

13th Meeting of COMCEC Trad Working

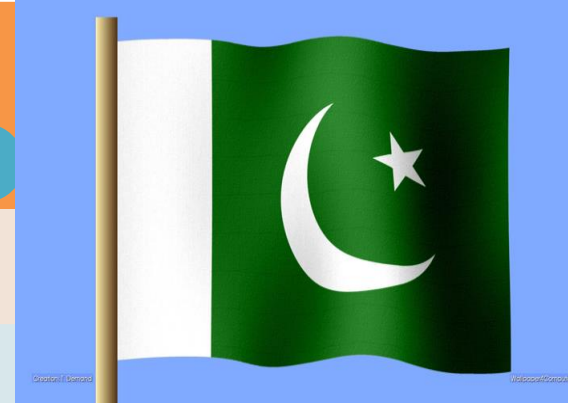
Availability of Customs Information -Pakistan

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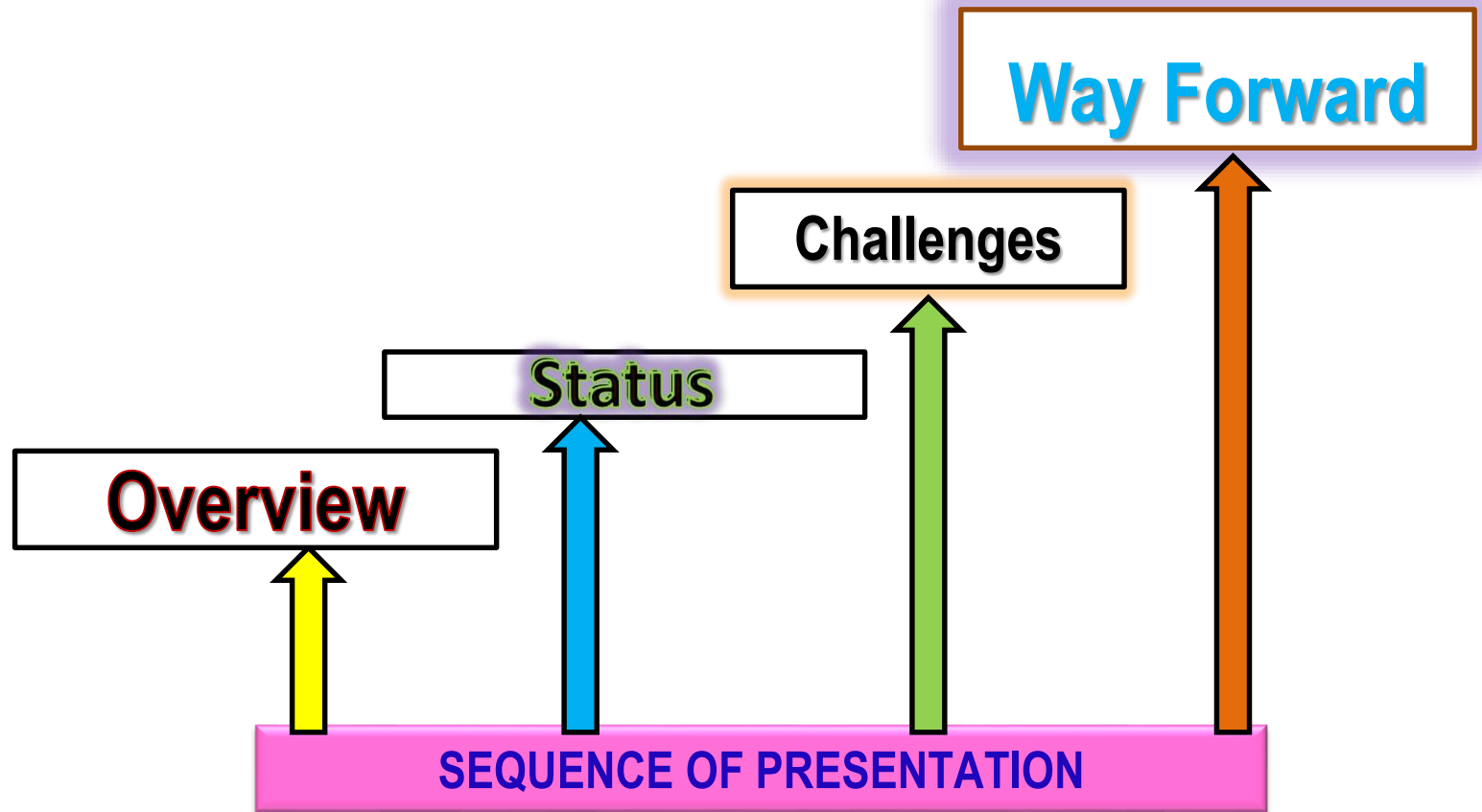
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Ankara, Turkey

