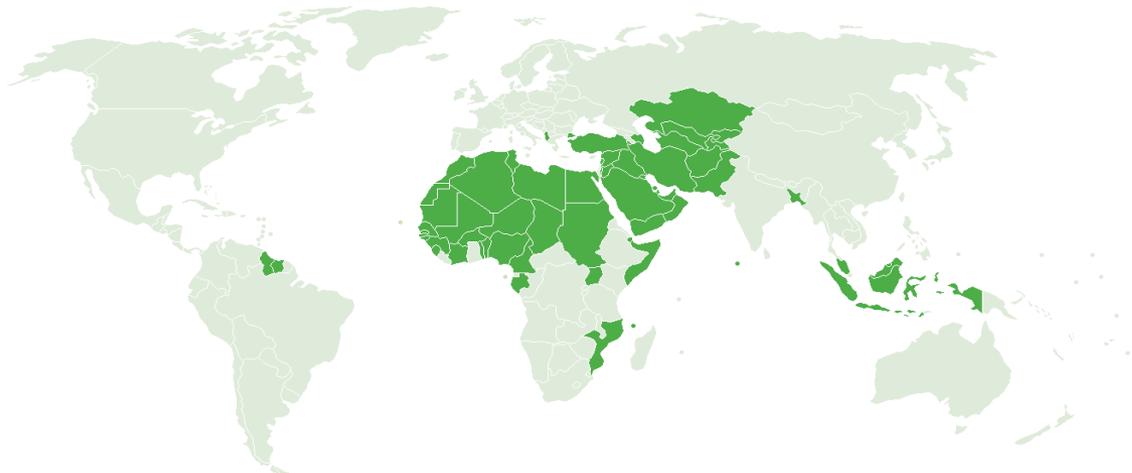




RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO THE POLICY QUESTIONS ON NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION BODIES (NTFBS)



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1- POLICY QUESTIONS



1. Does your country have a national coordination body for trade facilitation?
2. Do you think the private sector actors operating in your country have the necessary instruments to convey their trade facilitation-related needs and problems to the relevant public authorities?
3. Do you think all the relevant stakeholders (both public and private) related to trade facilitation participate to the national trade facilitation body?
4. Has your country signed/ratified the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement? Has your country received any technical assistance from the relevant International Organizations on establishing national trade facilitation bodies?
5. Do you think your country need (further) technical assistance to implement the relevant clause of the Trade Facilitation Agreement on establishing national trade facilitation bodies?
6. Do you think there is adequate awareness on the importance of national coordination for trade facilitation in your country?

2- RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

1. Afghanistan
2. Egypt
3. Indonesia
4. Iran
5. Iraq
6. Jordan
7. Palestine
8. Senegal
9. Tunisia
10. Turkey
11. Yemen

2- RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Q1: Does your country have a national coordination body for trade facilitation?

If Yes: Does this body gather regularly? If it does not, what are the main obstacles for its regular meetings?

(Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Senegal)

If No: Does your country have any future plans to establish such a national coordination mechanism?

(Afghanistan, Indonesia, Palestine, Tunisia, Turkey, Yemen)

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Q2- As public sector officials, do you think the private sector actors operating in your country have the necessary instruments to convey their trade facilitation-related needs and problems to the relevant public authorities? Can you name a few examples of such established instruments, if any?

- *NTFBs, Chamber of Commerces, Coordination Councils, Committees or similar bodies: 9 MCs*
- *Specified mechanisms: 3 MCs*
- *Lack of Mechanism/Direct Contact with Relevant Authorities: 1 MCs*

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Q3- Do you think all the relevant stakeholders (both public and private) related to trade facilitation participate to the national trade facilitation body? Does your country have any future plans to increase the number of participants in their trade facilitation bodies, especially from the private sector?

- *Positive views on high participation*
- *Large number of Participants*
- *Workshops, training seminars for awareness raising*

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Q4- Has your country signed/ratified the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement? Has your country received any technical assistance from the relevant International Organizations on establishing national trade facilitation bodies? If yes, can you elaborate on the nature of the assistance?

	Ratification Process	Technical Assistance Required
Yes (include signing)	Tunisia, Turkey, Jordan (in progress)	Jordan, Iran
No	Afghanistan, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran , Iraq, Palestine, Senegal, Yemen	Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Palestine, Yemen, Senegal

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Q5- Do you think your country need (further) technical assistance to implement the relevant clause of the Trade Facilitation Agreement on establishing national trade facilitation bodies?

Except one, all MCs are positive on technical and financial assistance

Some MCs are currently assessing its needs while others waiting ratification of TFA

2- RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Q6- Do you think there is adequate awareness on the importance of national coordination for trade facilitation in your country? If no, what can be done to increase awareness in this regard?

Limited Level of Awareness	Adequate Awareness	Actions Required
Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Palestine , Yemen	Afghanistan, Iran, Jordan, Senegal, Turkey, Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Awareness Programs, • Public-private consultations, • Trainings, Seminars, Workshops • Enhancing the dialogue with international organizations such as WTO and WCO

3- ROOM DOCUMENT

Policy Advice 1

- *Establishing effective communication systems within the framework of the work of the NTFBs*

Policy Advice 2

- *Involving the private sector in the activities of the NTFBs*

Policy Advice 3

- *Extending technical assistance to the member states for establishing/maintaining NTFBs*

3- ROOM DOCUMENT



Instruments to Realize the Policy Advices

**COMCEC
TRADE
WORKING
GROUP**

**COMCEC
PROJECT
FUNDING
MECHANISM**

**CAPACITY
BUILDING
ACTIVITIES**

3- EVALUATION FORM

To follow-up the implementation of the Trade WG policy recommendations

To elaborate on the what have been done by the Member Countries till now

Responses by 3 Member Countries (**need for more detailed info**)

Will be filled-out by the **COMCEC Trade Focal Points**

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