



Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation in Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

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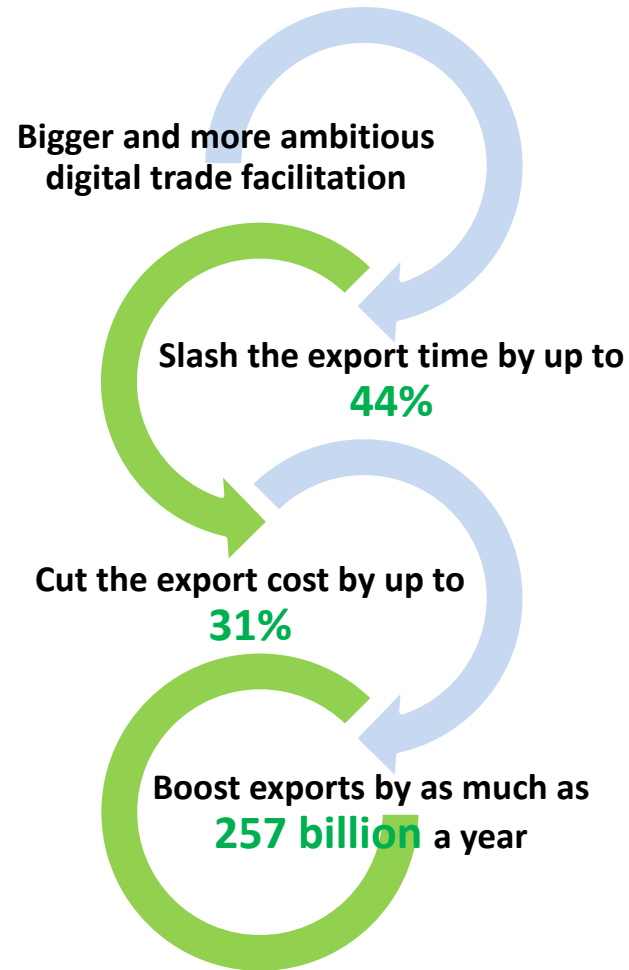
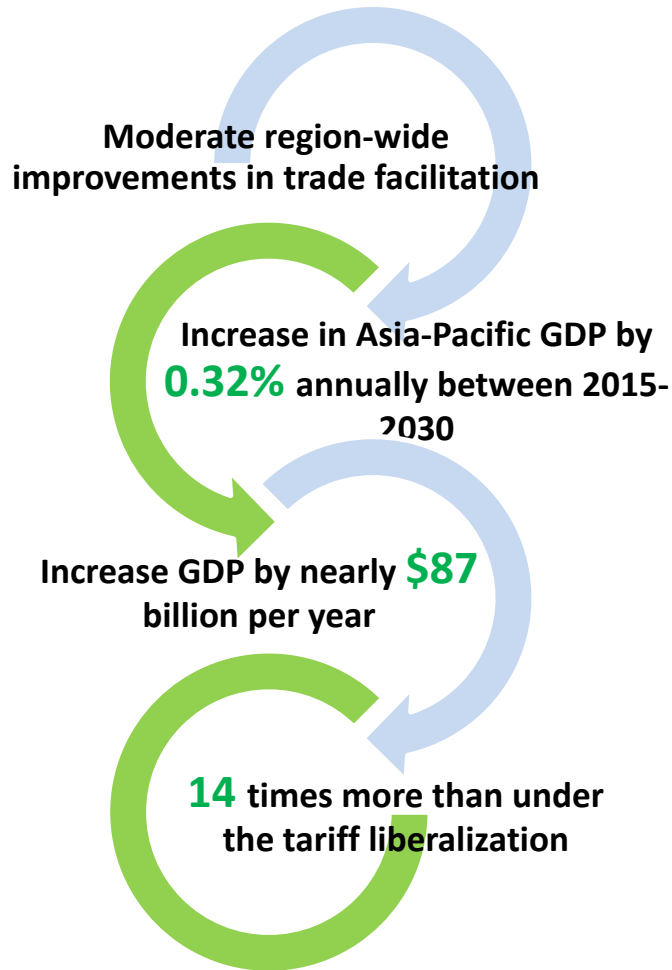
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Introduction

Why trade facilitation?



Source: 1. ESCAP (2017), Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2017: Channeling Trade and Investment into Sustainable Development; 2. ESCAP (2017), Digital Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific, Studies in Trade, Investment and Innovation No.87.

United Nations Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation

UN Survey

- Conducted in 2015-2017
- Five United Nations Regional Commissions
- Selected measures under WTO TFA + measures enabling paperless trade
- Trade facilitation targeted at SMEs, agricultural sector, and women

