a closer look at
sessions of the Committee on Regional Trade Agreement

**Pro-CFTA Years**
Prior to the establishment of the CRTA, RTAs notified to the GATT/WTO were not subject to CRTA procedures. Procedures were carried out individually.

**1996 Establishment of the CRTA**
Procurement of CRTA began in 1996 with a single session held immediately before the first CRTA session, and notifications of RTAs classified under GATT Art. XXIV, GATT Art. XVI, and paragraph 6 of the GATT's 1947 Article, which were referred to the CRTA, a major procedural shift.

**2000 Transparency Mechanism**
Following the CRTA in July 2000, negotiations were held in the context of the Negotiating Group on RTAs. For more information, see the Negotiating Group.

The CRTA, in December 2000, at a Decision establishing a procedural new Transparency Mechanism for RTAs, the WTO Members' rights and obligations were transformed in the procedures applicable to RTAs.

Note: Numbers reflect the situations at the end of 1996 (Past) and in June 2021, counting the notifications of RTAs which are still in force in June 2021. RTAs which became "inactive" during the period are not counted.

**Notations under the Enabling Clause**
WTO Members

**Notifications under Art. XXIV of the GATT**

**Notifications under Art. V of the GATS**

**Notifications under the Enabling Clause**

**Number of bodies monitoring RTAs**

**Note:** When two notifications refer to the same RTA (for example, notification under GATT XXIV and GATS), that RTA is only counted once.