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Importance of Transparency—Sunshine used as a metaphor
Why do we need it?

1. Committee work turns a trading agreement into reality, without transparency it will remain a piece of paper.

2. Openness works as a constraint on abuse of discretion.

3. Adds predictability and credibility to the system
Difficulties faced by members

Policy challenges:

- Rule making is often a result of tradeoffs among major players. Policy designs of key players become the basis of disciplines.

- Programs of developing countries added in the Green Box (2013), main criteria has to be fulfilled.

- Farm income decreasing—what are the policy options?
Execution of Policy, data collection

Announcement of a program
Allocation of resources
Implementation

Often not possible in one financial year
Rights and obligations.

Technical expertise for analysis of notification

Availability of dedicated staff
Suggestions

- WTO partnership with key players (OECD, IFPRI, WB, FAO, CGIAR, WEF, UNCTAD, UNEP)
- Seminars on the margins of CoA
- More informal interaction and policy dialogue
- Policy clinics for targeted technical assistance
- Engaging all stakeholders
- Coalitions focusing on regular Committee work as well
- Improving the quality of notifications by adding more description