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# DDA NEGOTIATIONS WTO PROVISIONS ON RTAS

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# 1. WHAT DO WE NEGOTIATE



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- Negotiating mandates in the Doha Ministerial Declaration (November 2001)
- Under the title of WTO RULES, paragraph 29
- “ We also agree to negotiations aimed at **clarifying and improving disciplines and procedures under the existing WTO provisions applying to regional trade agreements.** The negotiations shall take into account the developmental aspects of regional trade agreements”

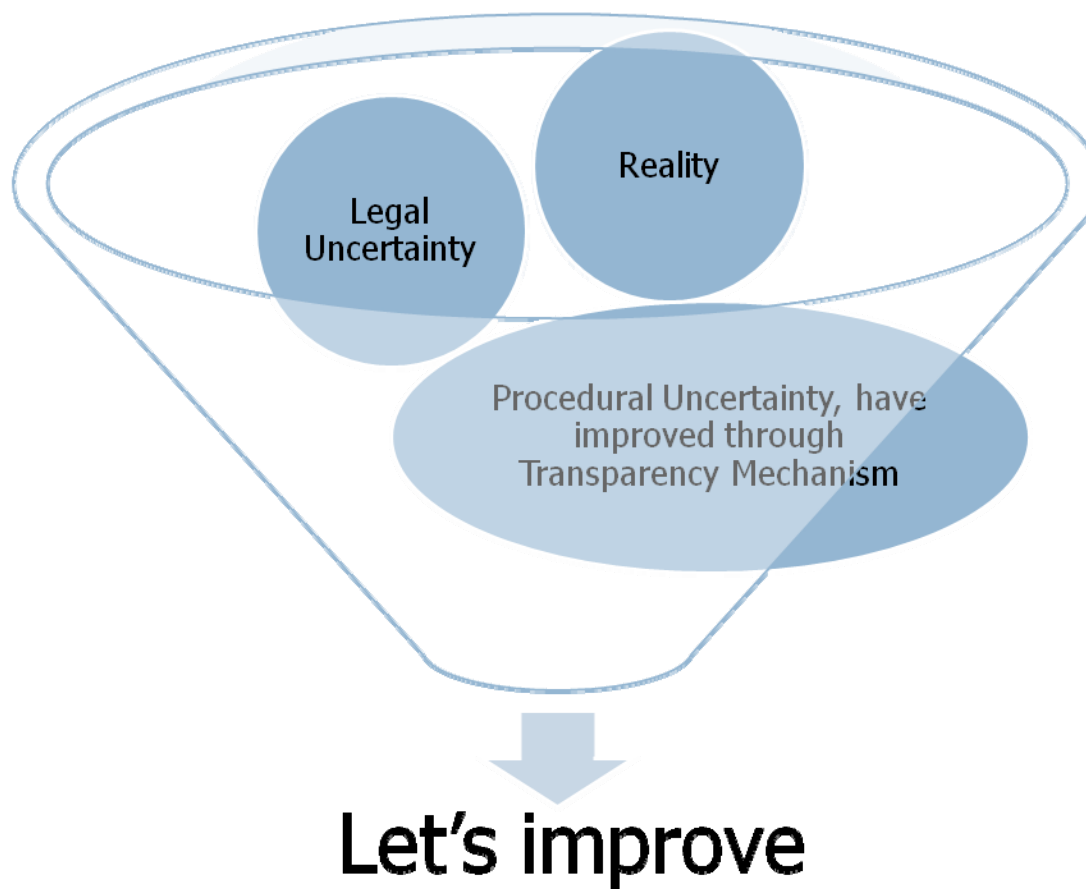
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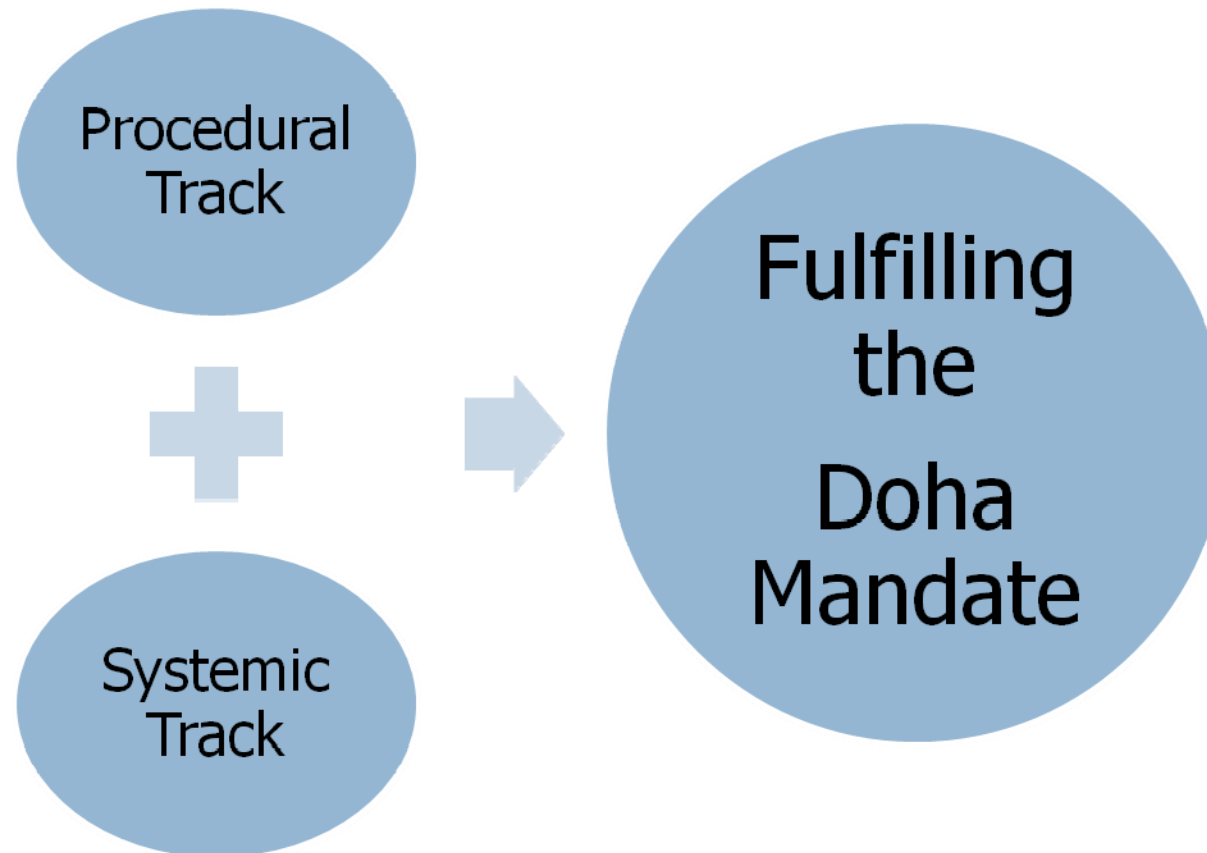
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### 3. HOW DO WE NEGOTIATE



