



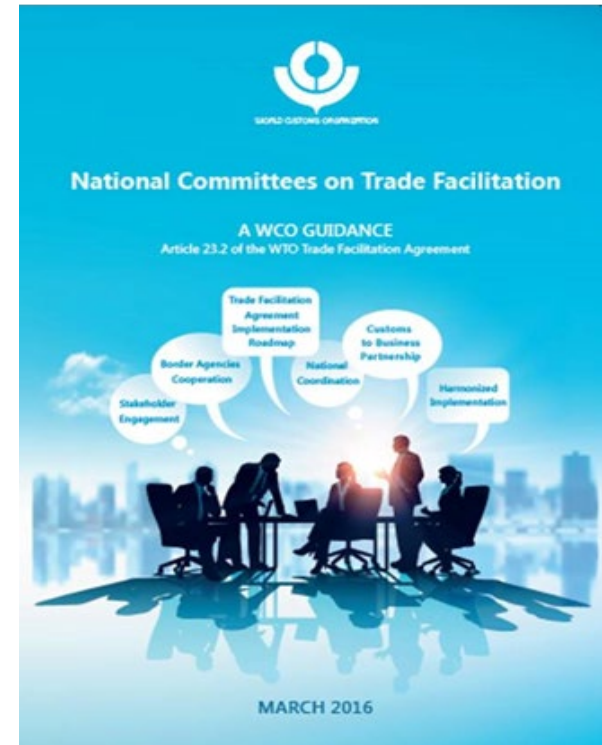
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## 2021 WCO survey results on the state of play in the area of NCTFs

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- **2015 WCO survey on NCTF**
- **WCO Guidance on NCTF 2016**
  - the role of Customs and its involvement in the NCTFs,
  - preconditions for a successful NCTF,
  - its duties and functions including setting-up the group,
  - developing the Terms of Reference,
  - launch of the NCTF,
  - establishment of the national roadmap to TFA implementation and its monitoring,
  - achievements reported by NCTFs.



Guidance can be accessed at;  
<http://www.wcoomd.org/-/media/wco/public/global/pdf/topics/wto-atf/national-committees-on-trade-facilitation/guidance/nctf.PDF?db=web>

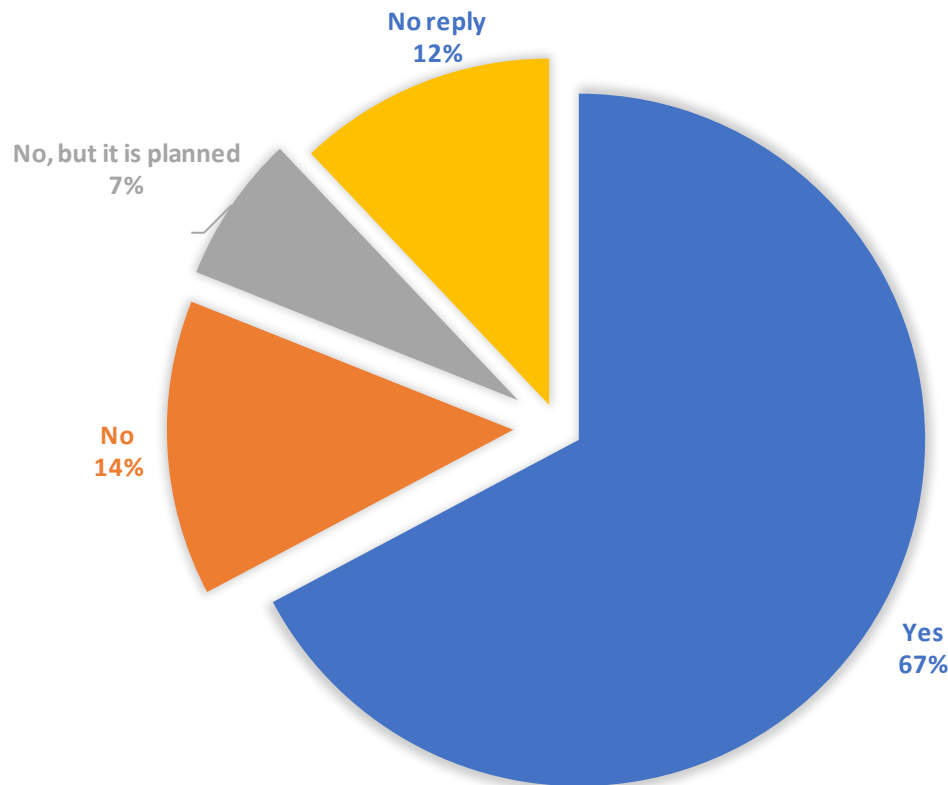
- **Chapter 5 on NCTFs,**
- **116 out of 183 WCO Members,**
- **9 Questions;**
  1. having in place a National Committee on Trade Facilitation
  2. Number of NCTF Members
  3. Stakeholders,
  4. Structure of NCTF,
  5. Role of Customs in the NCTF,
  6. Terms of Reference (ToR),
  7. Role of NCTF,
  8. Main benefits during the COVID19,
  9. Main challenges during the COVID19.

