Implications of CPTA for ASEAN and Readiness Assessment
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Session 2. Readiness assessment for cross-border paperless trade: ASEAN workshop
Technical and institutional aspects
How to conduct technical readiness assessment & way forward
The Experience from a long journey

1. Armenia
2. Azerbaijan
3. Bangladesh
4. Cambodia
5. Georgia
6. Kazakhstan
7. Lao PDR
8. Myanmar
9. Mongolia
10. Nepal
11. Philippines
12. Timor Leste
13. Tonga
14. Uzbekistan
15. Vietnam
16. Tajikistan
17. Turkmenistan
18. Tuvalu
19. Mexico
The Progression of the Readiness Assessment

• Mooted by Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation

• UNNExT was roped in to develop the checklist

• “Pilot was taken for field test”

• Adjustment and Amendments made

• Tutorial Guide was established
Challenges

- The perception of the readiness assessment.
- The way forward
- Analyzing the answers
- Constructing the Recommendations and Action Plans
- Language
The Perception Of The Readiness Assessment.

• IT IS NOT A TEST
• NOT A PRE-REQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
• SITUATIONAL ANALYST
• “AS IS”
The Way Forward – the Strategic Benefits

- A holistic overview of the country’s situation
- Bilateral / Multilateral Planning
- Pilot Projects
- Feasibility Study

The left hand doesn't know what the right one is doing
Part A – National Level
Analyzing The Answers – Institutional & Governance

• To reflect seriousness – such bodies should have an official name, its function and the chairperson – plus- the “rank”

• Similar to supporting working groups / committees

• Sensitivity – Creative choice of words e.g “being planned” “in the process of identifying” etc
Analyzing The Answers – Level of Automation

• Need a “deep drive into the answer”
• First of its kind or prototyping is not a “NO” answer – requires elaboration.
ICT Infrastructure and Security

- Elaboration of ICT infra and coverage
- Security and Protocols
BPR, Data Harmonization and Standardization

• Methodology and International Standards
Capacity Building

- Awareness Campaigns, Training and Communications
Part B – National Status for Cross Border Data Exchange

• Single Windows
• International Data Exchange Platforms e.g. e-Phyto
• Regional Single Windows
• Bilateral / Multilateral
• International Transit Programs / Projects
Constructing the Recommendations and Action Plans

- Recommendations based on the gaps identified in the check list
- Recommendations – best practices / proven references
- Action Plan – Realistic and time measurable
- Confidence and Comfortable in presenting / defending arguments.
Language

- Not a language lesson
- Priority to the decision makers.
Thank You

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