Fiji
National Trade Facilitation Committee
Institutional Framework

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Existing Structure

• Ministry of Industry Trade and Tourism (MITT) is the lead agency.
• NTDC promotes corporation between Government and non-state actors in relation to investment, trade and other trade-related issues.
• NTDC is chaired by Minister responsible for Industry and Trade and reports to the Cabinet.
• TF Sub-Committee is one of the technical committees responsible for border-related issues.
• TF Sub-Committee comprises of CBR agencies, port operators, brokers and is co-chaired by the private sector.
• MITT acts as the Secretariat.
Existing Structure Continue...

- FRCA has established separate TF Committee.
- Chaired by FRCA CEO.
- Members from Border agencies, Ports/Airports Authority, Brokers, Shipping/Airline Agents and Freight Forwarders.
- Addresses border related issues.
Proposed Structure

• Establishment of Single Window Sub-Committee.
• Article 10 of WTO TFA requires members to establish SW.
• FRCA implemented ASYCUDA World with the intention to integrate with other agencies.
• World Bank Group (WBG) assessment report on Fiji's trade facilitation has stated that FRCA is almost fully compliant to TFA while other agencies are partially compliant or not compliant at all.
• MITT and FRCA considers SW implementation will significantly assist other agencies in trade facilitation and to be able to comply with TFA.

• FRCA to be the leading agency and chair of the SW sub-committee.
• Committee to have executive and technical level members.
Challenges

• Legal mandate to establish NTFC and implementation of TFA.
• Which agency to play the leading role.
• Lack of coordination and collaboration between leading agencies in formation of NTFC.
• Lack of awareness to the stakeholders on TFA and its requirement to establish NTFC.
• Provision for funding NTFC.
Recommendations

• Establishment of single National TFC to oversee the TFA implementation.

• NTFC should have executive level members who should be able to make decisions on TF issues.

• Membership to be based on public and private sector partnership approach.

• Inclusion of wider business community specifically the SMEs in NTFC and its activities.

• Customs to play leading role in National Committees since TFA is centered on cross border activities and Customs is the leading agency at border.
Recommendations Continue...

• Working groups or sub-committees to be created for specific tasks or projects and should have technical and executive level members.

• Clearly define the goals and objectives of the NTFC.

• Establishment of ToR for the NTFC (objective, responsibilities, resources, meeting frequencies and funding).

• Establishment of national Roadmap to TFA implementation.

• Maintain relationship with international and regional organizations with the goal of improving TF.
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