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# MAKING TRADE FACILITATION HAPPEN THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

*ROLE OF NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES*

**09.00 – 12.30**

**19 September 2019,**

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## Session1: Organization / Operational Strategies of NTFC – Examples of Good Practices

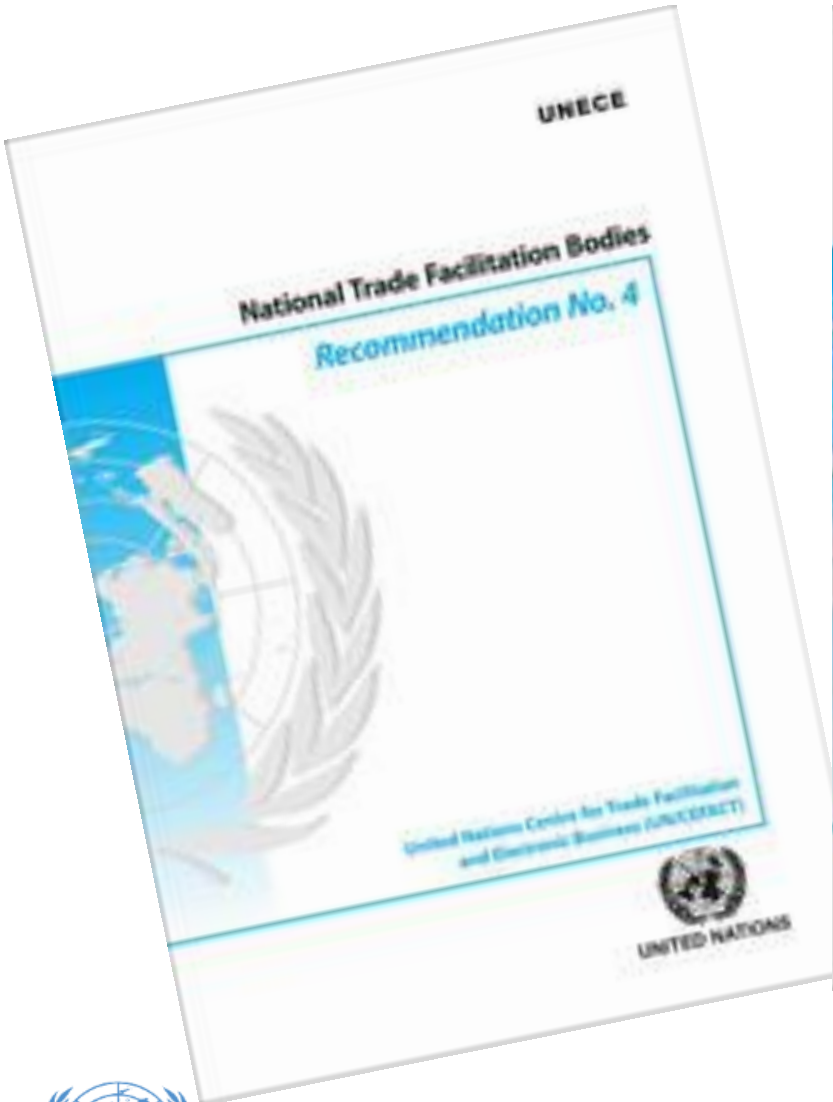
**Moderated by Ms. Maria Rosaria Ceccarelli, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, UNECE**

### **Presentations:**

**Mr. Abdurakhmon Abdurakhmonov, Head WTO Affairs Dept., Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Tajikistan**

**Mr. Hardeep Batra, Additional Commissioner, WCO CELL, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, India**

UN/CEFACT- over 440 Policy Recommendations, eBusiness Standards and Guidelines to support Trade Facilitation



Recommendations 4 – 40 – 41  
Supporting National Trade Facilitation Committees



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## Session2: Role of the Private Sector – Effective Engagement

**Moderated by Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Chief, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business Section, ITC**

### **Presentations:**

**Mr. Devinda Kariyawasam, Project Officer, NTFC Secretariat, Assistant Superintendent of Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka**

**Mr. Harm Jan Van Burg, Senior Policy Advisor Ministry of Finance, Directorate General Taxation and Customs, The Netherlands**



Facilitate public-private sector cooperation and provide businesses with the opportunity to advocate for efficient reforms through NTFCs ( in Asia- Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Sri-Lanka, Vietnam)



Create opportunities for e-learning (online cross-border management curriculum, interactive courses, Virtual Learning Space)



**TRADE FACILITATION**

Introduction to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

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Next start date: 8, April 2019

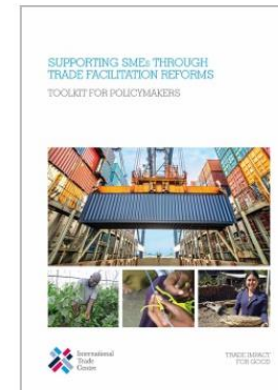
### National Trade Facilitation Committees