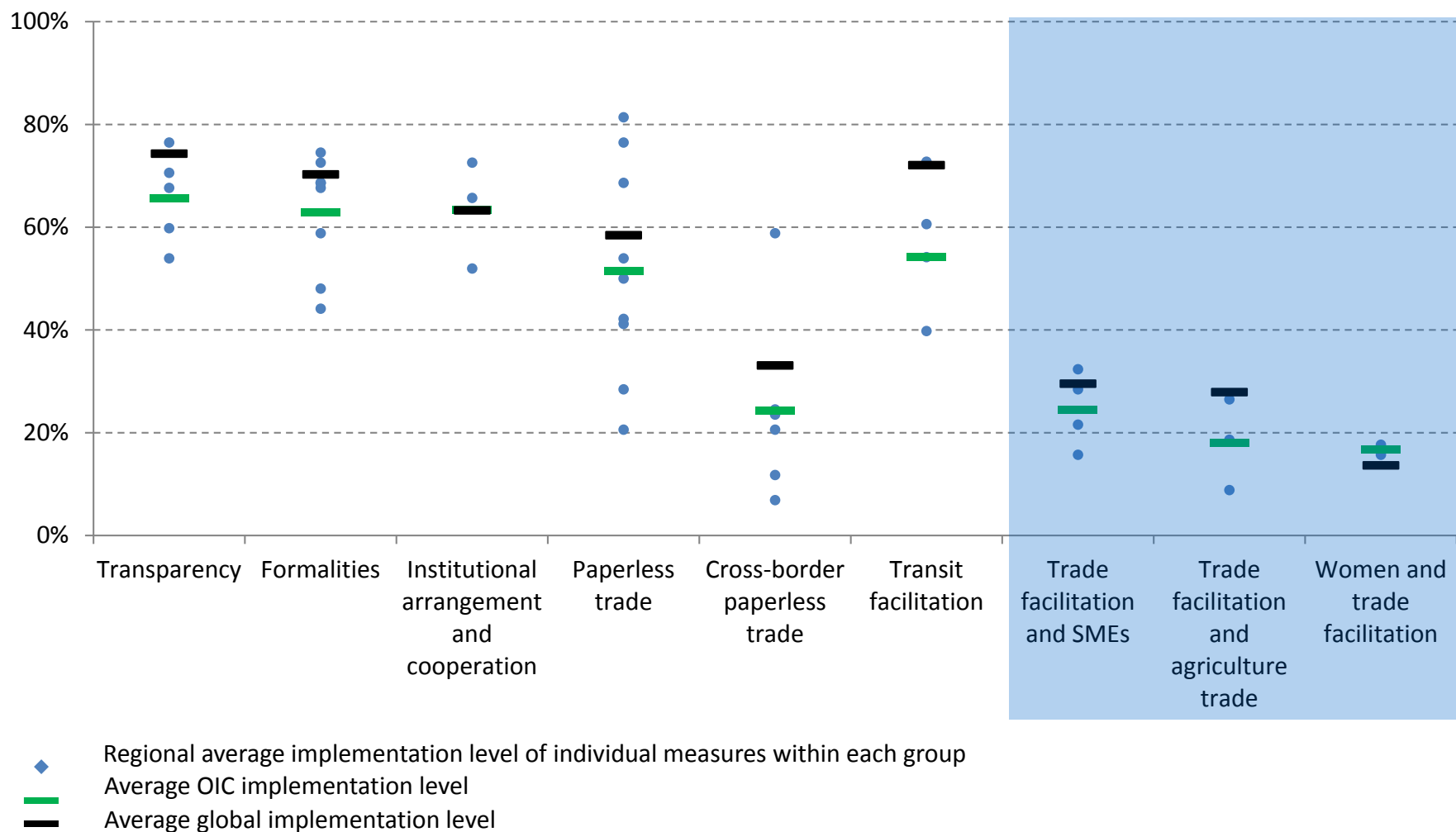
Result for OIC

- Covered 34 members
- 22 members did not participate

Results of the Global Survey

Regional snapshot

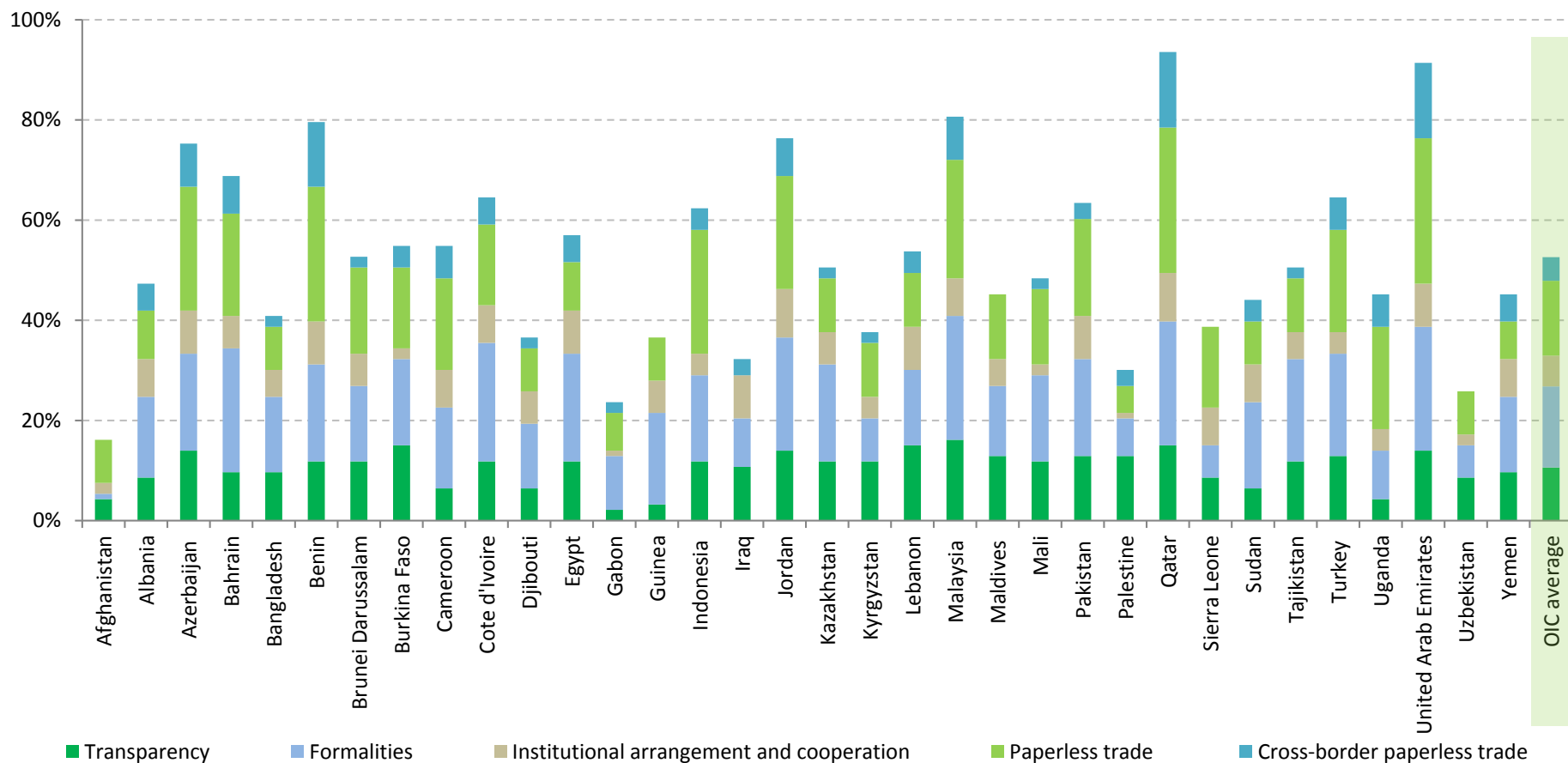
Figure 1 Implementation of different groups of trade facilitation measures, 2017



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017

Overall implementation

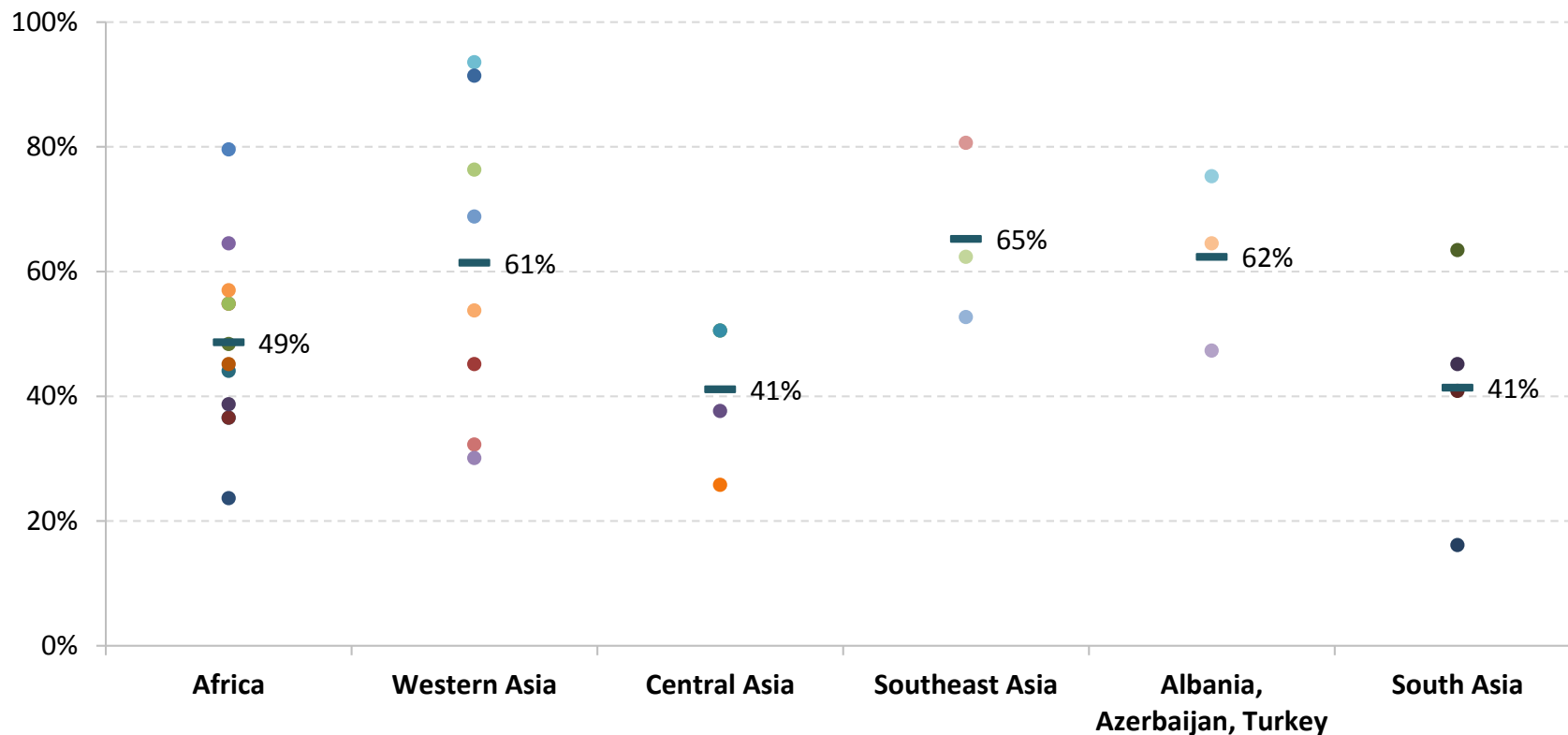
Figure 2 Overall implementation of trade facilitation measures, 2017



