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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

Review Process-Importance and Challenges

- 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