Challenges and Opportunities of TFA implementation in LDCs

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Outline

Major challenges

Some potential opportunities

Possible areas of cooperation
Major challenges

➢ Definitive date notification deadline (Category C: 22 August 2022)

➢ Meeting deadlines of implementing Category B measures: 10 LDCs (22 measures)
  shifted from Category B to Category C

➢ Gaps in technical and financial support

➢ Institutionalization of National Trade Facilitation Committee

➢ Bridging digital gaps & linking domestic business with cross-border trade.

➢ Insufficient trade infrastructure

➢ Transit related challenges: automation and harmonization, informal obstacles

➢ Capacity constraints of exporters to benefit from facilities in destination markets
Major Challenges ...

➢ Implementation of Category C measures especially in:

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➢ Effective matching of cooperation between donors and LDC members (significant additional support from DPs: resource, technological, institutional & human CB)

➢ Meeting notification obligation regularly

➢ LLDCs facing further difficulties (insufficient trade and ICT infrastructure)

➢ Harnessing potential benefits (2/3 benefits to go to the developing and LDCs)
Potential Opportunities

➢ LDCs fully committed to TFA implementation: Most notification obligation fulfilled

➢ Working on Category C measures (to notify the definitive dates)

➢ LDCs shifting from Category C to B (5 members, 18 measures including 11 by Nepal)

➢ Technical assistance requirements & periodic review report: good basis to proceed

➢ Linking TFA implementation with national development process: support from DPs

➢ Development partners’ willingness to work in TFA implementation

➢ Positive multiplier impacts: NTFC, Customs reforms, E-governance, infrastructure

➢ Possibility of export promotion: harnessing estimated benefits
Possible areas of cooperation

➢ LDCs’ notification on Categorization of measures: platform for partnership

➢ Notification on technical assistance requirement, basis to proceed: support needed especially in:  a) Human resources and training, b) Legislative and regulatory framework, c) ICT, d) Infrastructure and equipment, e) Awareness raising, f) Institutional procedures, g) Diagnostic and needs assessment etc.

➢ Support in bridging digital divide: possible expansion to business community

➢ Implementation of Category C measures: joint responsibility, mobilization of additional support needed from donors