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

Implementation in sub-regions

Figure 3 Trade facilitation implementation in the sub-regions of OIC, 2017

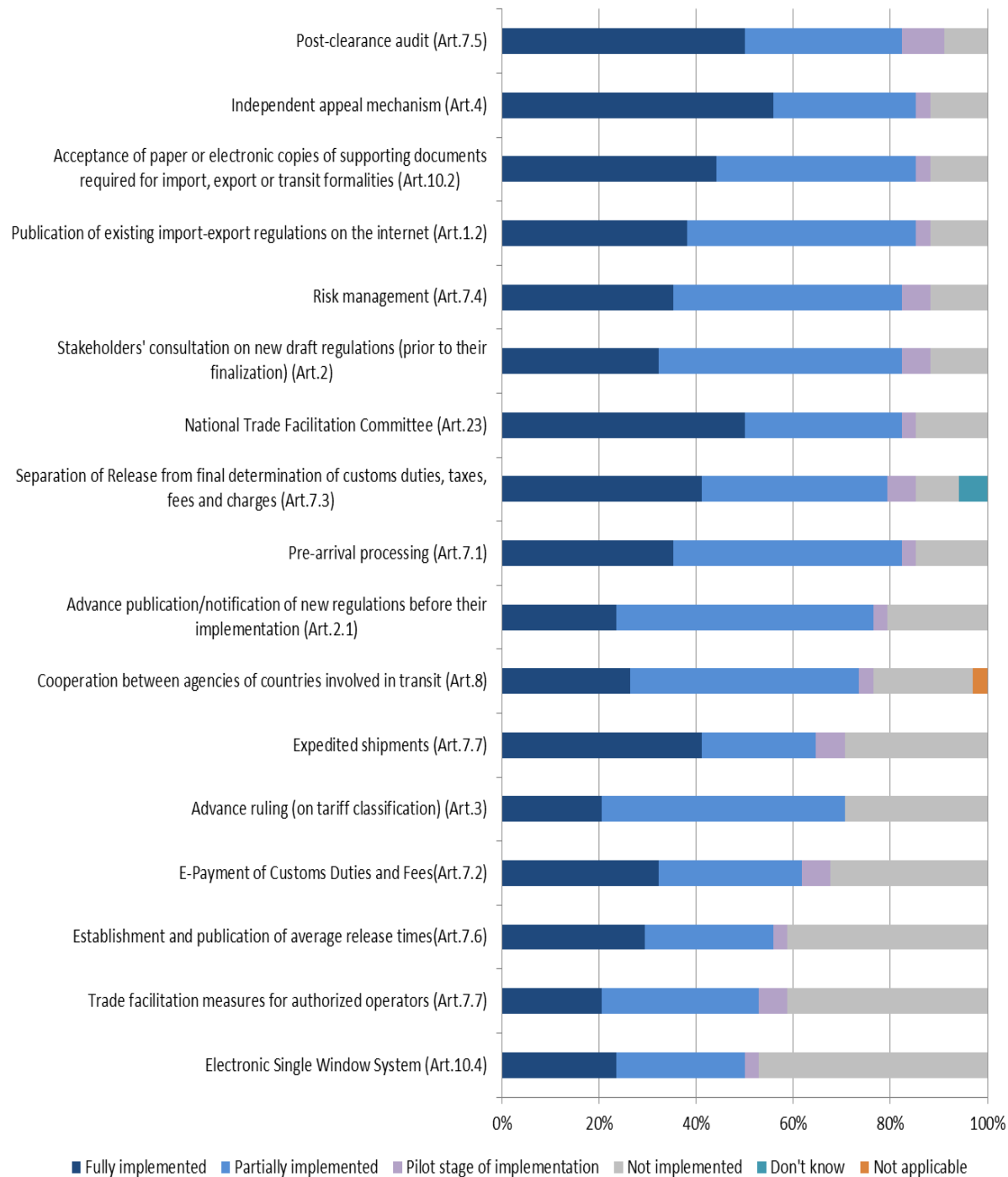


- Coloured circles represent the trade facilitation implementation of individual countries in respective sub regions/regions
- The coloured line represents the average implementation level by respective sub-regions

Source: ECE, based on Global Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Survey 2017.

Trade Facilitation under WTO TFA

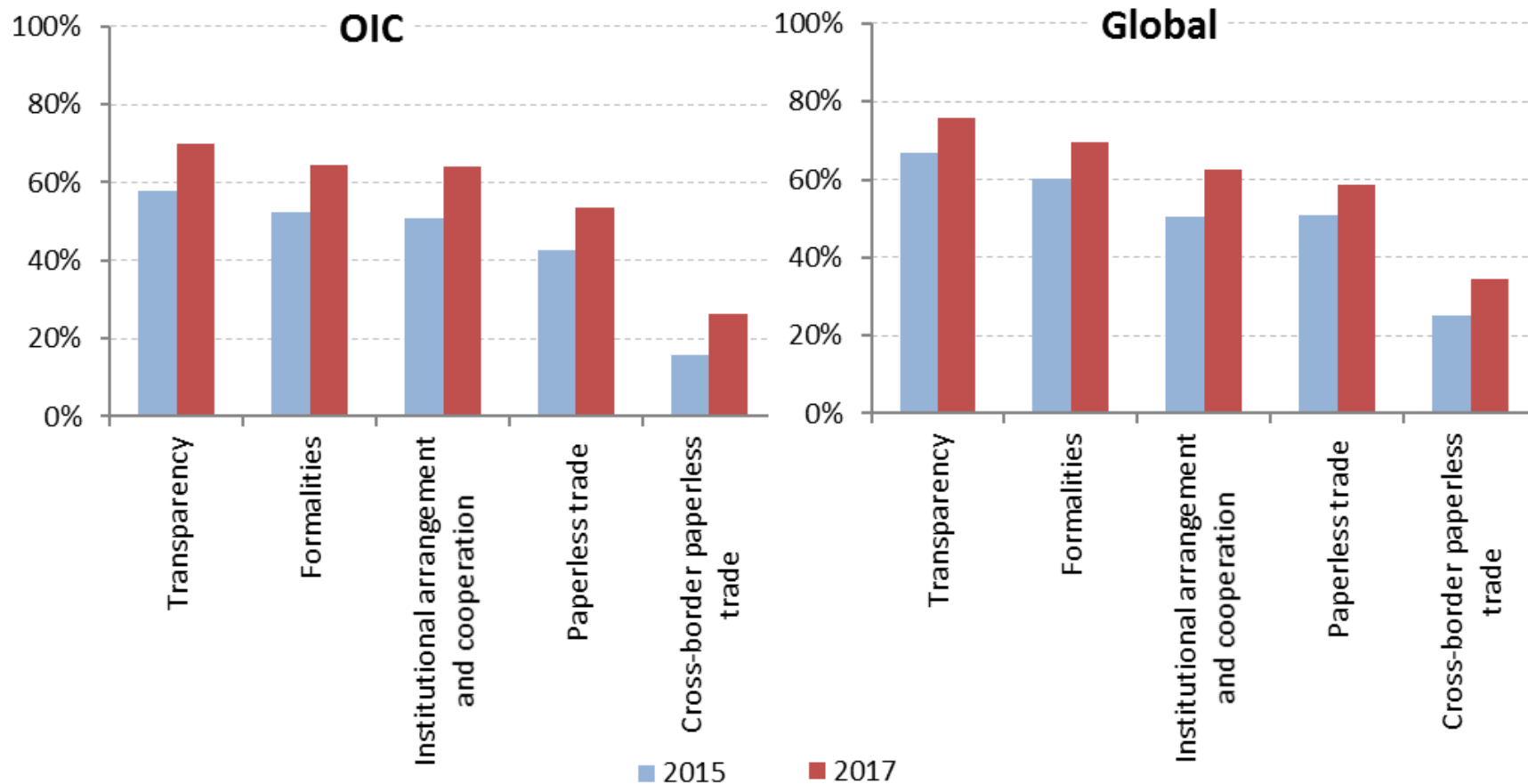
**Figure 4 Level of implementation
of WTO-TFA related measures
(excluding transit measures),
2017**



