

# Enhancing Regional Supply Chain Connectivity: Findings from Global UN Trade Facilitation Survey

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# UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation

- ❑ Conduced by 5 UN regional Commissions
- ❑ Every two year since 2015

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**Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade**

Visualize & compare implementation of measures across regions and economies

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Interactive visualization of Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade data



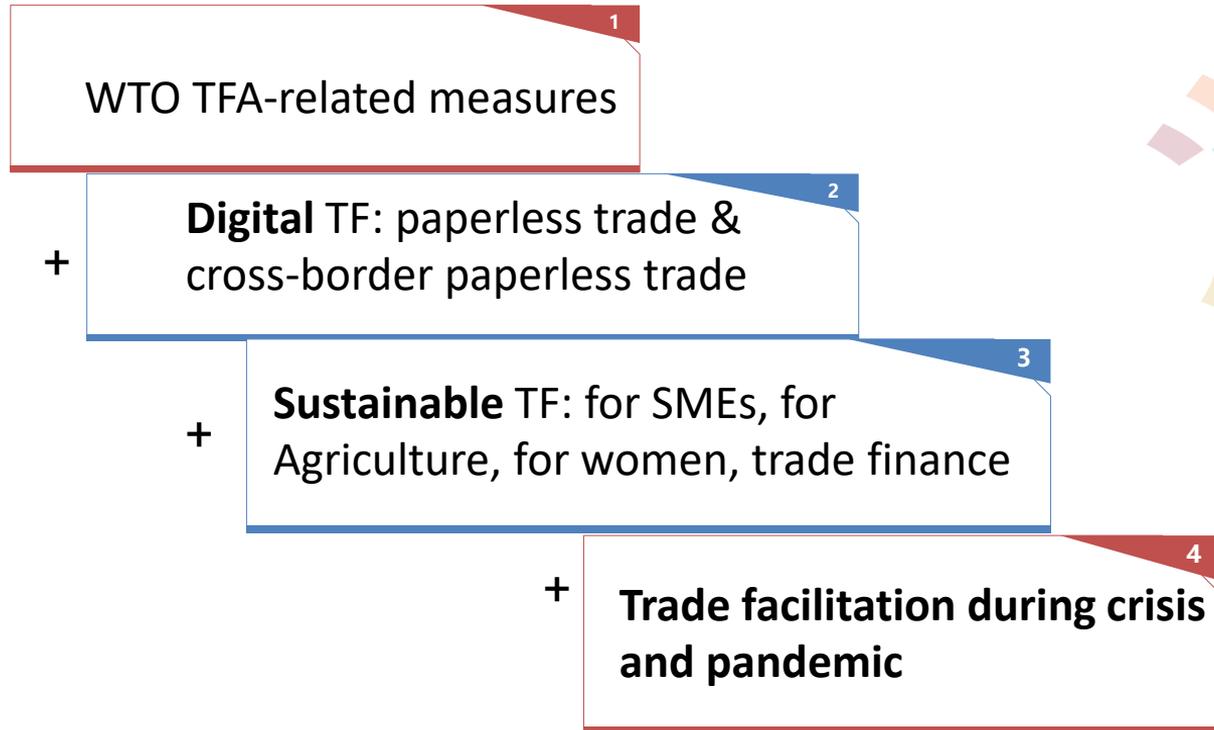
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# Survey Scope