### Charting a Roadmap to Regional Integration



### Supporting SMEs through trade facilitation reforms: Toolkit for policymakers



### SMEs and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement







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## **Session3: Planning and Monitoring Trade Facilitation Implementation**

### **Role of the Donor Community**

**Moderated by Mr. Poul Hansen, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD**

#### **Presentations:**

**Ms. Gugu Treasure Dlamini-Zwane, Lead Customs Modernisation, Reform and International Liaison, Eswatini Revenue Authority, Eswatini**

**Ms. Battsetseg Tuvshintugs, Deputy Director-General, Foreign Trade, Economic Cooperation Department, Mongolia**

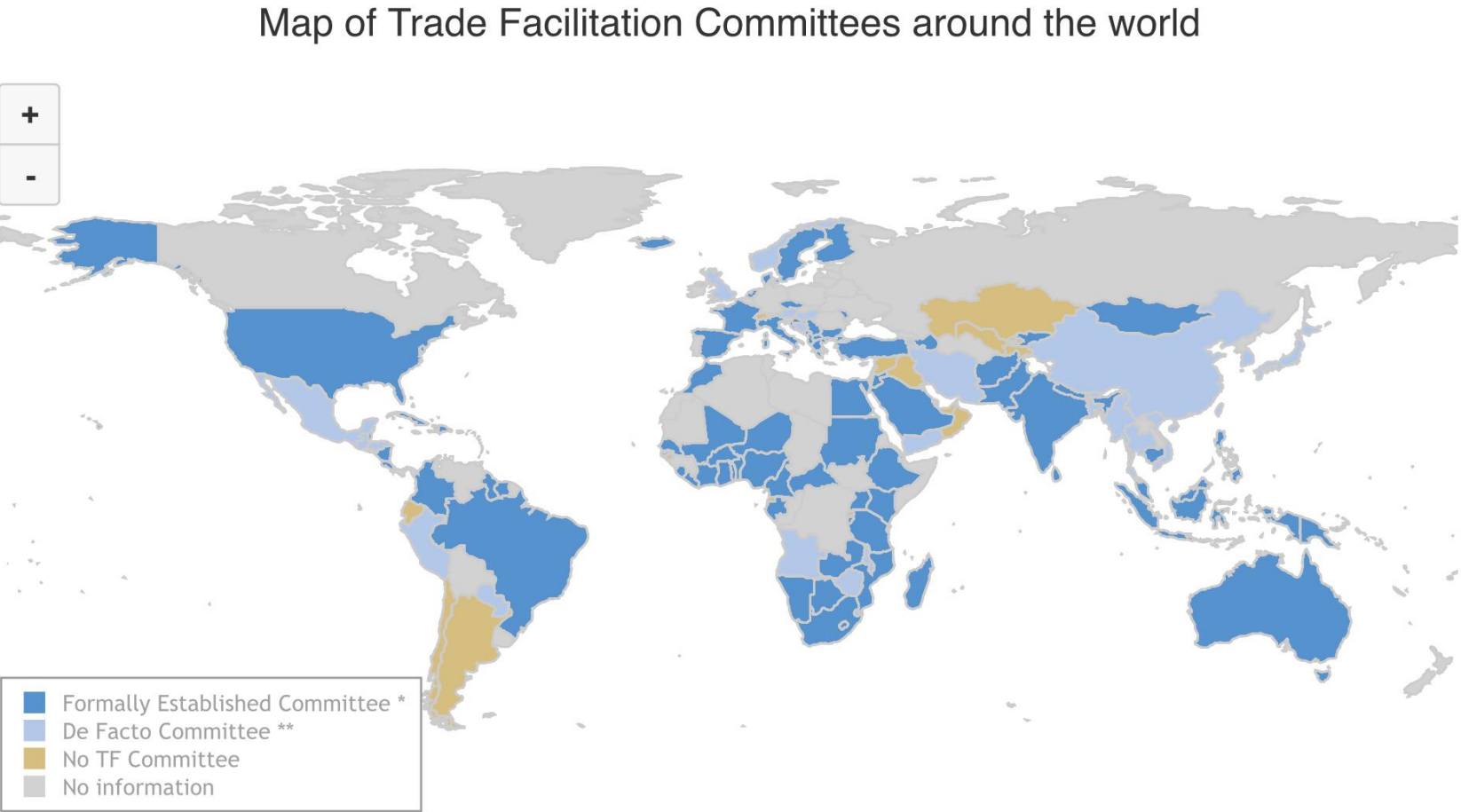
**Ms. Hannah Mayer, Head of Economics & Finance, British High Commission, United Kingdom**

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with the WTO Trade  
Facilitation Agreement ?

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\*\* De facto Committee: existing committee, although not created by a legal instrument.

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