March 07, 2019



Availability of Customs Information





Overview

- ☐ Country
- ☐ Entry/Exit Points
- ☐ Ports
- ☐ Trade Volume
- ☐ Customs Information

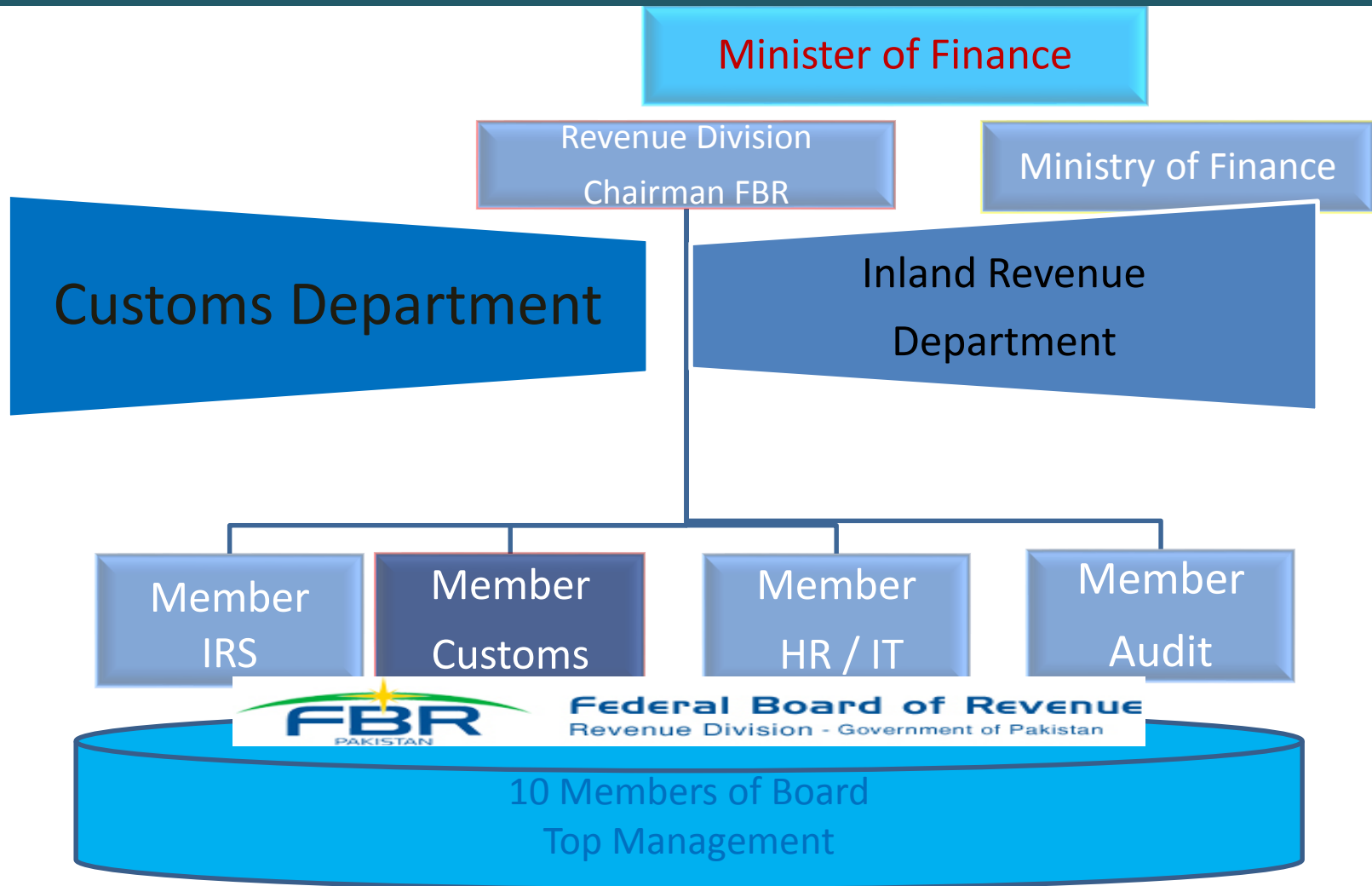


- ❑ Population: 6th Largest Country
- ❑ Population: Above 207 million (64% under Age 30)
- ❑ Population Growth Rate: 1.92
- ❑ GDP: \$285 billion (nominal, 2016) \$982 billion (PPP, 2016)
- ❑ GDP Growth: 5.5%
- ❑ GDP per capita: \$1,550 nominal, \$5,384 PPP(2016)

Sources: <http://www.pbs.gov.pk/content/all-reports-and-publications>
& http://www.finance.gov.pk/survey/chapters_15/Overview_of_the_Economy.pdf

Pakistan Customs

Organizational Structure





Pakistan Customs

Member Customs (Ops & Policy)

Chief
International
Customs

Chief
Facilitation and
Compliance

Chief
Tariff and Trade

Chief
Exports

Chief
Reforms and
Automation

Top Layer Management

Field Formation / Operational Management

10 Directorate Generals
Support Functions

05 Operational Regions
Chief Collectors

20 Collectorates
Core Functions

Total Staff Position

Supervisors / Management = 754

Front Line Managers / Operational Staff = 6,770

National Entry & Exit Points



Seaports & Terminals: 5
Land Border Stations: 17
Airport Terminals: 10
Air Freight Units: 10
Railway Terminals: 2