50+ trade facilitation (TF) measures

140+ countries



# Implementation of Different Groups of TF Measures

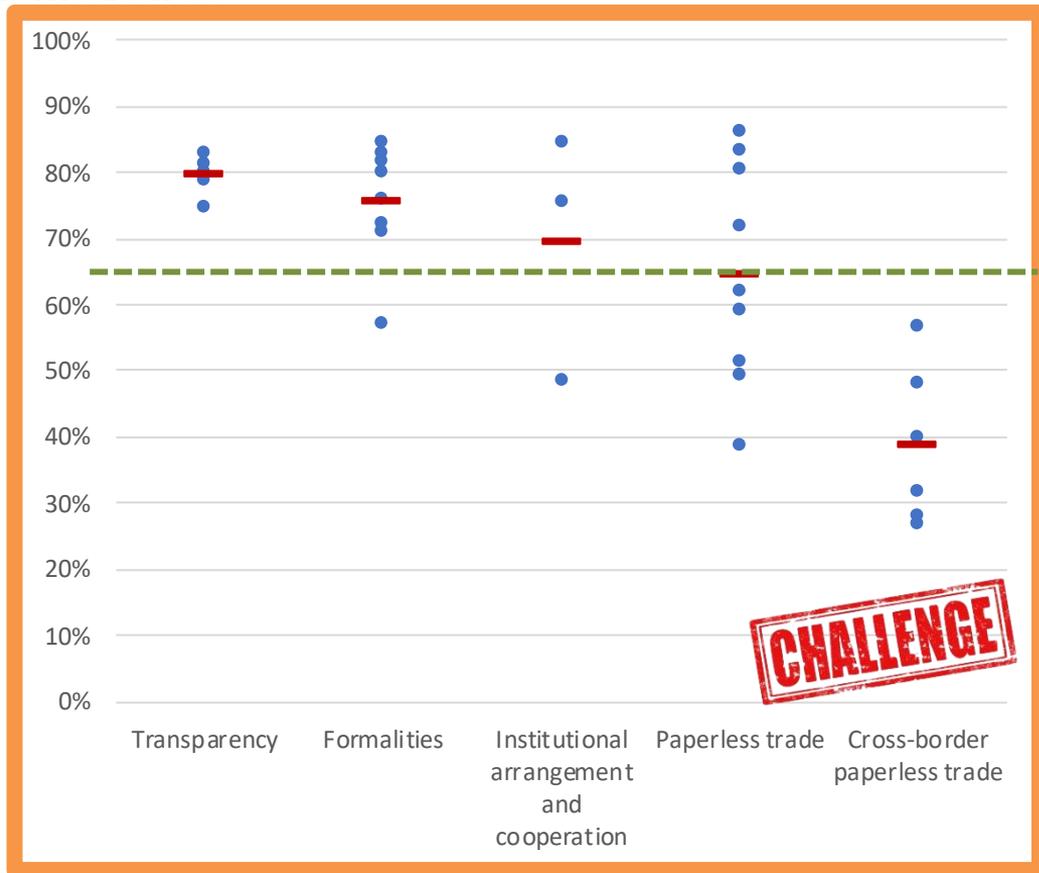
## “General & Digital TF measures”

“Paperless trade” implementation rates vary greatly depending on the individual measures

**“Cross-border paperless trade” is still a challenge (< 40%)**

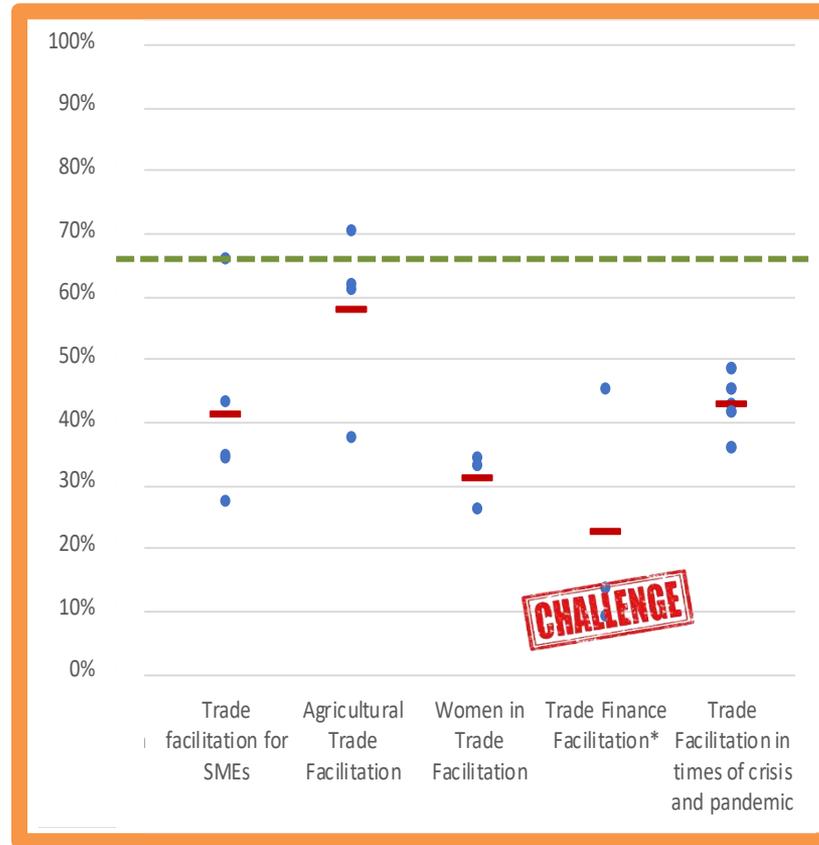
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# Implementation of “Sustainable and Resilient TF measures”

