Trade & Next Generation
Trade Facilitation for Sustainable Development

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A framework for channeling trade and investment into sustainable development

Source: https://www.unescap.org/publications/APTIR2017
# Trade Facilitation & Sustainable Development

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<td>Lower trade cost → Higher competitiveness, lower price of goods</td>
<td>Less complicated, more transparent procedures → More inclusive participation in trade</td>
<td>More efficient trade procedures, digitalization Less energy consumption</td>
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*Trade Facilitation: simplification and harmonization of international trade procedures*
Sustainable & resilient trade facilitation

UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation

✓ Trade facilitation for SMEs
✓ Women in Trade Facilitation
✓ Agricultural Trade Facilitation

✓ Resilient trade facilitation in times of crisis

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Despite steady progress made, TF measures for special groups not well implemented

Source: UN Global Survey Report on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2023
Next Generation Trade Facilitation

**Sustainable TF**
- Need for enhancing ability to engage in trade (int’l)
- Developing comprehensive and inclusive TF strategies

**Resilient TF**
- TF mitigating crisis and emergencies
- Still lacking long-term plans for future crisis

**Tech & TF**
- Know how to utilize tech
- Legal frameworks for govern, regulate and use
- Harmonization & interoperability
Climate Smart & Trade Facilitation

- Estimating GHG Emission Savings from paperless trade implementation
- Fully digitalizing a single end-to-end trade transaction = emission savings of 1.5 trees
- For Asia-Pacific, equivalent to about 13 million tones of CO2e per year (400 million trees)
- Results driven by efficiency gains from handling data digitally rather than by direct savings of paper/ink.

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