WTO Trade Facilitation on Track

Role of National Trade Facilitation Committees

Implementation Challenges and Factors for Success

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The case for change
THE HUB INITIATIVE
The Perfect Storm or Just Good Luck

IMF Agreement

Vision of Logistics Hub

Trade Facilitation Agreement

Political Backing & Legislative Changes

Committed Professionals

Customs Reform
KEY CHALLENGE

BORDER AGENCY
COORDINATION & COLLABORATION
TRADE FACILITATION TASK FORCE
Roles and responsibilities of each signatory
Commitment to reduce the use of paper for trade transactions
Removing obstacles and facilitate the ease of trading
Coordination and collaboration of signatories on efforts of implementation

4 Months after project start-up : MOU Signed
Role of the Task Force

- Map and drive the implementation of trade facilitation measures deemed critical to support economic growth.
- Provide leadership in ensuring a coordinated approach across all Ministries, Departments & Agencies in the development of a single trade electronic window.
- Integrate private sector services through a Port Community System.
Objective

- Simplification and harmonization of processes and procedures
- Risk Management
- ICT based reforms
- Border Agency Coordination & Collaboration
Key Success Factors

- Link of vision to Government Agenda
- Across governmental agencies accountability through Cabinet
- Private sector significant contribution
- Dedicated resources needed
- Dedicated forum of work with clear deliverables
Regaining Political Will

How to convince the new government
JAMAICA’S DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES AND POLICIES

Growth Agenda GDP Growth
• Target of 5% Growth in 4 Years

Global Logistics Hub Initiative
• Build Jamaica as a global logistics hub like Dubai, Singapore, and Rotterdam;
• The expansion of the Panama Canal provides opportunities for the prosperity of regional logistics and trade markets, reduction of the cost of bulk commodity transport

Special Economic Zone Act
• Accelerate the transformation of the original Free Zone regime to the SEZ regime; Promote the development of global market-oriented industries by providing tax concessions for developers and occupants to drive economy and employment growth.
THINK DIFFERENTLY

FOLLOW THE PROBLEM
IMPROVE PUBLIC SECTOR

FOLLOW THE VISION
BETTER SERVICE FOR OUR CITIZENS

TRACKING ACTIVITIES
HOW MANY PROJECTS ARE WORKED

TRACKING RESULTS
THE VISIBLE IMPACT FOR CITIZENS AND GOVT

DESIGNED FOR DELIVERY
DELIVER FAST

DESIGNED FOR CITIZENS
DELIVER SUSTAINABLE QUALITY

WORK ON ALL FRONTS
FOCUS ON EVERY FRONT

PRIORITY DRIVEN
FOCUS ON WHAT BRINGS DISPROPORTIONATE RETURN
Ministry taking ownership
GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture & Fisheries

Trade Facilitation Task Force

MICAF Trade Unit/PMO/Secretariat

Office of the Cabinet

Steering Committee (Outputs 1&6)

Output 1: Technical Committee for Legislative Review

Output 6: Technical Committee

Ministry of Finance & Public Service

Project Steering Committee for ESW (Output 3)

Output 4.2: Technical Committee

ASYCUDA Steering Committee (Output 2)

Output 4.1: Technical Committee for Trade Portal

Trade Facilitation Implementation Team

Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture & Fisheries

Steering Committee

Output 2.2&2.3: Technical Committee

Output 5.2: Technical Committee

Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (JSEZA)

Steering Committee (Output 5.1)

EGC NCC IDB IMF WB IFC UNCTAD WTO ITC
FINANCING OF WORK

Funding for implementation Program

- GOJ committed financing of Electronic Single Window
- WTO’s Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility to help developing countries implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement (grant funding).
- Commitment of other funds and/or technical assistance to aid with TF implementation from other partners such as IADB, WB, ITC, WCO, UNCTAD and WTO.
WAY FORWARD IN 2018

The TF2 Secretariat along with ITC and the Jamaica Exporters Association have applied to the EU for resources to build capacity in the Private Sector to improve Jamaica’s trade capacity and business competitiveness.

- Build the capacity of the business community to efficiently comply with cross-border trade requirements, advocate for trade reforms and participate in trade policy formulation.
- Strengthen public sector capacity in trade policy formulation and support the implementation of key articles of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).
- Enhance Trade and Investment Support Institutions’ (TISIs) capacity to promote and facilitate trade and provide long-term support to the effective representation of business interests in trade reform agenda.

ESTABLISHMENT OF

THE

TRADE

PORTAL
Targets

Current national Trade Facilitation reform activities are expected to produce a fully automated and paperless regulatory and trading environment through the following reforms/outputs:
Targets

(i) Streamlining Border and Trade-Related Regulatory Procedures and Agencies by FY 18/19

(ii) Establishment of a Trade Information Portal (TP) by FY 19/20

(iii) Merging of Port Community System, TP and ASYCUDA to create a Single Electronic Window (SEW) by FY 20/21
Targets

(iv) Establishing a new architecture for Border Regulation

(v) Agreement on Rationalization of Permits and Licenses

(vi) Sign off on Private Sector Development Programme
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Jamaica Customs Agency has implemented ASYCUD to replace a myriad of non-integrated systems.
- Unified Version of HS Codes across all border agencies.
- Risk management profiles developed for all border agencies.
- Identification and mapping of business processes.
- Cabinet approves the implementation of an Electronic Single Window system.
- Cabinet approval of the Trade Portal in conjunction with the WB.
our ambition is to offer a first class trade environment that makes trade attractive and easy
Thank You