

# Trade Logistics and Facilitation: An Exercise in International Cooperation



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*From Country Awareness to  
Global Advocacy*

*From International Debate to  
Local Implementation*



# A 3-Prong Strategy

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- **Country Level:** Bridging the growing market accessibility gap
- **Global Level:** Promoting the Benefits of the Doha Development Agenda
- **Regional Level:** Mobilizing REC's Implementation Capacity



# Country Agenda: Mainstreaming Trade Logistics and Facilitation

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- Trade logistics perspective included at the earliest possible stage of a country assistance design
- Concerted efforts to help build national constituencies
- Systematically promoting the adoption of instruments and tools offered by specialized institutions (WCO, UNECE)



# Global Agenda: Trade Facilitation a Positive Component of DDA

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- Analysis results showing costs, benefits and prospective timelines
- Build a global constituency across traditional party lines
- Cooperation critical to ensure both an optimal use of available resources and consistency in coverage and outcomes (WB/UNCTAD, WB/OECD,...)



# Regional Agenda: Mobilizing REC's Implementation Capacity (1)

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- Relevance of the Regional Approach:
  - Economies of Scale
    - Customs Framework, Data Management Systems
    - Training and Capacity Building
  - Externalities and Ripple Effects
    - Transport Regulations
    - Trade and Transit Corridors, HIV Aids Prevention
- Cooperation through the Almaty Programme of Actions for LLDCs



# Global Facilitation Partnership

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A Possible Vehicle for  
International Cooperation



# Quick History

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- Launched June 1999
- Founding Partners: WCO, ICC, IECC, UNCTAD, WB
- January 2004: 155 Partners
  - Institutions: WTO, IMF, EU, OAS, etc.
  - Professional Organizations: IRU, FIATA, IAPH, ICAO, IMO, etc.
  - Private Sector: 83 companies
  - 40 Partners from Part II Countries



# Activities (1)

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- **General Meetings:** Feb 2000 (Was), Jun 2001 (Was), Feb 2003 (Bru), Jun 2003 (Was), Nov 2003 (Bru)
- **Products:**
  - Trade and Transport Facilitation Toolkit (IECC)
  - Distance Learning: GFP-DLI Courses on Road Transport (IRU), Freight Forwarding (FIATA), Supply Chain Management (TRAINMAR/ERASMUS Univ. underway)
  - Customs Time Release Software (WCO) underway



# Activities (2)

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- Knowledge Dissemination
  - Over 400 Reference Documents now on the GFP website
  - Topics Maintained by Core Partners and Regularly Updated



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#### Maritime transport and Port Operations

**Definition: Policies, reforms, and the regulation and operation of port and shipping services and related infrastructure, so as to facili...**

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#### UNCTAD Review of Maritime Transport 2003

is an annual publication prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat. It provides comprehensive and up-to-date statistics and information on maritime and ancillary services. The [List All Reference Readings](#)

**Under construction! Completion expected on March 30, 2004.**

**The joint GFP/UNTF Website** is a collaborative tool for practitioners and policy makers involved in trade facilitation and transport facilitation (TTF). It provides both brief TTF [explanatory notes](#) and comprehensive coverage of topics and selected projects, and aims at stimulating exchanges on TTF policies and operational experience. [Disclaimer and copyright notice...](#)

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**Core Toolkits:** [Trade and Transport Facilitation: A Toolkit for Audit, Analysis and Remedial Actions](#); [ICC Customs Guidelines](#) ; [ICC Integrity Toolkit](#), [ICC Security Toolkit](#)

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