

USAID SUPPORTS TRADE FACILITATION

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Members of the World Trade Organization negotiated a landmark **Trade Facilitation Agreement**

This can lead to dramatic improvements in the speed and efficiency of moving goods across borders.

USAID supports developing and least-developed countries in implementing this agreement and improving their ability to trade

USAID Partnership for Trade Facilitation (PTF)

The PTF, launched in 2011, assisted 19 developing countries in implementing commitments by providing demand-based, rapid, and flexible support

WTO Trade Facilitation Needs Assessments

USAID is a leading donor in supporting needs assessments
28 completed

Africa Regional Trade Hubs (based in Botswana, Ghana, & Kenya)

USAID provides a variety of technical interventions focused on improving the trade facilitation environment

Trade Africa

The initial focus of this Presidential Initiative was in East Africa, with the East African Community (EAC) and its members and is now expanding to new partners, including Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mozambique, Senegal, Zambia, and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

OECD estimates: A country that fully implements the agreements could reduce total trade cost by:

- 16.5%** Low income countries
- 17.4%** Lower middle income countries

Reducing global trade costs by 1% = **\$40 billion+** increase in worldwide income



Countries receiving TFA support from USAID

TOOLS



A Comprehensive Approach to Trade Facilitation and Capacity Building



Establishing Risk Management/Cargo Selectivity Capability



Information and Communications Technology Procurement: Best Practices Guide for Customs Administrations



Advance Rulings: A Resource Guide



Authorized Economic Operators



Post-Clearance Audit Programs: A Businesslike Approach to Customs Control

USAID Activities

October 15: Georgia
Workshop on trade along the New Silk Road with officials from Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, TRACECA, and International Road Transport Union

October 27-29: Bosnia and Herzegovina
WTO Trade Facilitation Self-Assessment in collaboration with World Bank Group

November 9-28: Botswana
Training workshop on implementing National Single Window

November 16-19: South Africa
Trade Facilitation Strategy Presentation at the Southern Africa Feed the Future Workshop in Pretoria

November: Mozambique
Facilitating government discussions on updating WTO TFA notifications (categories A, B and C)

December: Ghana
Training National Trade Facilitation Committees in West Africa on the WTO TFA

December 30: ASEAN
Commencement of ASW by selected ASEAN States

October: Côte d'Ivoire
Training on customs documentation requirements under ECOWAS and AGOA

November 3-4: Serbia
Regional Workshop of National Trade Facilitation Committees in Central European Free Trade Area (CEFTA) cosponsored by CEFTA, World Bank Group, and USAID

November 16: Singapore
ASEAN Single Window (ASW) Symposium II with nearly 100 attendees from public and private sectors

Nov. 30 - Dec. 11: Vietnam
U.S. Customs Border Patrol direct technical training on compliance measurement

November: Botswana
Comprehensive trade facilitation plan for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat finalized

December 17: Kenya
Launch of Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation at 10th WTO Ministerial Conference

WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH YOU.

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