Implementation of TF  
measures for special  
and disadvantaged  
groups (SME & Women)  
remains low



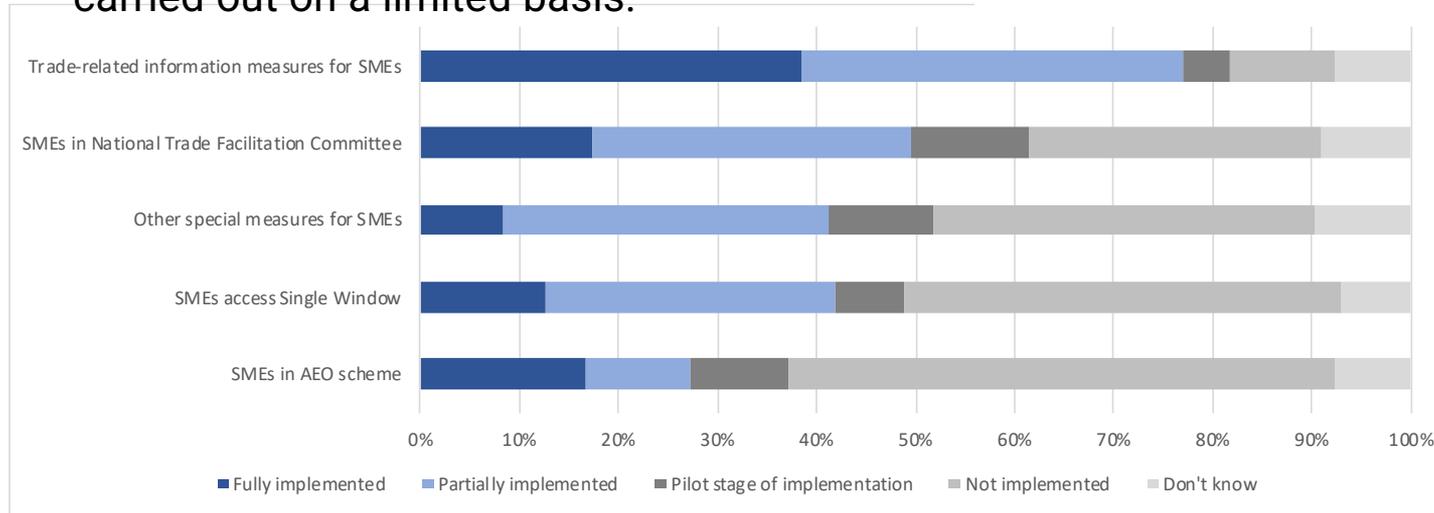
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# Trade facilitation for SMEs

Measures that specifically target SMEs to overcome the challenges they face in trade such as facilities for SMEs access to Single Window and SMEs access to AEO scheme are carried out on a limited basis.



