpersonship	26
	3	Membership	38
		Public-private representation	
		Level of seniority of members	
		Gender balance	3]
	4	Communication with key stakeholders	87
	5	Concrete outcomes	35



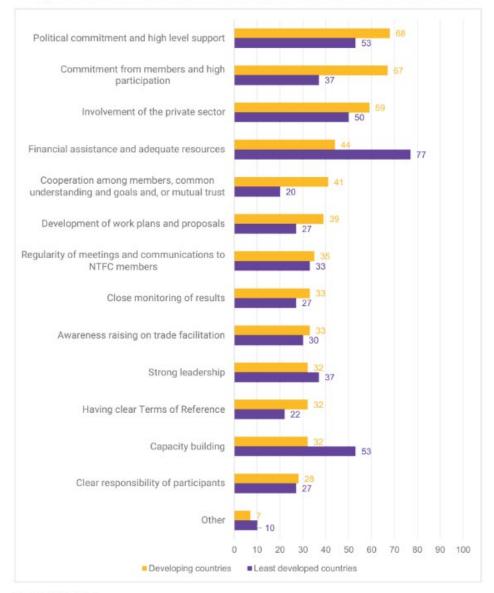


WHAT IS UNCTAD SUSTAINABILITY SCORE FOR NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES?

The Score aims at assessing the likelihood of National Trade Facilitation Committees to be sustainable. It identifies the main key factors contributing to the daily operations of the National Trade Facilitation Committees. Based on the weight those factors have on the Committee's capacity to be functional, it calculates its prospects to be sustainable. As such, the Score focuses on the prerequisites for setting up an efficient NTFC but also considers the current practices in each given country.



Figure 4: Main crucial factors for the sustainability of National Trade Facilitation Committees



Source: UNCTAD



Figure 5: Main obstacles to the sustainability of NTFCs

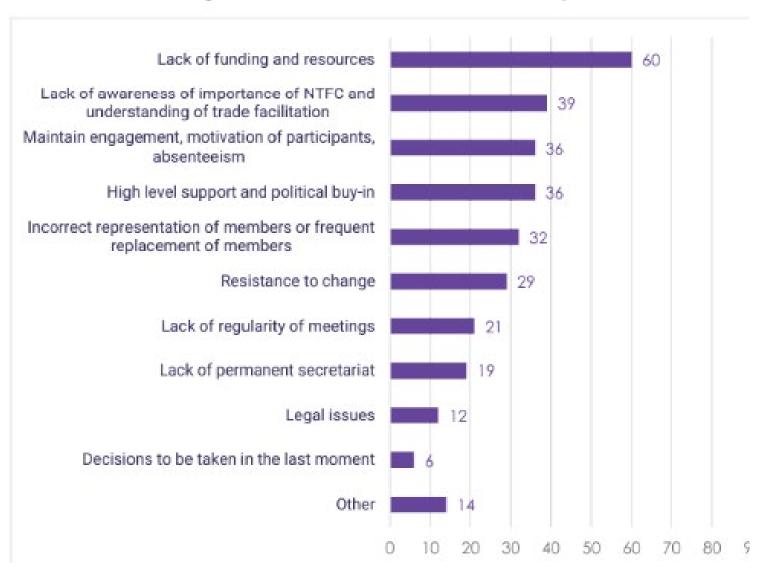




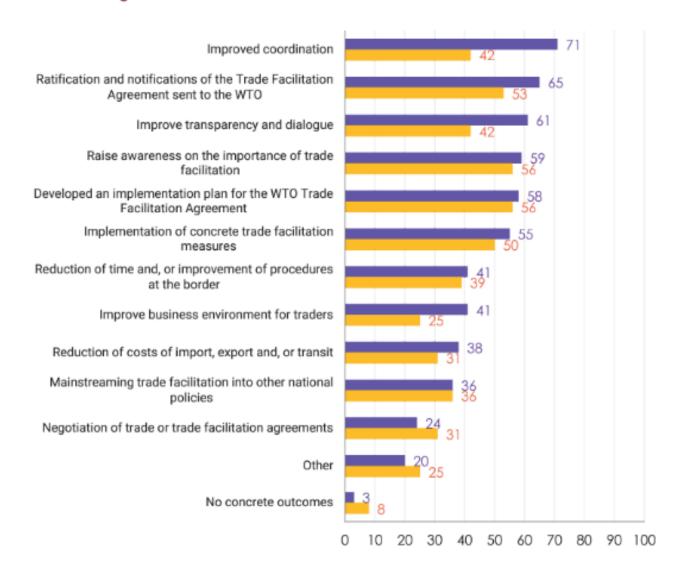
Figure 6: TOP 10 obstacles for the sustainability of National Trade Facilitation Committees over time

Top	10-2015		Top 10 - 2018		Top 10 - 2020	Top 10 - 2022
1	Lack of funding / resources	ė	Lack of funding / resources	ė	1 Lack of funding / resources	1 Lack of funding / resources
2	Motivation of participants / absenteelsm	YYY	2 Maintain engagement/ motivation of participants/ absenteelsm	YYY	2 Lack of awareness of importance of NTFC/ understanding of trade facilitation	2 Lack of awareness of importance of NTFC/ understanding of trade facilitation
3	Lack of awareness of importance of NTFC / understanding of trade facilitation	1	3 Incorrect representation of members //irequent replacement of members		3 Lack of high level support / political buy in	3 Lack of high level support / political buy in
4	Lack of coordination / conflicts of interest	Fi	4 Lack of coordination / conflicts of interest	řì	4 Resistance to change	4 Maintain engagement/ www motivation of participants/ absenteeism
5	Resistance to change		5 Lack of high level support / political buy in		5 Maintain engagement/ www.moulvation.of participants/ absentuelsm	5 Incorrect representation of members / frequent repiscement of members
6	Maintain engagement of members	YYY	6 Resistance to change		6 Incorrect representation of members //request replacement of members	6 Resistance to change
7	Incorrect representation of members /frequent replacement of members	47	7 Lack of regularity of meetings	. ₩	7 Lack of permanent secretariat	7 Lack of regularity of meetings
	Lack of high level support / political buy-in		Eack of awareness of Importance of NTFC / understanding of trade facilitation	L	8 Legal tesues	8 Lack of permanent secretariat
9	Lack of work plan	YT	9 Lack of permanent secretariat	THE .	9 Lack of regularity of meetings	9 Legal Issues 44
10	WTO proposals submitted within too short notice to react	3	10 Logal leques	414	10 Decisions taken in the last moment	10 Decisions taken in the last moment

Source: UNCTAD



Figure 26: Outcomes of the National Trade Facilitation Committees







THANK YOU

undtad,org/TF

