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- International technical assistance for initial guidance, assessment of trade facilitation needs and the setting of objectives;
- Proactive and supportive public and private sector participation;
- Its promotion in national and international forums;
- Strong linkages with international institutions and trade bodies;
- An independent secretariat and technical team of experienced professionals with commensurate remuneration;
- The identification of the appropriate lead agency and the selection of a “champion”;
- Its successful transfer from project dependence to a lead agency;
- High-level decision makers with influence in government ministries;
- Assurances from the outset of public financial support for operational and overhead expenses.
10 Key Recommendations

(UNCTAD publication: “National TF Bodies in the world” UNCTAD/DTL/TB/2014/1)

- Be SMART when setting up the objectives and scope of a national trade facilitation body (NTFB)
- Make it official – give the NTFB a strong legal backing
- Set clear game rules – define terms of reference in a comprehensive and inclusive way
- Provide the NTFB with a permanent secretariat
- Meet regularly
- Be inclusive – trade facilitation is a cross-divisional and cross-sectoral endeavor
- Take every opportunity to raise awareness about trade facilitation
- Provide the NTFB with the necessary resources
- Establish monitoring and evaluating mechanisms to measure results
- Always involve the private sector