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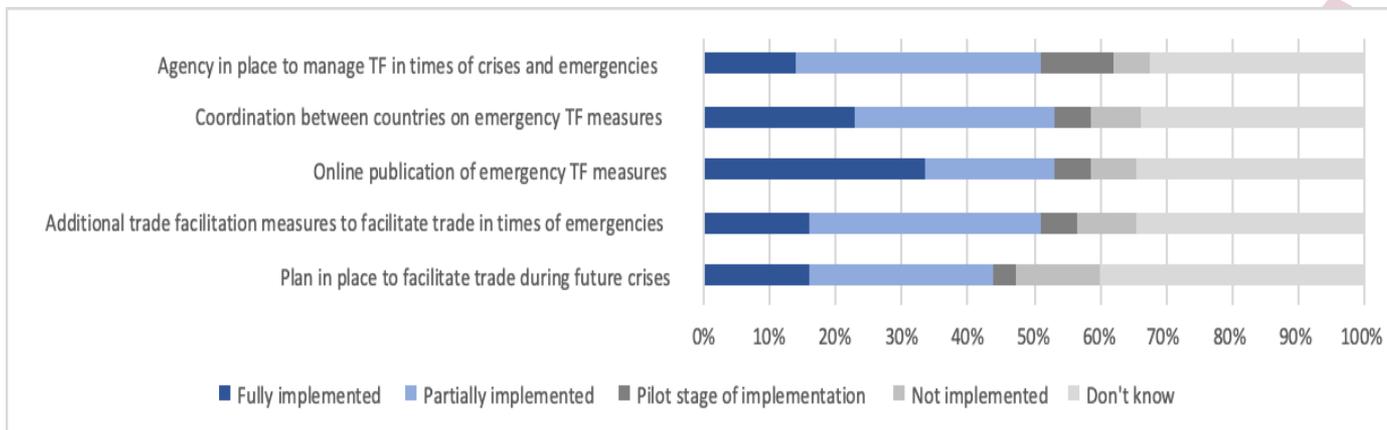


## Resilient TF measures: TF in times of crisis

Work is needed on making trade procedures more resilient:

Only 14% of countries have established or clearly assigned an agency to manage TF in times of emergencies and

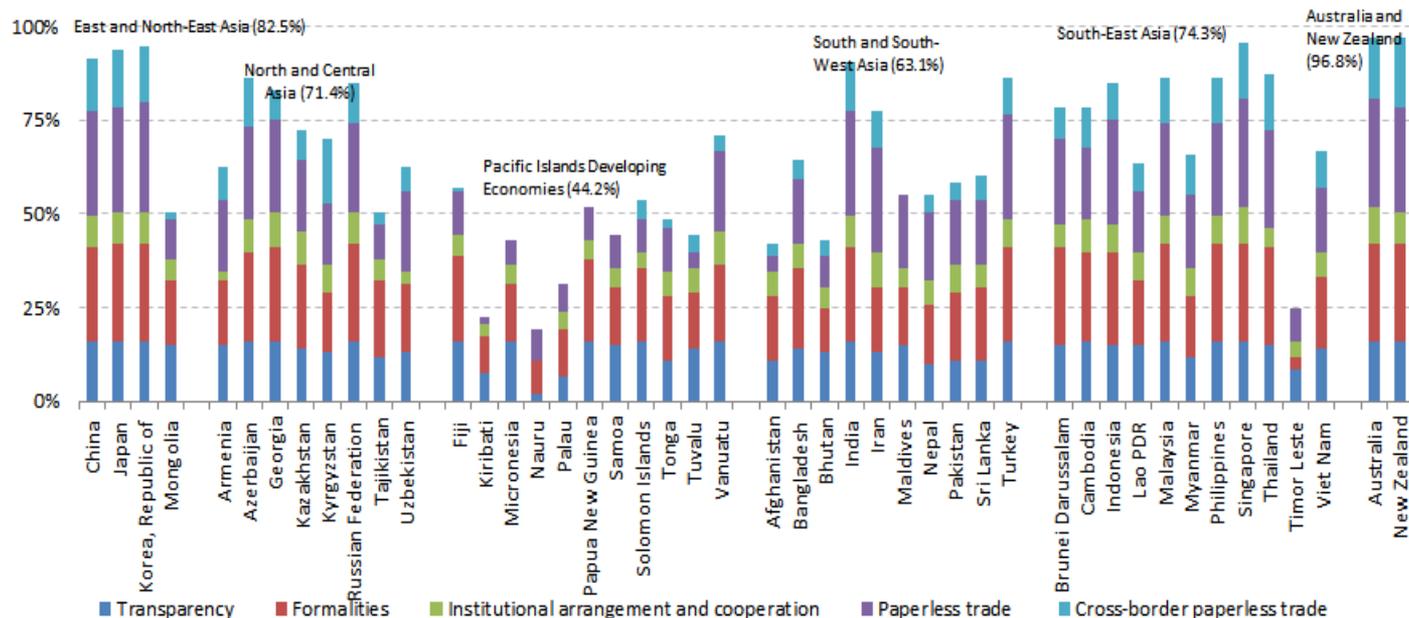
Only 16% of countries have confirmed long term preparedness for future crises.