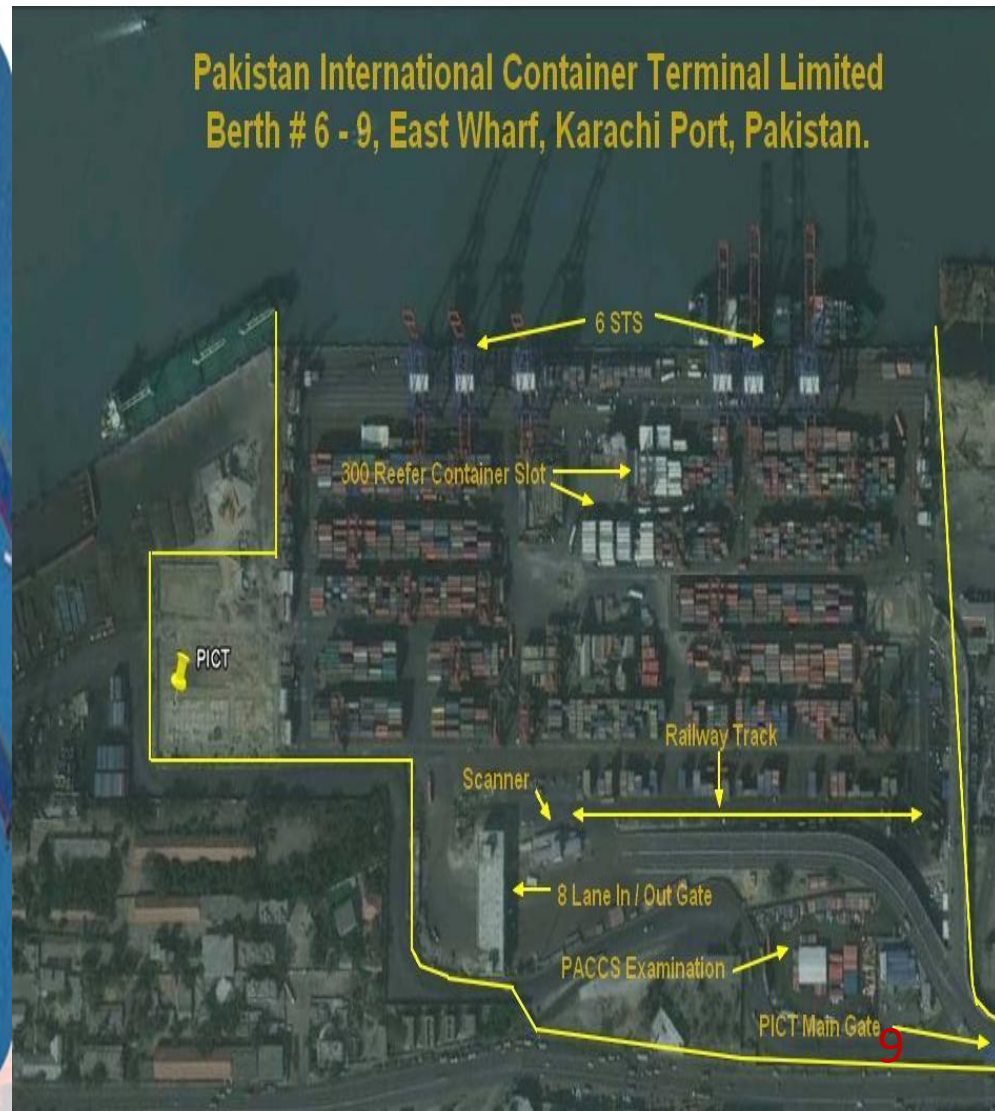
Ports

PORTS OF PAKISTAN

***KARACHI PORT
MUHAMMAD BIN
QASIM
GWADER
ORMARA
PASNI
JIWANI***



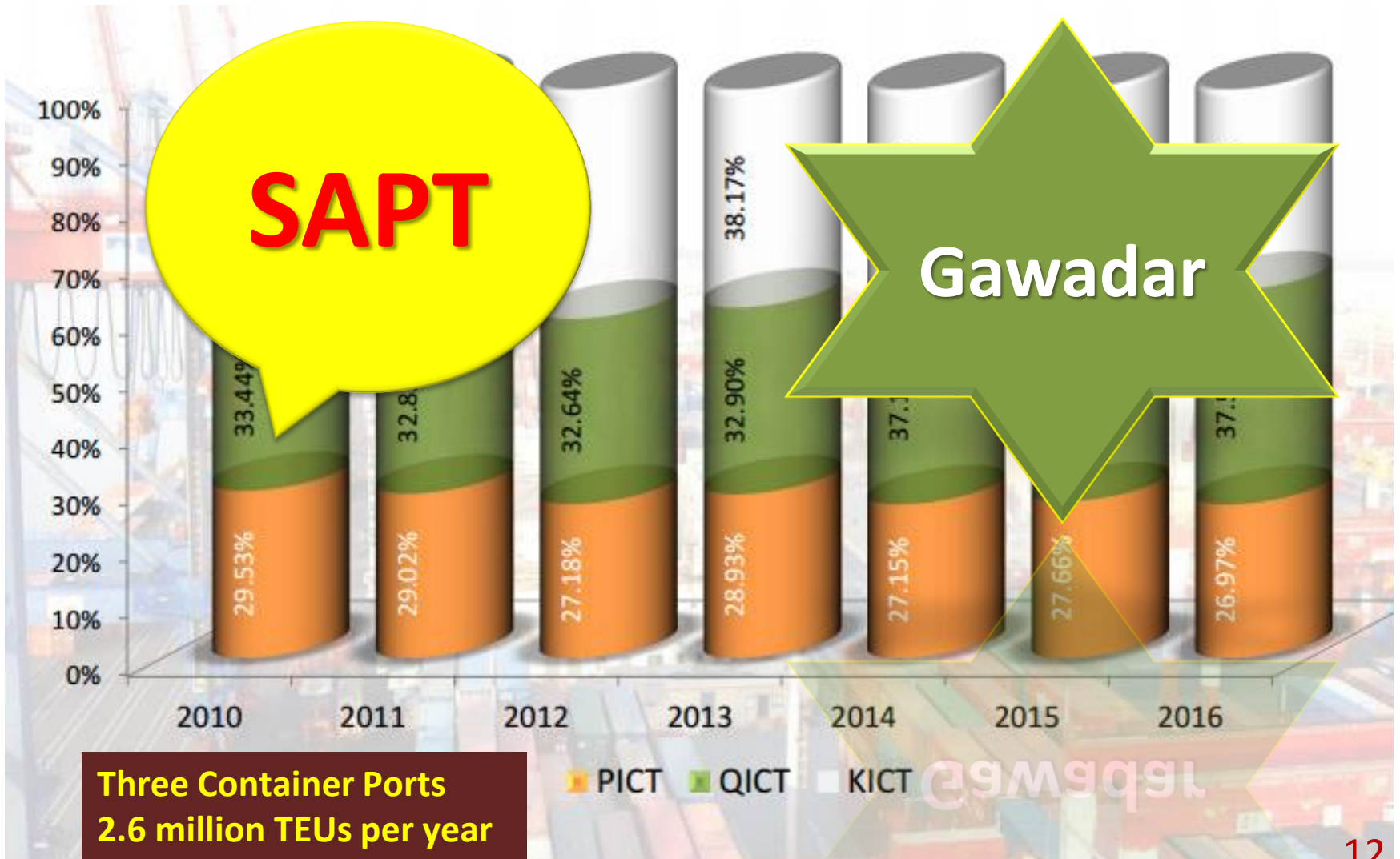
Private Terminal Operators-PICT



Land/ Air Entry/Exit Points



TRADE VOLUME



Customs Information

Pakistan

compliant to

Trade Facilitation Agreement



STATUS

☐ TFA Compliance Level

☐ Enablers- Technology & Automation



PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

Heading/Description		Category/ Indicative Date	Pakistan's position
1	Publication	A	Compliant
2	Information Available Through Internet	C	Compliant
3	Enquiry Points	B 30 June 2018	Compliant
4	Notification	A	Compliant



ARTICLE 2: OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, INFORMATION BEFORE ENTRY INTO FORCE, AND CONSULTATIONS

	Description of Article	Indicative Date	Pakistan's position
1	<u>Opportunity to Comment and Information before Entry into Force</u>	B 30 September 2018	Compliant
2	<u>Consultations</u>		Compliant