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

Progress in implementation

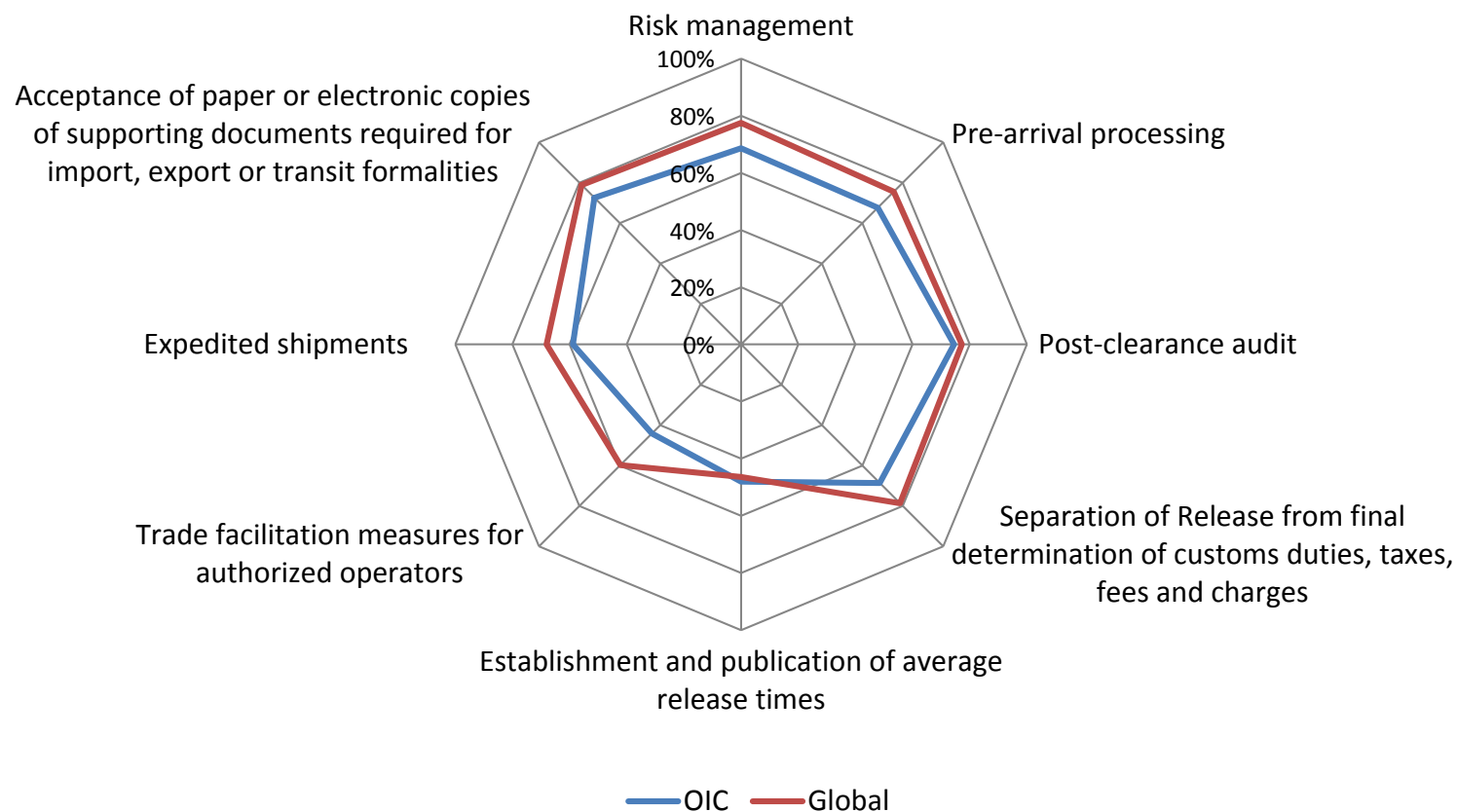
Figure 5 Progress of trade facilitation implementation, 2015 and 2017



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

Details of implementation in 2017

Figure 6 Implementation of formalities measures, 2017



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

Note: Implementation of other measures are attached in annex.

Trade facilitation for authorized operators

OIC members	score
Benin	3
Cote d'Ivoire	3
Egypt	3
Jordan	3
Malaysia	3
Mali	3
Turkey	3
Azerbaijan	2
Bahrain	2
Burkina Faso	2
Indonesia	2
Kazakhstan	2
Lebanon	2
Qatar	2
Tajikistan	2
United Arab Emirates	2
Uzbekistan	2
Yemen	2
Albania	1
Cameroon	1

Table 1 Implementation score of trade facilitation measures for authorized operators, 2017

Two questions:

- 1. Has an authorized operator programme/scheme been established in your country?**
- 2. Are procedures on submission and review of applications for authorized operator status published?**

(3 = full implementation 2 = partial implementation 1 = pilot stage)

Interactive Database of Global Survey

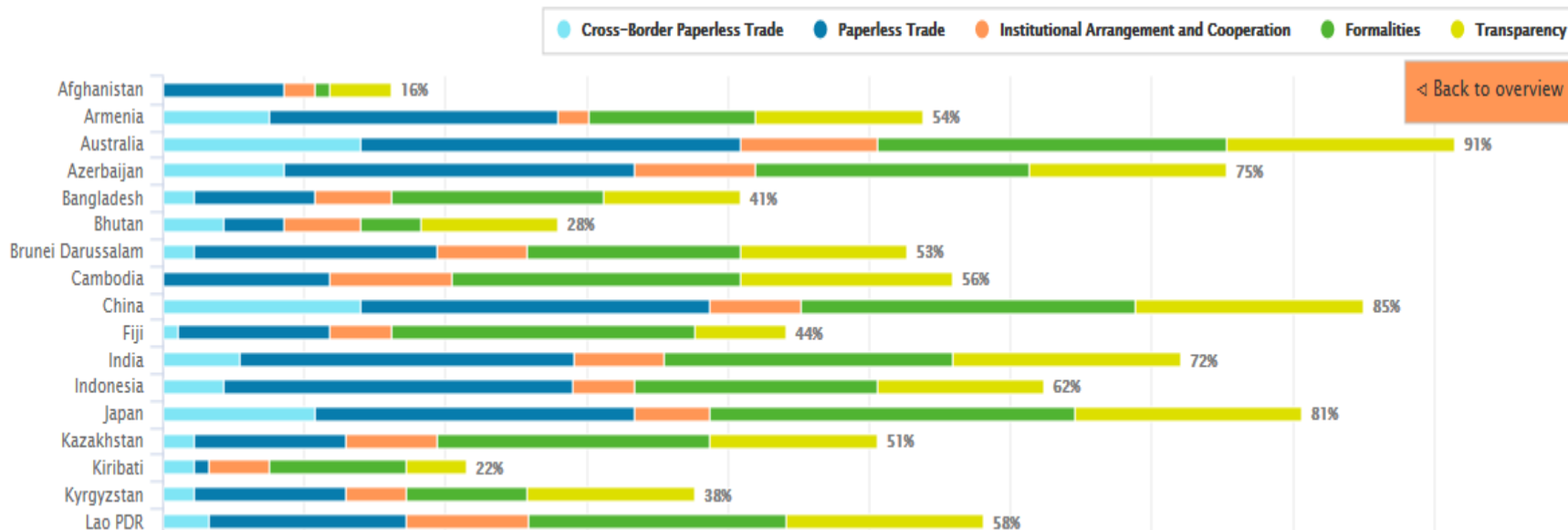
UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017