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# Implementation of Trade Facilitation in Asia-Pacific (46 countries)



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## Implementation of Trade Facilitation in Asia-Pacific



6% increase since 2019 (consistent with global trend)

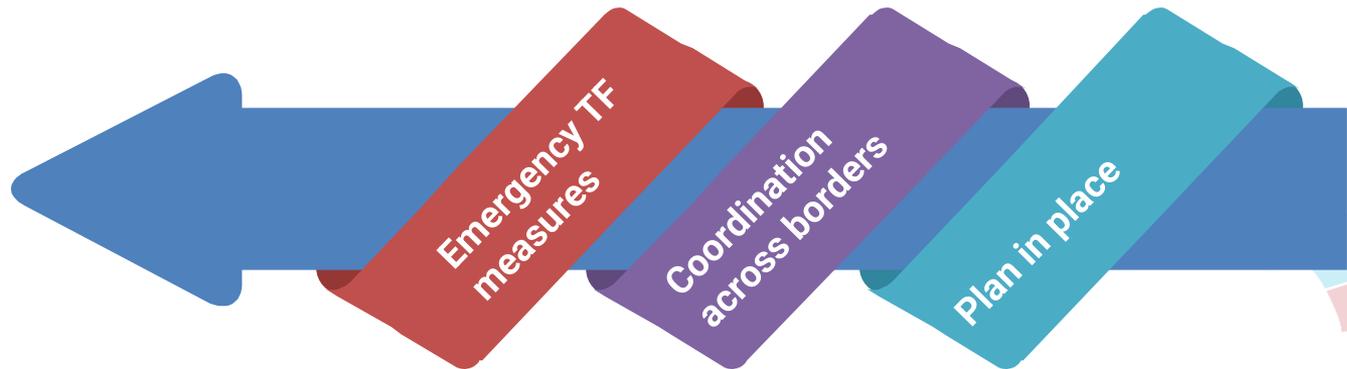


7 or 13 countries who achieved >90% implementation rate are from Asia-Pacific:





# Good Practices – TF in Times of Crisis and Pandemic



**01**

PHILIPPINES enacted “Clearance of Relief Consignment Entered During State of Calamity” and “Interim Procedures on Provisional Good Declaration” to support expedited clearance during pandemic.

**02**

INDONESIA: To facilitate international trade during pandemic, Indonesia intend to receive the electronic SPS certificate from all countries and kindly requested for a country to officially inform Indonesia about the implementation of digital documents, supported with access to certificate validation.

**03**

CHINA Customs has introduced “List of TF measures” during COVID-19 to ensure SOP of TF across Customs Houses in China.





# Good Practices – Cross-border paperless trade

## EXCHANGE Customs Declaration

By March 2021, Cambodia, Myanmar, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand have started exchanging the ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) to support Customs in the importing country to carry out their risk management.