Enablers



Enablers

National Regulations

Management's
Commitment

Automation and a
robust RMS

Trained Manpower

Technical Reachback



Customs for the 21st Century

**-Contributing to economic
competitiveness**

Paperless Customs



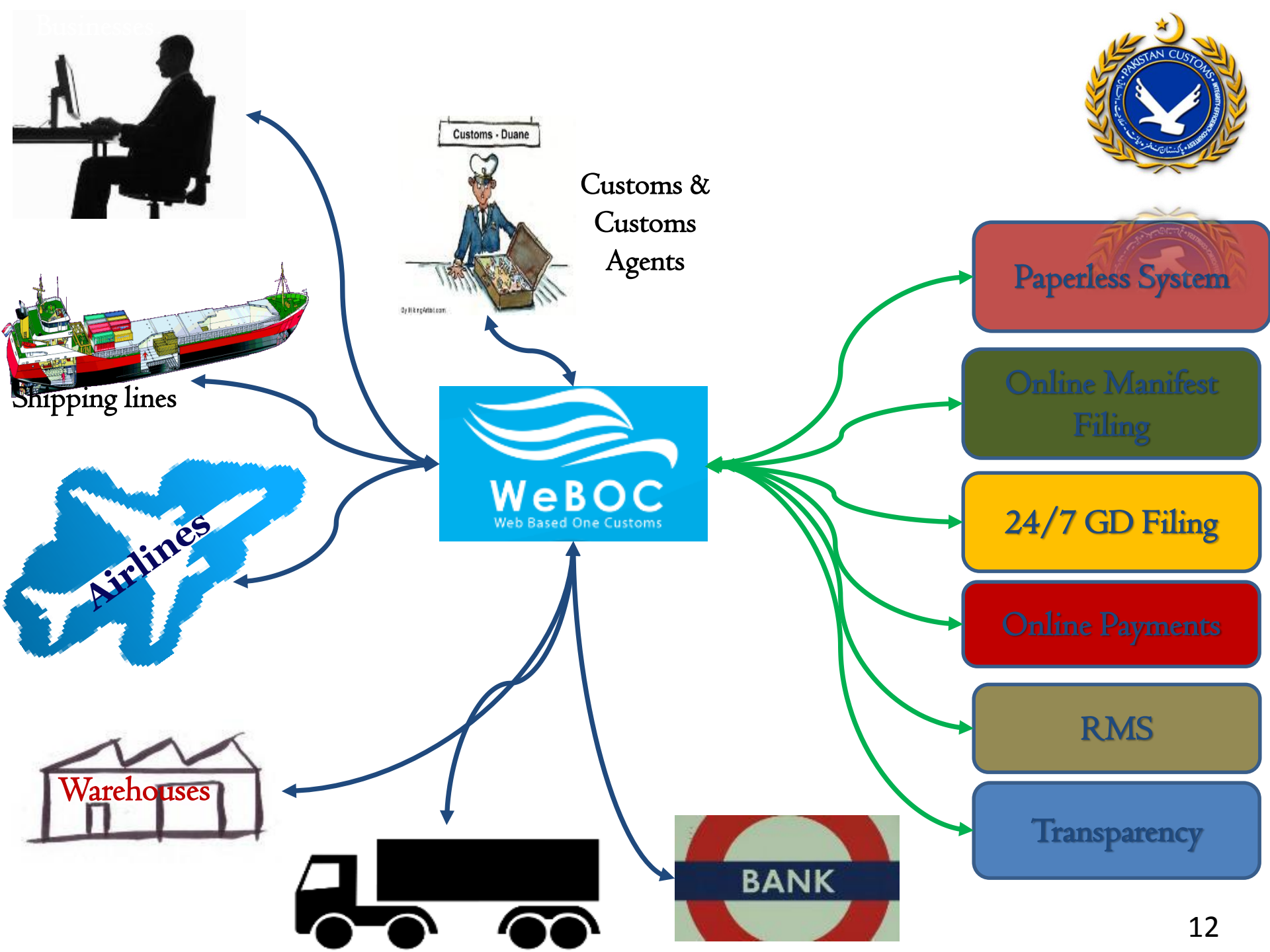
Customs Reforms & Automation Initiative



- An indigenous software for clearance of goods- WeBOC
 - ✓ Electronic Filing
 - ✓ Paperless environment
 - ✓ 24 x 7 Operations
 - ✓ End-to-end integration
 - ✓ Post-Clearance Audit based Controls
 - ✓ **Risk Management System** – Speedy Clearance
 - ✓ Efficient **Management Information System**
 - ✓ Provide a robust platform where other regulatory agencies like Ministry of Commerce, Plant Protection Department are **integrated** with customs for facilitation of trade
 - ✓ WeBOC also provides for deposit of duty & taxes using **E-Payment module**



Source: Directorate General Reforms & Automation, Custom House, Karachi





WeBOC – Coverage