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Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation in Asia and the Pacific



Link: <https://unnext.unescap.org/AP-TFSurvey2017/>

Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

Impact of trade facilitation

The impact of trade facilitation on OIC as a whole

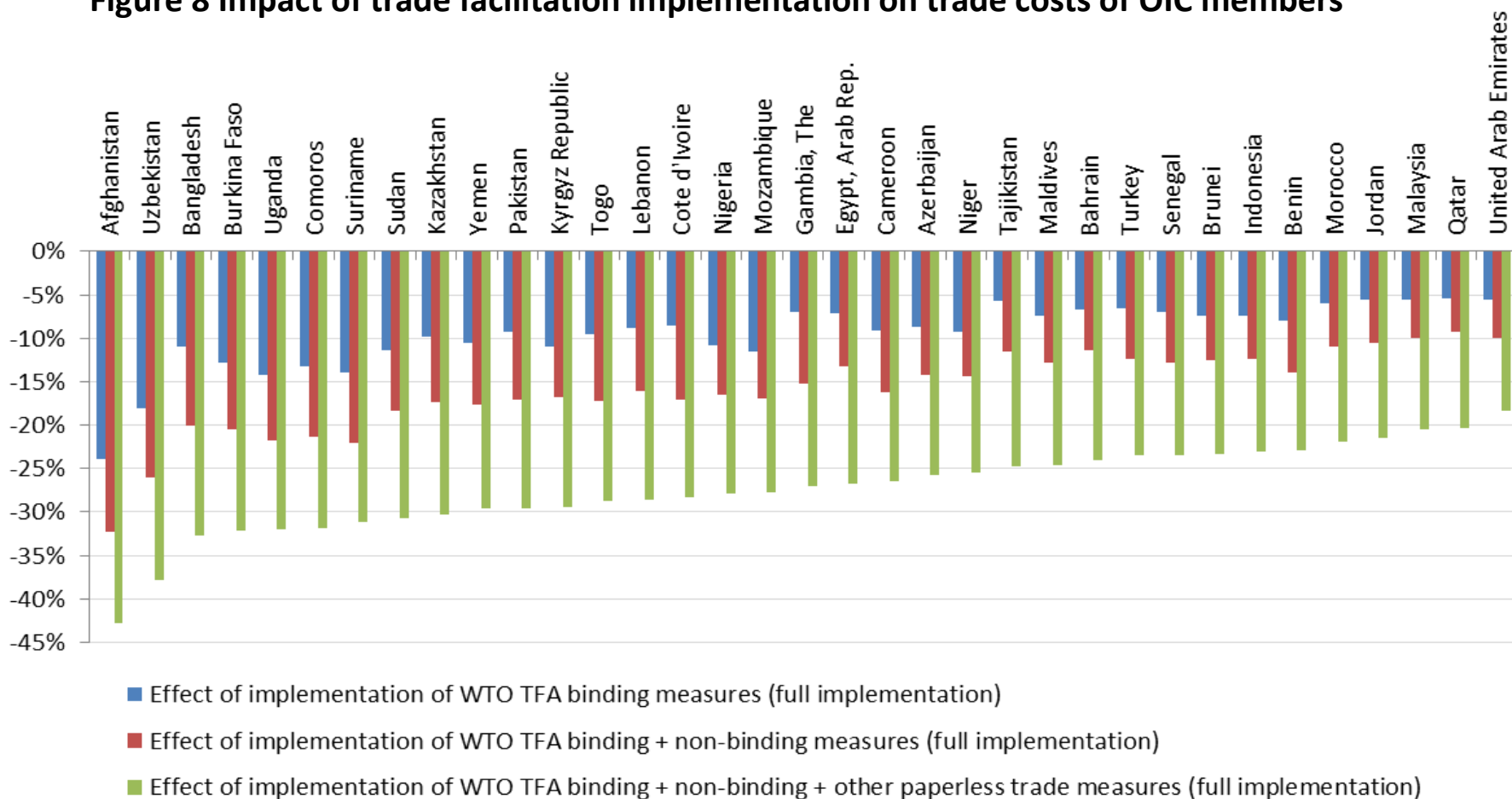
Table 2 Changes in trade costs in OIC resulting from implementation of trade facilitation and paperless trade

Trade costs reduction from TF improvement: OIC	WTO TFA (binding)		WTO TFA (binding + non-binding)		WTO TFA+ (binding + non-binding + other paperless and cross-border paperless)	
	Partially implemented	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	Fully implemented
	Model 1					
Overall TF	-4.47%	-9.54%	-7.93%	-15.96%	-17.29%	-27.27%
Model 2						
General TF	-4.50%	-9.27%	-6.66%	-13.50%	-7.56%	-14.53%
Paperless and cross-border paperless trade	n.a.	n.a.	-1.51%	-2.63%	-8.80%	-12.57%

Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

The impact of trade facilitation on OIC members

Figure 8 Impact of trade facilitation implementation on trade costs of OIC members