## EXCHANGE E-C/O

In December 2019, all ASEAN Members joined the ASW Live Operation which allowed the granting of preferential tariff treatment based on the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement electronic Certificate of Origin (ATIGA e-Form D) exchanged through the ASW.

## EXCHANGE E-SPS

ASEAN Member States are working to expand the ASW to support the exchange of electronic Sanitary and Phytosanitary (e-SPS) Certificates. The exchange of e-Phyto Certificate are being tested between Indonesia and Viet Nam.





# Good Practices – Trade Facilitation for SMEs

**Measures targeting SMEs**

INDONESIA DG on Customs and Excise Regulation No. 05/2018 mandates that Customs Authority should be able to identify Import Declaration of SME importers. Customs Authority should facilitate easy procedure and access for SMEs.

**SMEs benefit from AEO**

REPUBLIC OF KOREA offers expedited AEO authorization examinations to SMEs through multiple procedural preferential provisions, including a “priority audit”. Consultation fees are provided to firms that show lack of personnel and financial resources.

**Single Window accessible to SMEs**

SINGAPORE established a document Service Center that helps SMEs to access single window more easily. The centers submit documents on behalf of SMEs.

**Reduce costs for SMEs**

REPUBLIC OF KOREA's International Trade Association has established Rate Discount & Consulting Service (RADIS). It provides logistics support service in conjunction with 22 logistics firms in order to assist SMEs by reducing logistics costs and providing consulting.





# Good Practices – Women in Trade Facilitation



## **TRADE FACILITATION POLICY/STRATEGY INCORPORATES SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF WOMEN**

INDIA National Trade Facilitation Action Plan 2020-2023 Promotes gender inclusiveness in trade: - Conceptualize and develop a “Women in Global Business Program” aimed at capacity building and connectivity; -Provide information and resources monitoring program.



## **MEASURES TO BENEFIT WOMEN INVOLVED IN TRADE**

AUSTRALIA promotes gender diversity in trades. The Tradeswomen Australia Community Foundation supports programs such as “Building Futures: Pathways to Trades” to secure rewarding trade career paths for women in trade.



## **FEMALE MEMBERSHIP IN NTFC**

KIRIBATI: National Women’s Organisation namely Aia Mwaea Ainen has representation in the NTFC.



# WCO-ESCAP Joint Task Force on Cross-border Electronic Data Exchange



- ❑ Established in July 2020 to advance Customs-to-Customs electronic exchange of trade-related data for better trade facilitation and regulatory compliance
- ❑ Represented by Customs of four GTI member countries – China, Mongolia, Rep. of Korea and Russian Federation
- ❑ Harmonized data requirements for frequently used trade documents – certificate of origin, Customs declaration and cargo manifest
- ❑ Working on initiation of pilot-based electronic data exchange based on business needs



# Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA)

- ❑ A UN treaty for enabling exchange of trade-related data and documents in electronic form among national and subregional single windows and other paperless trade systems.
- ❑ A region-wide multilateral intergovernmental platform
- ❑ Entered into force on 20 February 2021
- ❑ China already a party, while other three GTI members are in the process of completing domestic accession procedures.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IZCaCLTko4>





# Other ESCAP online tools and instruments for supporting enhancement of regional supply chain connectivity

## Online Readiness Assessment Guide for Cross-Border Paperless Trade



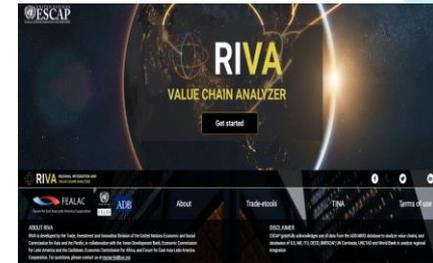
<https://readiness.digitalizetrade.org/>

## Trade Intelligence and Negotiation Advisor (TINA)



<https://tina.trade/>

## Regional Integration and Value-Chain Analyzer (RIVA)



<https://riva.negotiatetrade.org/#/>



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