Transaction

Import

Export

Transshipment

Safe Transit

Afghan Transit

Ex Bonding

In Bonding

Diplomatic Bond

Private Bond

Public Bond

Privilege Person

Manufacturing Bond

Re-Import

Cargo

LCL

FCL

Air Cargo

Solid Bulk

Liquid Bulk

Customs Station

Sea Port

Air Freight Units

Dry Ports

Off Dock Terminals

Border Customs Stations

Intra

EDB

SBP

NTC

TDAP

SECDIV



WeBOC

Gateway to Real Time Integration



National Single Window

**Regional Information Exchange System /
Cross border Paperless Trade**

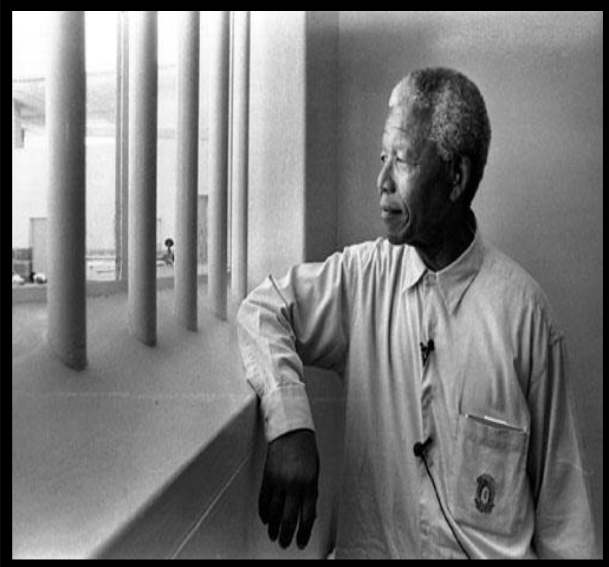
**National e-Logistic Platform (Traders, Banks, Insurance
Companies, Freight Forwarders, Logistic Service
Providers)**

**Port Community System with Airline,
Shipping Agents, Terminal Operators, Port
Authorities**

**Other Government
Departments (MoC, MoH
DPP, AQD, PSQCA, EDB etc.)**

**Paperless Customs
(WeBOC)**

STM– Moving Forward



After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb.