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## 4. ANY PROPOSALS and RESULTS?



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### Procedural

- Early harvest, Transparency Mechanism
- US proposal (TN/RL/W/248) in January 2011
- Refining the Mechanism based on experience (TN/RL/W/252)

### Systemic

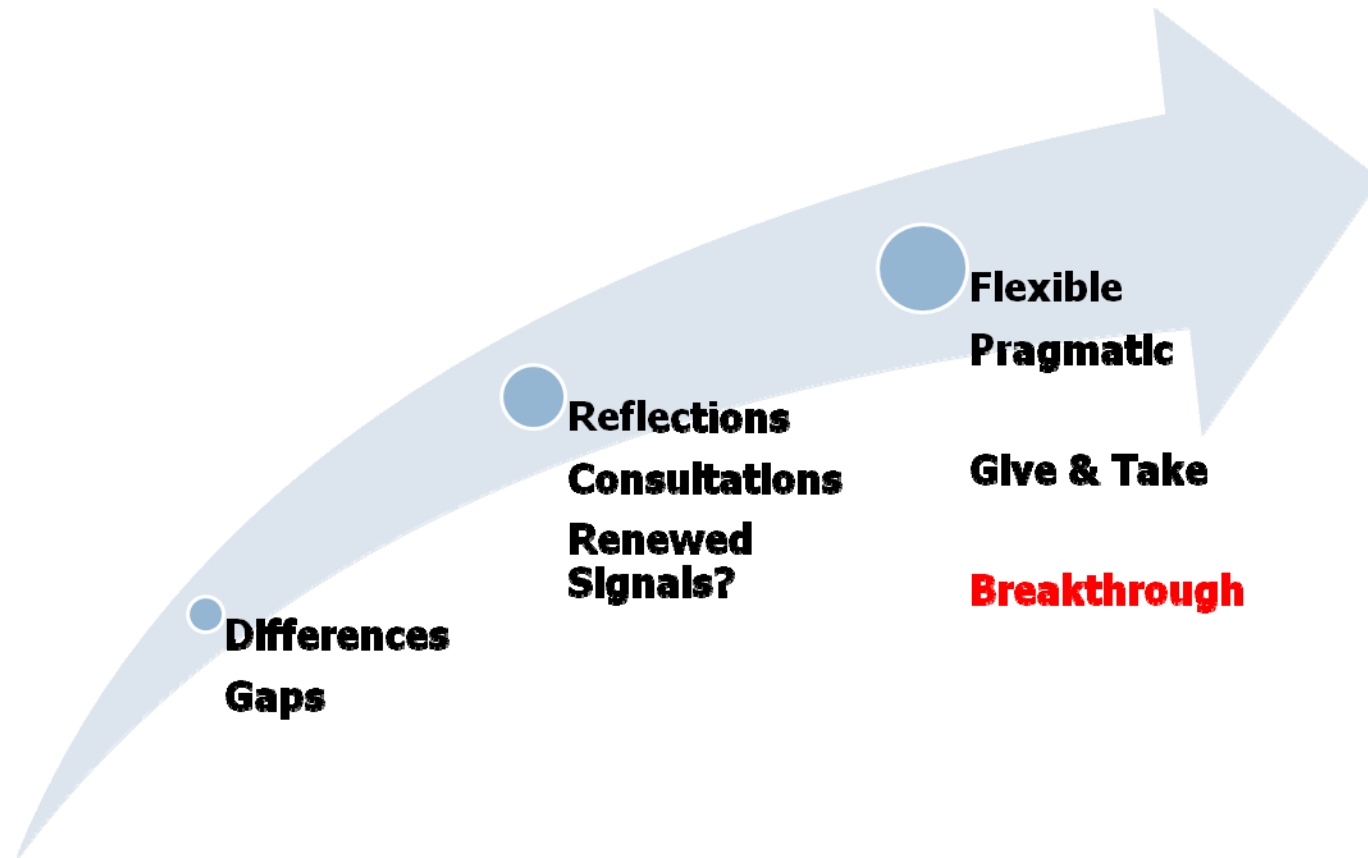
- Attempt to define vague wordings and to inject development dimension (22 proposals in total up to 2005)
- Bolivian proposal (TN/RL/W/250) in January 2011

### Where?

- A forward-looking, post-Doha work programme?
- Chair's assessment (TN/RL/W/253)

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## 5. WHAT NEXT?



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# THANK YOU

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