**WCO Secretariat Note;** *“The Current State of Play of WCO Members in the Area of National Committees on Trade Facilitation (NCTF)”*

# 1. Does your Government have in place a National Committee on Trade Facilitation in accordance with Article 23.2 of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)?



Does your government have in place an NCTF in accordance with Article 23.2 of the WTO TFA? *116 Members total*



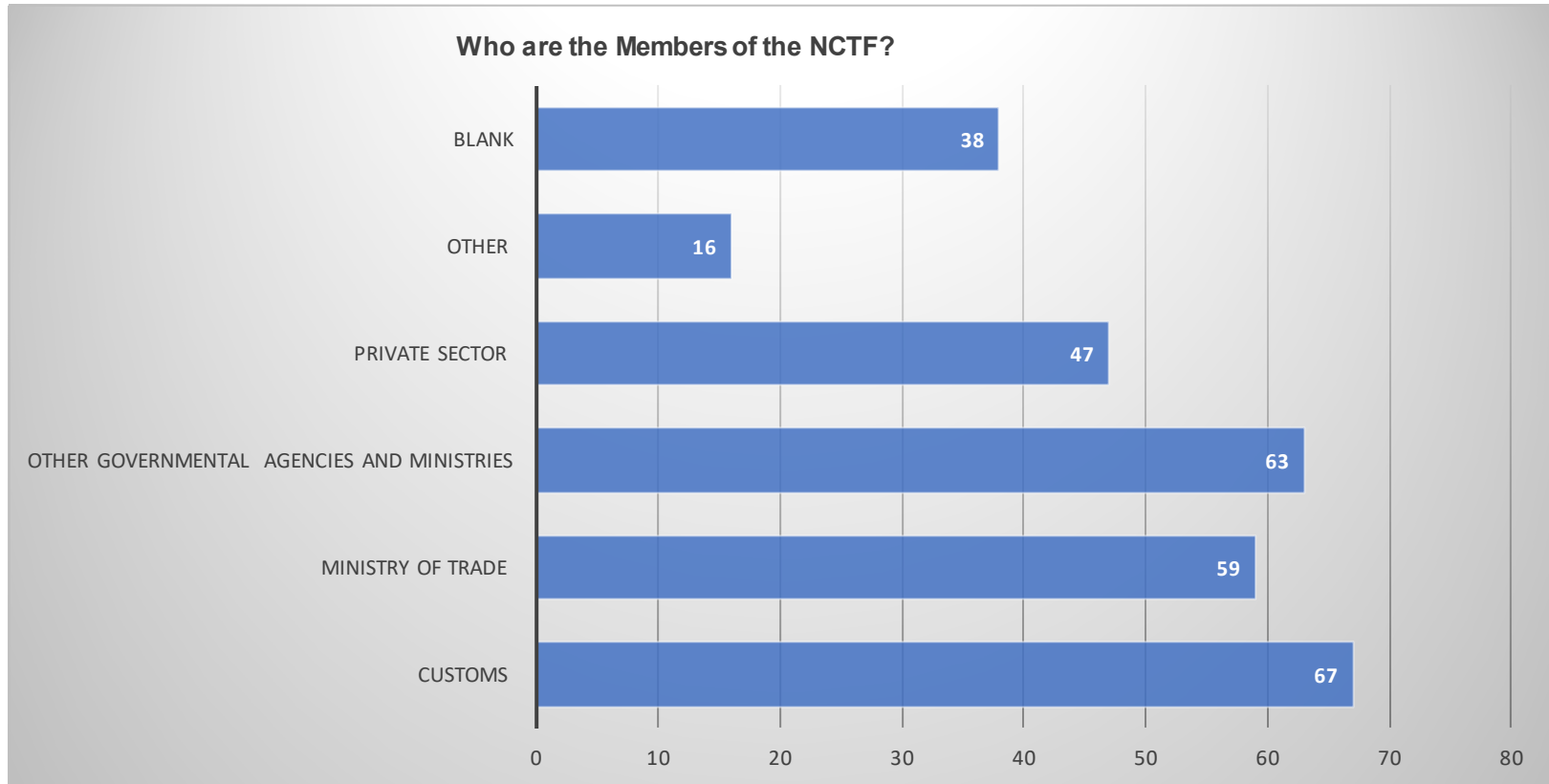
## 2. How many members of the NCTF are there?