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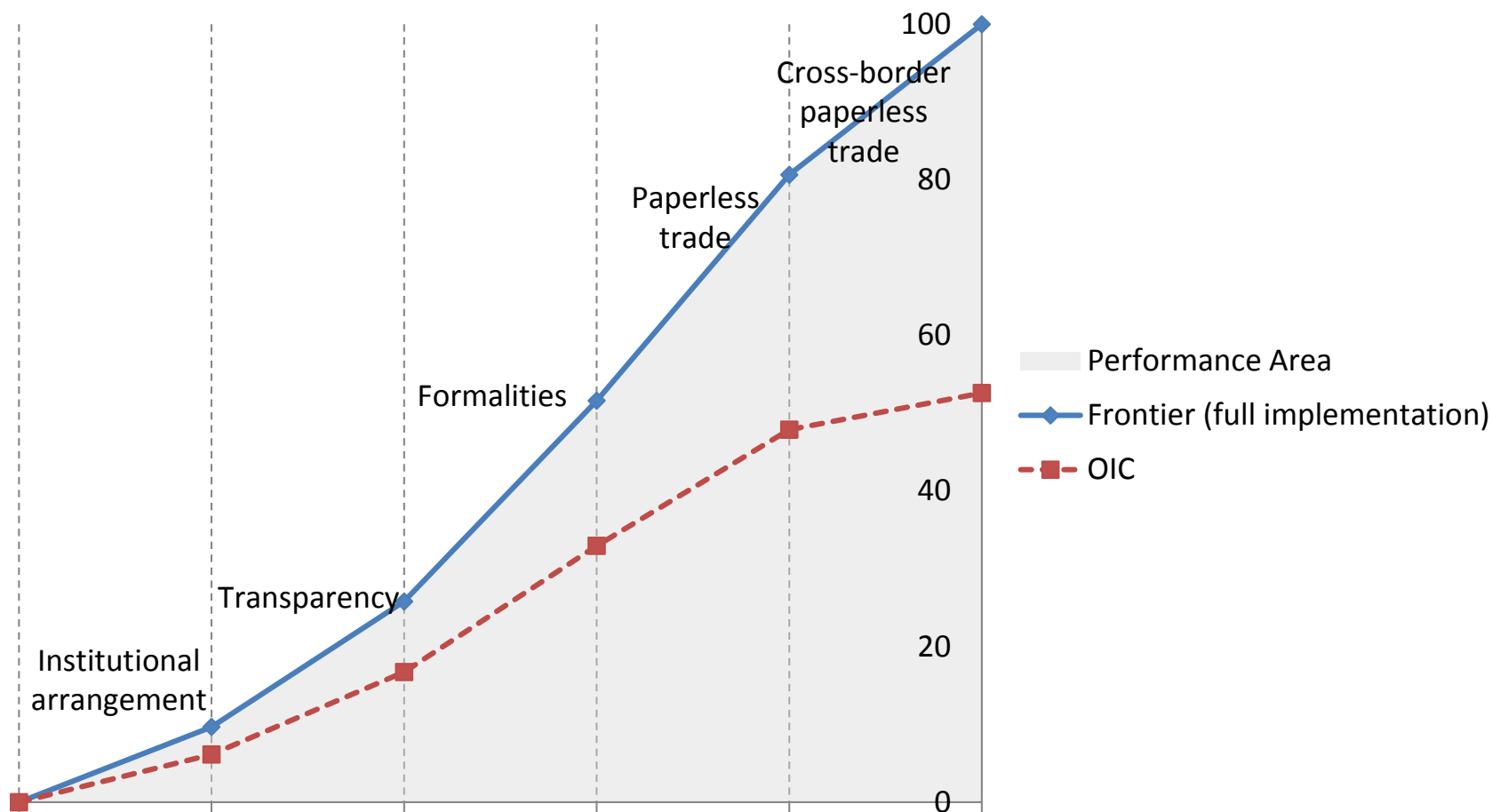
Conclusion

Main findings

- Trade facilitation implementation rate of OIC members stood at **53%** in 2017
- **Qatar** and **United Arab Emirates** had the highest implementation rate
- OIC members made progress from **43%** in 2015
- **Transparency** registered the highest implementation level in OIC, and the level of **Women and Trade Facilitation** exceeded global average
- Paperless implementation of TFA measures and electronic exchange of trade data and documents across border (**cross-border paperless trade**) results in a trade cost reduction of nearly **28%** for OIC members.

Moving up the trade facilitation ladder

Figure 9 Moving up the ladder towards seamless international supply chains



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017

Note: the figure shows cumulative trade facilitation implementation scores of OIC for five groups of trade facilitation measures included in the survey. Full implementation of all measures = 100.

The Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

Fact

- Developed by 25 Asian and Pacific countries
- Over 4 years
- Adopted in May 2016

- An inclusive and enabling platform
- Signed by Armenia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China and Islamic Republic of Iran
- Acceded by Azerbaijan

Benefit

- Digitalization of trade processes
- Enabling the seamless electronic exchange and legal recognition of trade-related data and documents across borders

- Support development of national and subregional trade systems
- Prepare interoperability with similar paperless trade systems elsewhere
- Help promote existing paperless trade solutions



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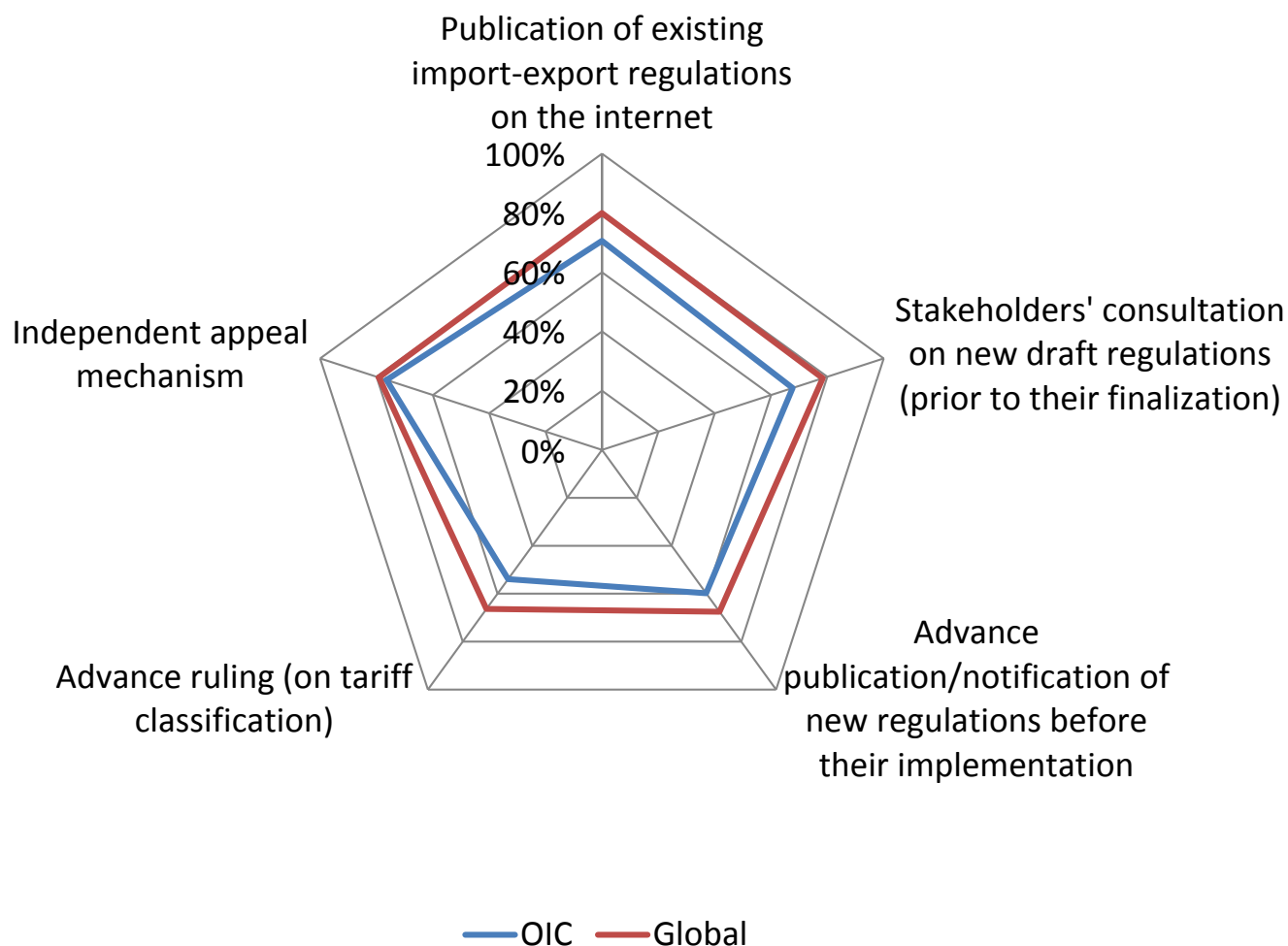
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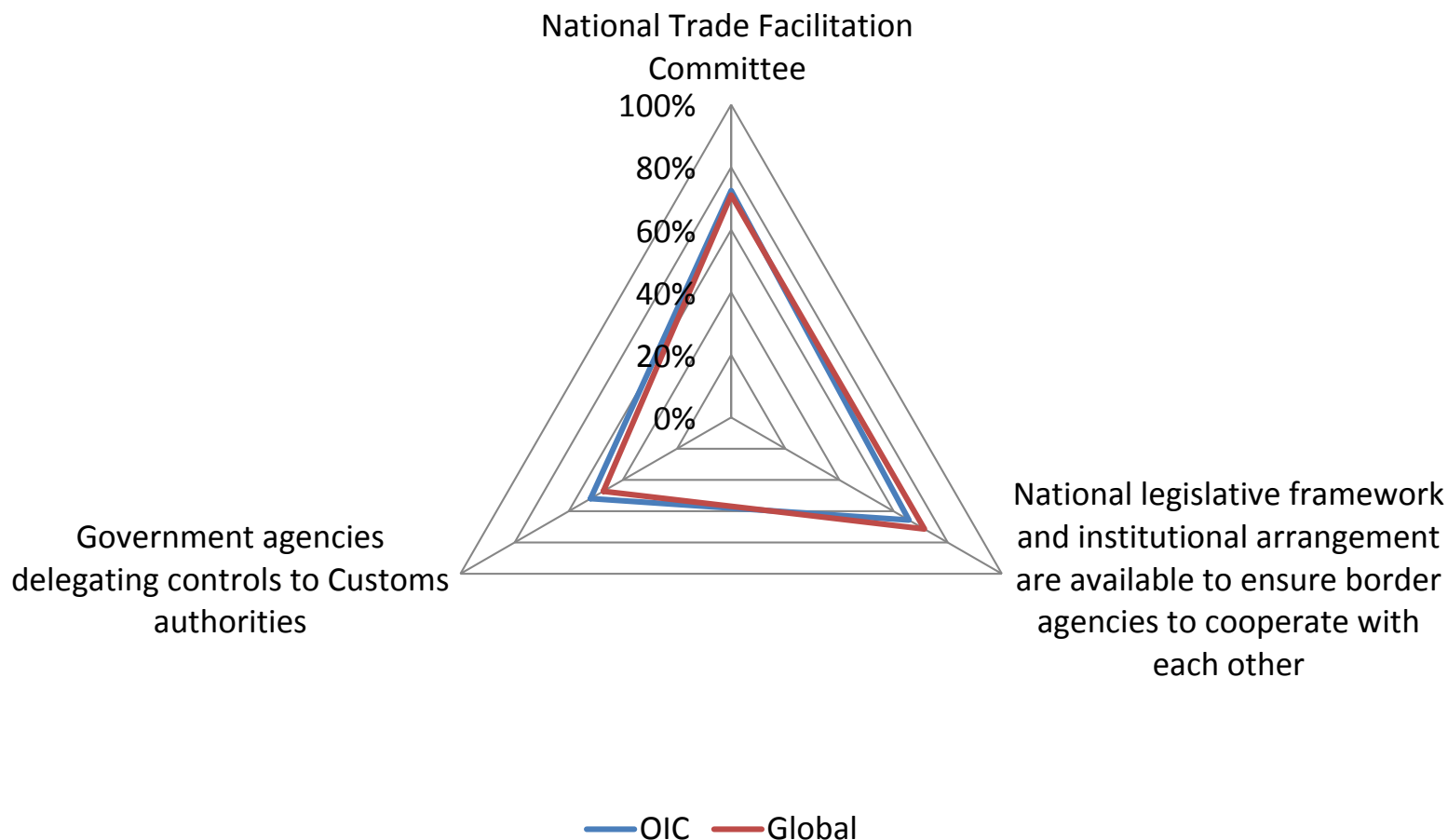
Figure A1 Implementation of transparency measures, 2017