Nelson Mandela





Challenges

- ☐ Fast Pace of International Trade
- ☐ Emerging Challenges for Customs from CPEC initiative (Transit & Transshipment)

INITIATIVE...

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CHALLENGE



GAWADAR PORT



Natural Deep Sea Ports

National Ports	Depth (m)	International ports	Depth (m)
Karachi Port	9-10	Singapore	20-21
Port Qasim	11-12	Hong Kong	9-10
Gwadar Port	17-18	UAE	15-16

CPEC Alignment

PAKISTAN

National Highway Network

Long Term CPEC Alignment

Length 2,442 Km

Population 17.5 Million

Peshawar Karachi Motorway

Length 1,539 Km

Population 50.5 Million

Karachi Lahore Motorway

Length 1,159 Km

Gawadar D.I.K via Quetta

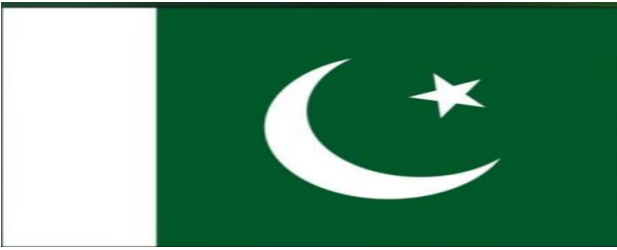
Length 931 Km

Population 12.3 Million



Source : NHA, Govt of Pakistan

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FINAL WORD



Way Forward



Policy Level

– EDE

- ✓ China & Afghanistan
- ✓ OIC States

– Customs has to evolve beyond traditional functions to play a facilitative role for national development

- ✓ Trade Dynamics (sophistication, Technology, Volume etc)
- ✓ Transit & Transshipment (**CPEC**)
- ✓ SEZs

– OIC Customs Committee on information sharing

- ✓ Can be a sub-committee of COMCEC



Thank you for your attention.




Questions?

TFA Compliance Level

Provision	Heading/Description	Pakistan's position
Article 1.1.1	<p>Publication</p> <p>1.1 Each Member shall promptly publish the following information in a non-discriminatory and easily accessible manner in order to enable governments, traders, and other interested parties to become acquainted with them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) procedures for importation, exportation, and transit (including port, airport, and other entry-point procedures), and required forms and documents; (b) applied rates of duties and taxes of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation; (c) fees and charges imposed by or for governmental agencies on or in connection with importation, exportation or transit; (d) rules for the classification or valuation of products for customs purposes; (e) laws, regulations, and administrative rulings of general application relating to rules of origin; (f) import, export or transit restrictions or prohibitions; (g) penalty provisions for breaches of import, export, or transit formalities; (h) procedures for appeal or review; (i) agreements or parts thereof with any country or countries relating to importation, exportation, or transit; and 	<p>FBR is compliant with this Sub-Article.</p> <p>https://www.fbr.gov.pk</p> <p>https://www.weboc.gov.pk</p>

TFA Compliance Level

Provision	Heading/Description	Board's position
Article 1.1.1 (j)	(J) Procedures relating to the administration of tariff quotas.	No tariff quota regimes  no requirement to publish = Pakistan may be deemed compliant of this Sub-Article.
1.2	Nothing in these provisions shall be construed as requiring the publication or provision of information other than in the language of the Member except as stated in paragraph 2.2.	

TFA Compliance Level

Provision	Heading/Description	Pakistan's position
Article 1.2.	Information Available Through Internet	
Article 1.2.1	<p>2.1 Each Member shall make available, and update to the extent possible and as appropriate, the following through the internet:</p> <p>(a) a description of its procedures for importation, exportation, and transit, including procedures for appeal or review, that informs governments, traders, and other interested parties of the practical steps needed for importation, exportation, and transit;</p> <p>(b) the forms and documents required for importation into, exportation from, or transit through the territory of that Member;</p> <p>(c) contact information on its enquiry point(s).</p>	<p>Most of the information related to this sub-article has already been available through internet.</p> <p>https://www.fbr.gov.pk</p> <p>https://www.weboc.gov.pk</p> <p>FBR team is working to make it more user friendly and comprehensive</p> <p>Expected to complete before the Indicative Date.</p>