**Number of NCTF members; varies from 5 to 60.**

- Asia/Pacific (AP) region; from 5 to 24,
- East and Southern Africa (ESA) region; from 20 to 50 (*except one Member which has 9 members*),
- Europe region; from 5 to 30,
- Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) region; from 9 to 39,
- Americas and Caribbean region; 20 or less (*except one Member which has 42 members*),
- West and Central Africa (WCA) region; from 10 to 60.

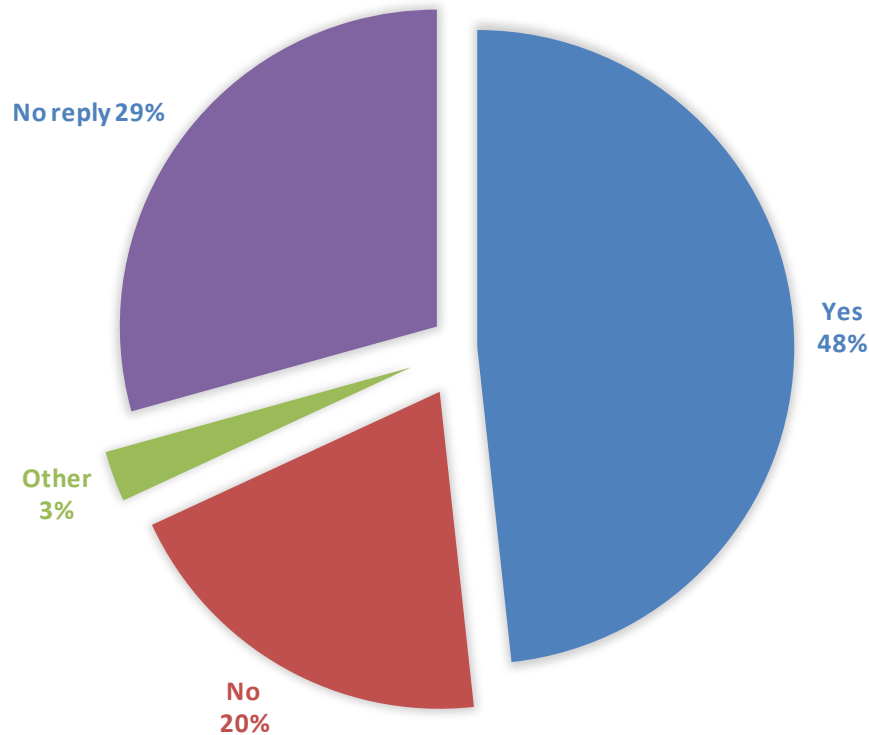
### 3. Who are the Members of the NCTF?