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Details of implementation in 2017

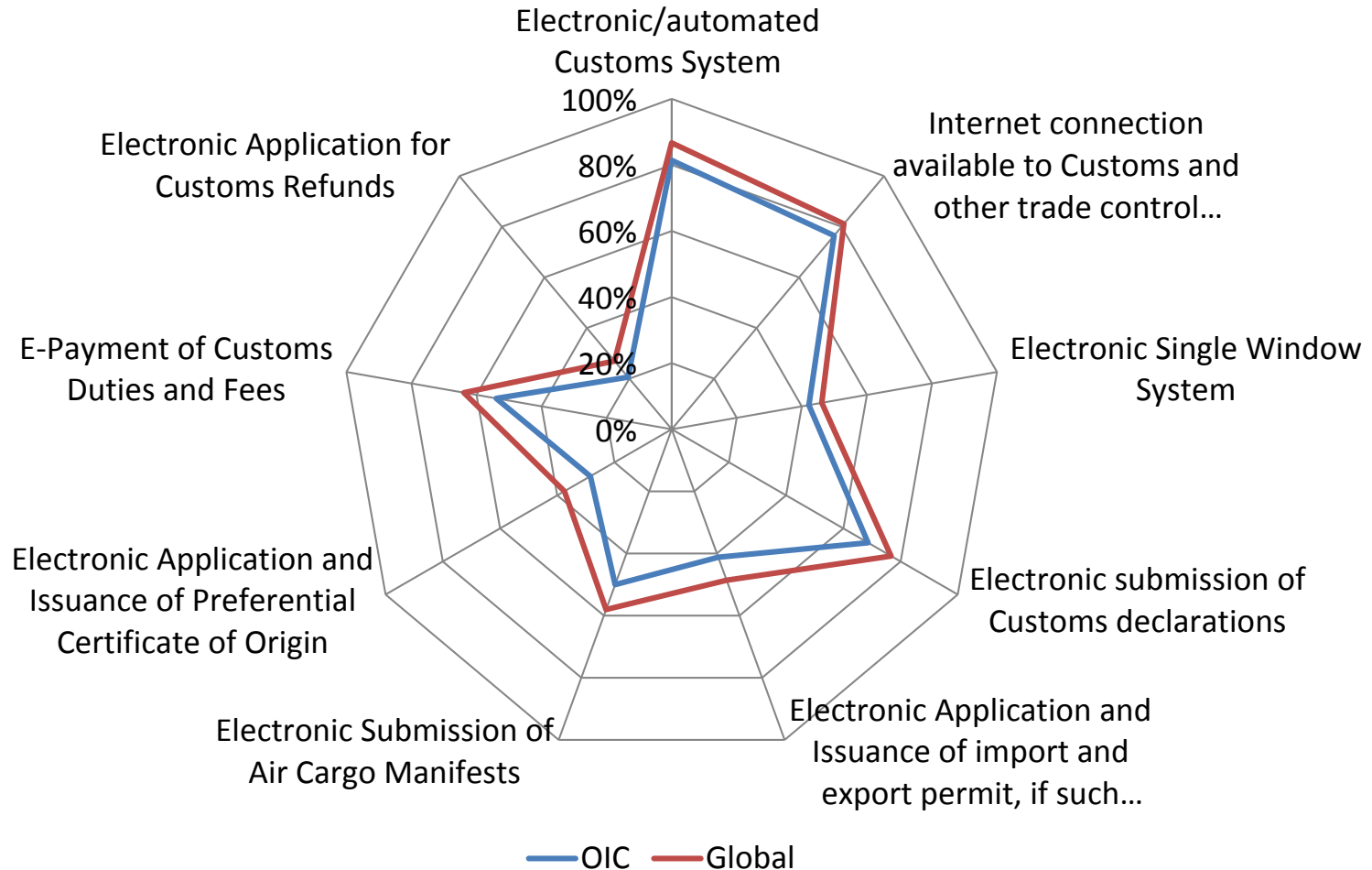
Figure A2 Implementation of Institutional arrangement and cooperation measures, 2017