TFA Compliance Level

Provision	Heading/Description	Pakistan's position
Article 1.2.	Information Available Through Internet	
Article 1.2.2	2.2 Whenever practicable, the description referred to in subparagraph 2.1(a) shall also be made available in one of the official languages of the WTO.	FBR is compliant with this Sub-Article.
Article 1.2.3	2.3 Members are encouraged to make available further trade-related information through the internet, including relevant trade-related legislation and other items referred to in paragraph 1.1.	<p>Most of the information related to this sub-article has already been available through internet.</p> <p>FBR team is working to make it more user friendly and comprehensive</p> <p>Expected to complete before the Indicative Date.</p>



TFA Compliance Level

Provision	Heading/Description	Category/ Indicative Date	Pakistan's position
Article 1.3.1	3. Enquiry Points: 3.1 Each Member shall, within its available resources, establish or maintain one or more enquiry points to answer reasonable enquiries of governments, traders, and other interested parties on matters covered by paragraph 1.1 and to provide the required forms and documents referred to in subparagraph 1.1(a).	B 30 June 2018	<p>The Enquiry Point has been established at <u>Custom House, Karachi</u> in June 2018</p> <p>It can be accessed at www.customsenquiry.gov.pk.</p> <p>The Website has been designed in manner that an enquirer can get information/answer relating to four broad areas such as ' imports' , 'Exports', 'Transit', and 'Misc'. Frequently asked Questions (FAQ) have also been uploaded on the website. FBR is compliant with article 1.3.1, 1.3.3.and 1.3.4 after establishment of Enquiry Point.</p>

TFA Compliance Level

Provision	Heading/Description	Pakistan's position
Article 1.3.3	3.3 Members are encouraged not to require the payment of a fee for answering enquiries and providing required forms and documents. If any, Members shall limit the amount of their fees and charges to the approximate cost of services rendered.	FBR is compliant with this Sub-Article.
Article 1.3.4	3.4 The enquiry points shall answer enquiries and provide the forms and documents within a reasonable time period set by each Member, which may vary depending on the nature or complexity of the request.	FBR is compliant with this Sub-Article.



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Article 1.3.4	4 Notification Each Member shall notify the Committee on Trade Facilitation established under paragraph 1.1 of Article 23 (referred to in this Agreement as the "Committee") of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the official place(s) where the items in subparagraphs 1.1(a) to (j) have been published; (b) the Uniform Resource Locators of website(s) referred to in paragraph 2.1; and (c) the contact information of the enquiry points referred to in paragraph 3.1. 	Pakistan is Compliant National Trade & Transport Facilitation Committee notified in February 2018 URL: Annex Enquiry point : PDF



TFA Compliance Level

Description of Article	Board's position
ARTICLE 2: OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, INFORMATION BEFORE ENTRY INTO FORCE, AND CONSULTATIONS	
Opportunity to Comment and Information before Entry into Force	
<p>1.1 Each Member shall, to the extent practicable and in a manner consistent with its domestic law and legal system, provide opportunities and an appropriate time period to traders and other interested parties to comment on the proposed introduction or amendment of laws and regulations of general application related to the movement, release, and clearance of goods, including goods in transit.</p>	<p><u>Customs Act, 1969 has amended section 219 to provide an opportunity to the public for offering comments before entry into force of any rules to comply with the requirements of Trade Facilitation Agreement.</u></p> <p>section 219, after sub-section (3), the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-</p> <p>—(3A) Rules made under this section shall be subject to the condition of previous publication</p> <p>(Page 216 of Customs Act,1969 amended up to 30 June,2018 through Finance Act,2018)</p>
<p>1.2 Each Member shall, to the extent practicable and in a manner consistent with its domestic law and legal system, ensure that new or amended laws and regulations of general application related to the movement, release, and clearance of goods, including goods in transit, are published or information on them made otherwise publicly available, as early as possible before their entry into force, in order to enable traders and other interested parties to become acquainted with them.</p>	
<p>1.3 Changes to duty rates or tariff rates, measures that have a relieving effect, measures the effectiveness of which would be undermined as a result of compliance with paragraphs 1.1 or 1.2, measures applied in urgent circumstances, or minor changes to domestic law and legal system are each excluded from paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2.</p>	

TFA Compliance Level

Description of Article	Pakistan's position
2: Consultations	
Each Member shall, as appropriate, provide for regular consultations between its border agencies and traders or other stakeholders located within its territory.	Compliant