## 4. Does your Government have an overarching high-level NCTF structure with supporting working groups?

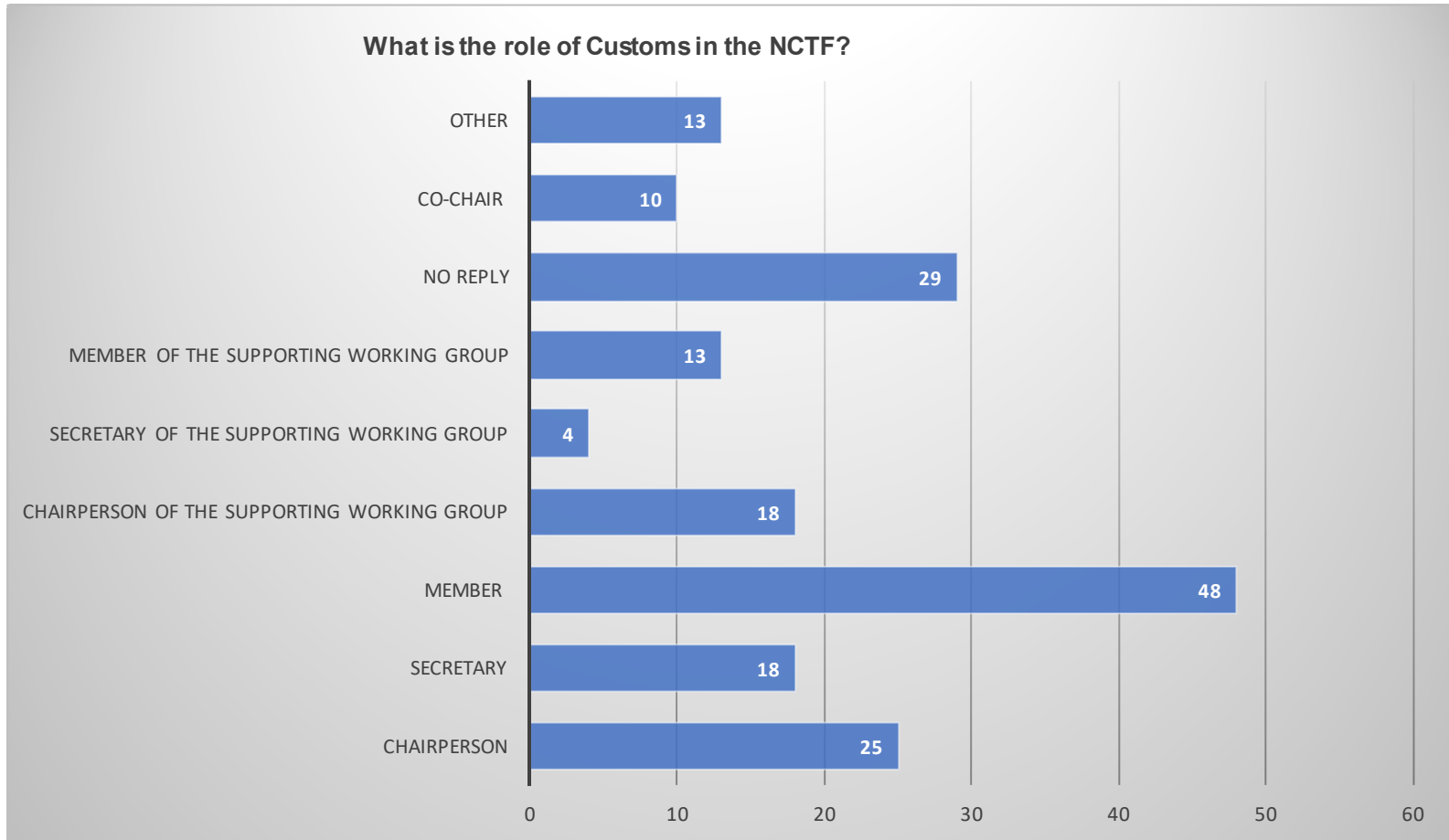


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## 5. What is the role of Customs in the NCTF?