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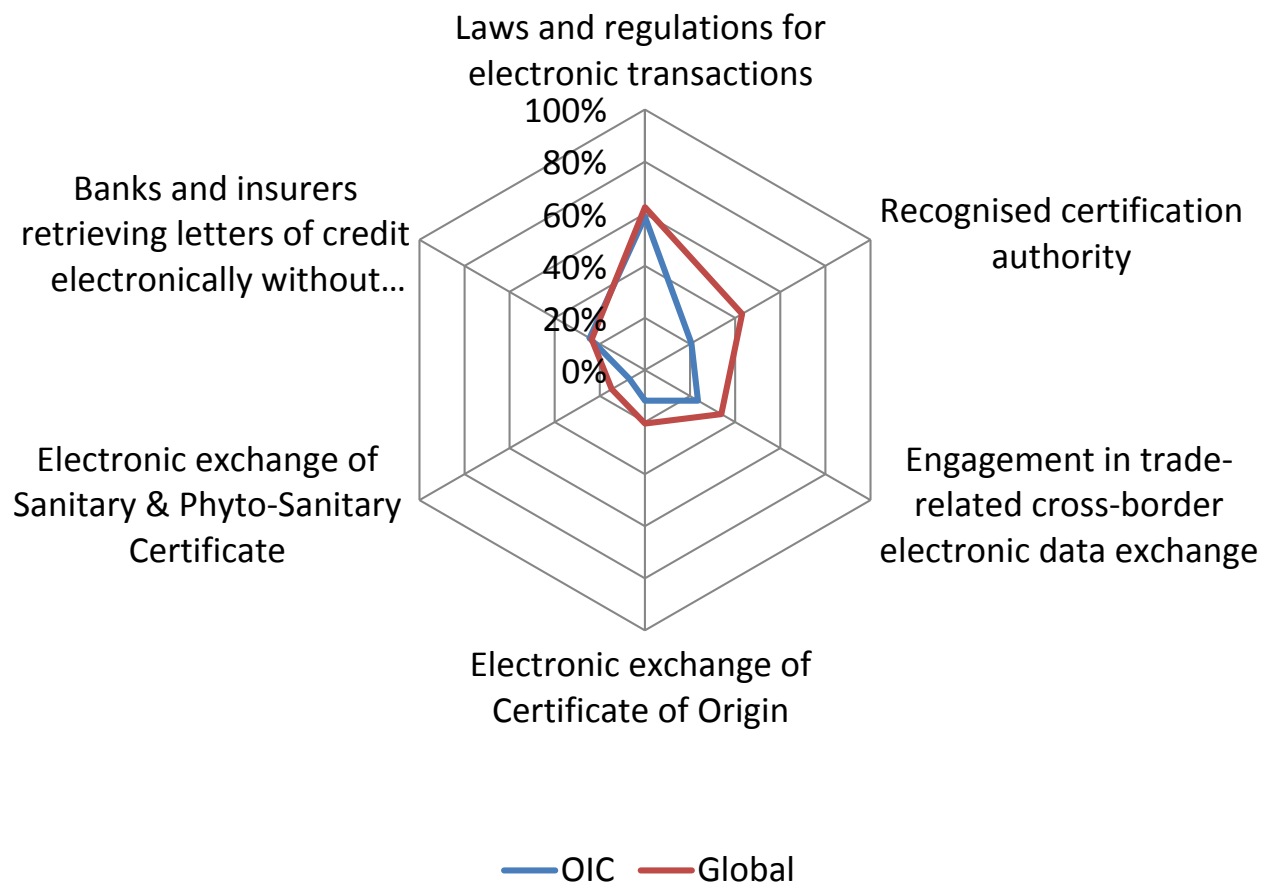
Figure A3 Implementation of paperless trade measures, 2017



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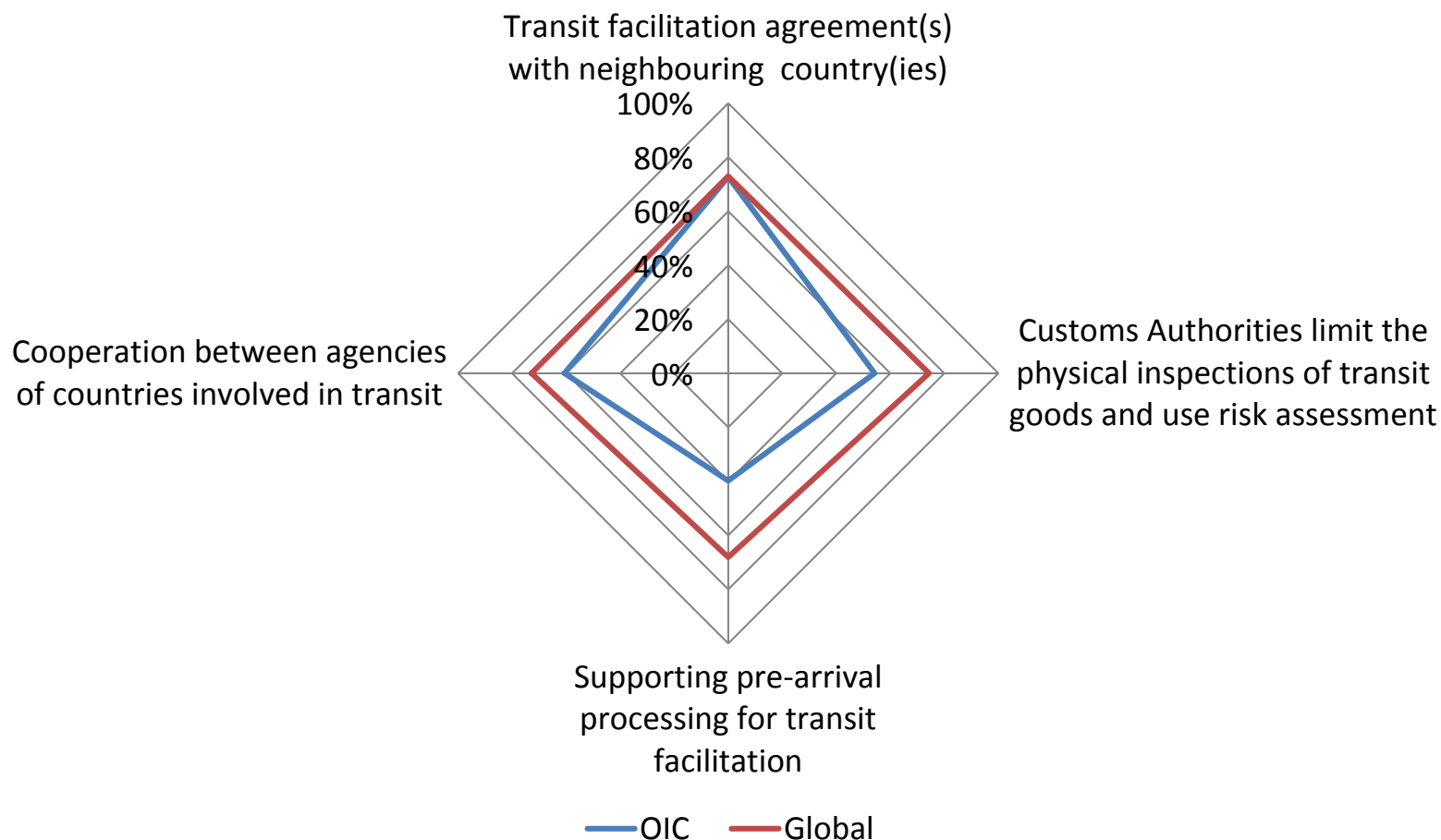
Figure A4 Implementation of cross-border paperless trade measures, 2017



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

Details of implementation in 2017

Figure A5 Implementation of transit measures, 2017



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