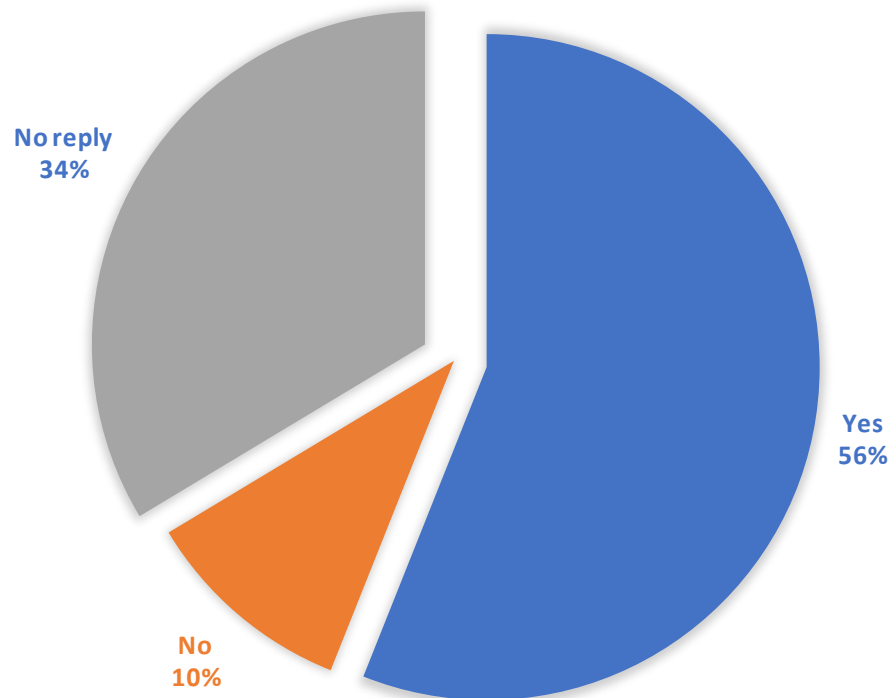




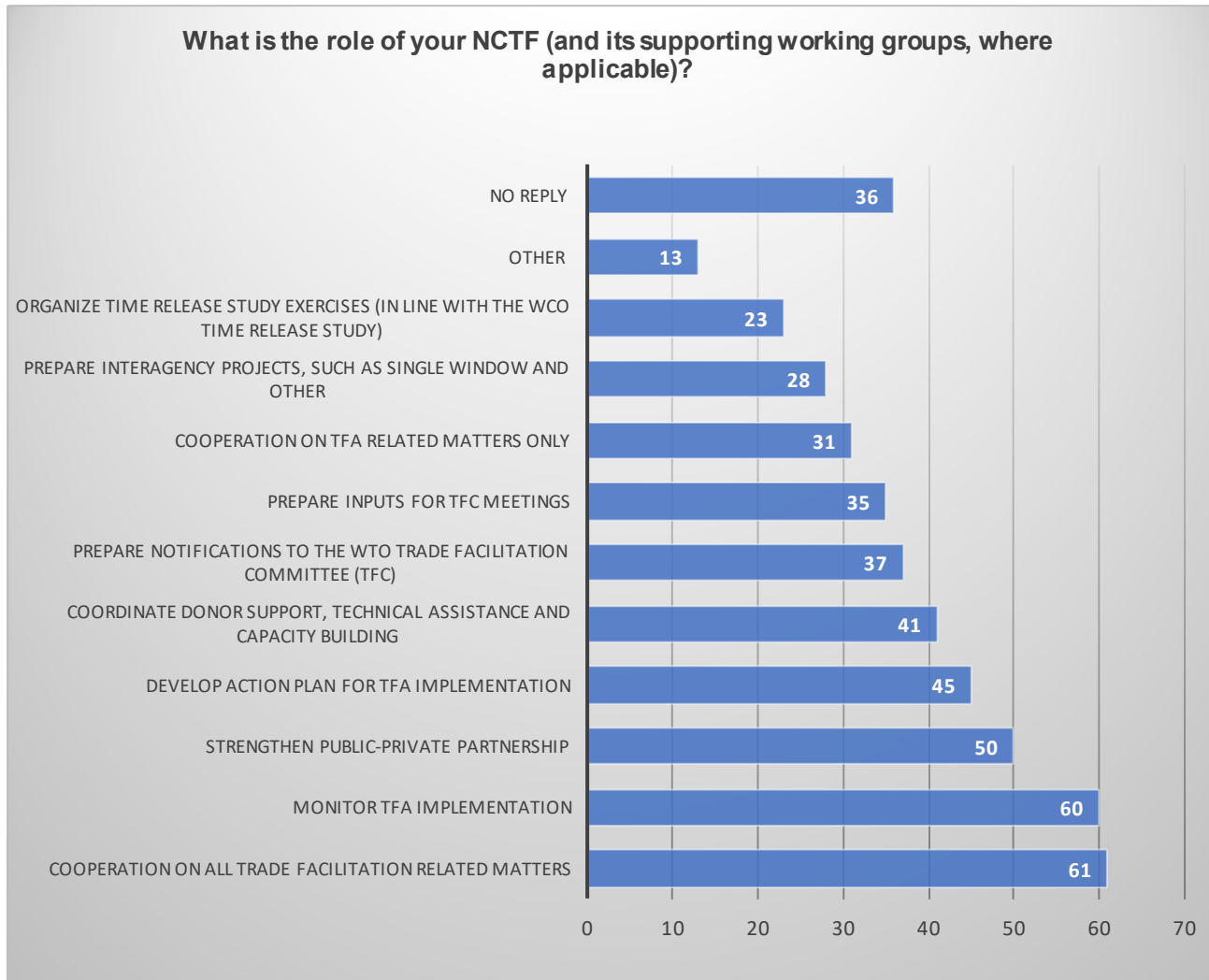
## 6. Does your NCTF have a Terms of Reference (ToR) in place?



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## 7. What is the role of your NCTF (and its supporting working groups, where applicable)?



## 8. What have been the main benefits in the functioning of the NCTF, including during the COVID-19 pandemic?



- Coordination, Cooperation and Collaboration,
- Better communication and cooperation between public & private sectors,
- Information sharing,
- Monitoring of TFA implementation.

## 9. What have been the main challenges in the functioning of the NCTF, including during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Difficulties with conducting meetings,
- Coordination,
- Prioritizing the movement of essential goods,
- Neglecting the long-term goals.



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**Thank you!**

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