

INVESTMENT CLIMATE

Trade Facilitation Support Program (TFSP)

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World Bank Group Implementation of Trade Facilitation Support Program

World Bank Group Trade Facilitation Support (1/3)

- World Bank Group is a major provider of trade related assistance throughout the world
- Fiscal year 2013 - \$5.8 billion devoted to trade facilitation projects
- Two thirds devoted to low or lower middle income countries
- Program includes:
 - Knowledge and analytical products
 - Diagnostics
 - Technical assistance and advisory services
 - Financing for major projects
 - Research and data products (LPI/Doing Business)
- Over 120 customs and border management projects over past 20 years

World Bank Group Trade Facilitation Support (2/3)

Focus on three themes critical to improving trade competitiveness:

➤ **Institutions**

- Customs and border management agency modernization
- Adoption of simplified and harmonized procedures in line with international standards (WTO/WCO)
- ICT

➤ **Infrastructure**

- Ports
- Border facilities
- Road and rail networks

➤ **Logistics Services**

- Trucking
- Forwarding and clearing

World Bank Group Trade Facilitation Support (3/3)

Bank Group trade facilitation projects typically align closely with TFA measures:

- Trade Information Portals and National Single Window systems
- Legal and regulatory framework review and modernization
- Procedural simplification and harmonization
- National Trade Facilitation Committees – to improve inter-agency coordination and public/private dialogue

Often part of broader trade and transport projects



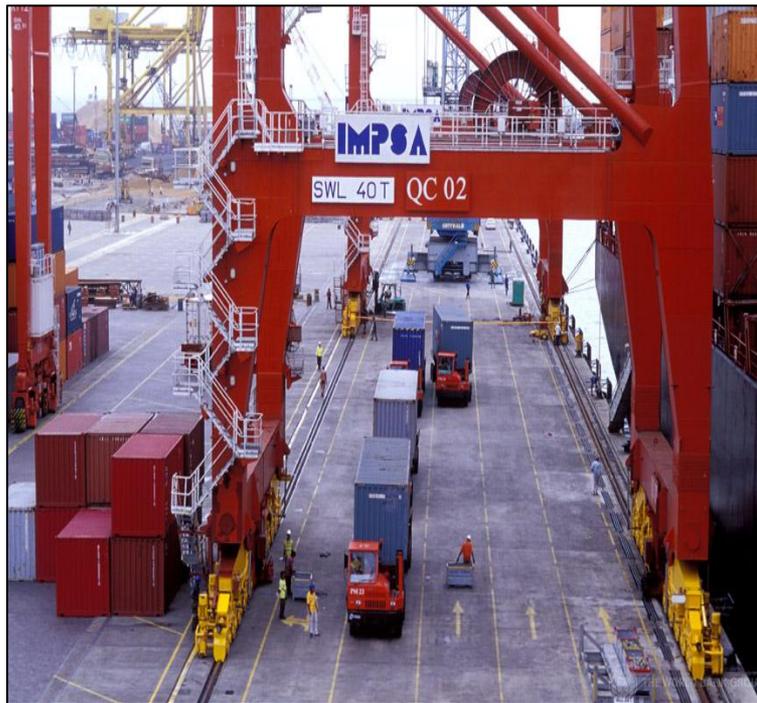
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TFSP Preparation & Implementation Support

Program Objective

Assist developing countries reform their trade facilitation laws, procedures, processes & systems to in a manner consistent with the WTO TFA.



Program Features

- Implementation focused - TFA+ +
- WBG executed
- Rapid response capability
- Deep engagement with the private sector
- Strong monitoring, evaluation & results framework
- Complementary & sequenced TA activity
- WBG presence in most countries
- Global expertise

TFSP Components (1 of 2)

Provision of TA - Examples

- Assistance to **schedule commitments** and **implementation timelines**
- Support and strengthen **national trade facilitation committees**
- Review/revision and drafting of **trade-related laws** and **implementation regulations** to ensure alignment with the TFA
- Simplification, streamlining and harmonization of **trade procedures and documents** to reduce time and cost to trade including the implementation of a risk based approach
- Review of **inter-agency coordination** and design of institutional capacity building plans

TFSP Components (2 of 2)

Knowledge, Learning and Management

- Development of **knowledge, learning and measurement toolkits and initiatives**, with the WBG Trade and International Integration Team of the Development Economics Research Group
- **Benchmarking of progress in TFA implementation**, impact assessments, evaluations, and result measurement
- **Peer-to-peer learning** and experience-sharing events within and across regions

Program Sequencing of TFSP

WBG will support countries to align to the WTO TFA – All Categories

Phase 1

- Validation and review of Country Self Assessment
- Produce Reform Map
- Propose Sequence of Activities and Timeline
- Set up NTF committee to lead the reform program
- Support the categorization & commitment process
- Review inter-agency coordination.

Phase 2

- Identification and support in implementing Quick Wins and medium terms reforms
- Improve transparency and predictability for traders
- Review and align relevant trade laws
- Harmonization, simplification of procedures & systems
- Border agency coordination
- Risk management
- Support trade facilitation through innovative technology

Phase 3

- Support design and software for ICT tools to implement deeper and more systemic reforms
- Assistance with leveraging funds from the WB and other partners for longer term, large-scale ICT implementation, and infrastructure and institutional development projects

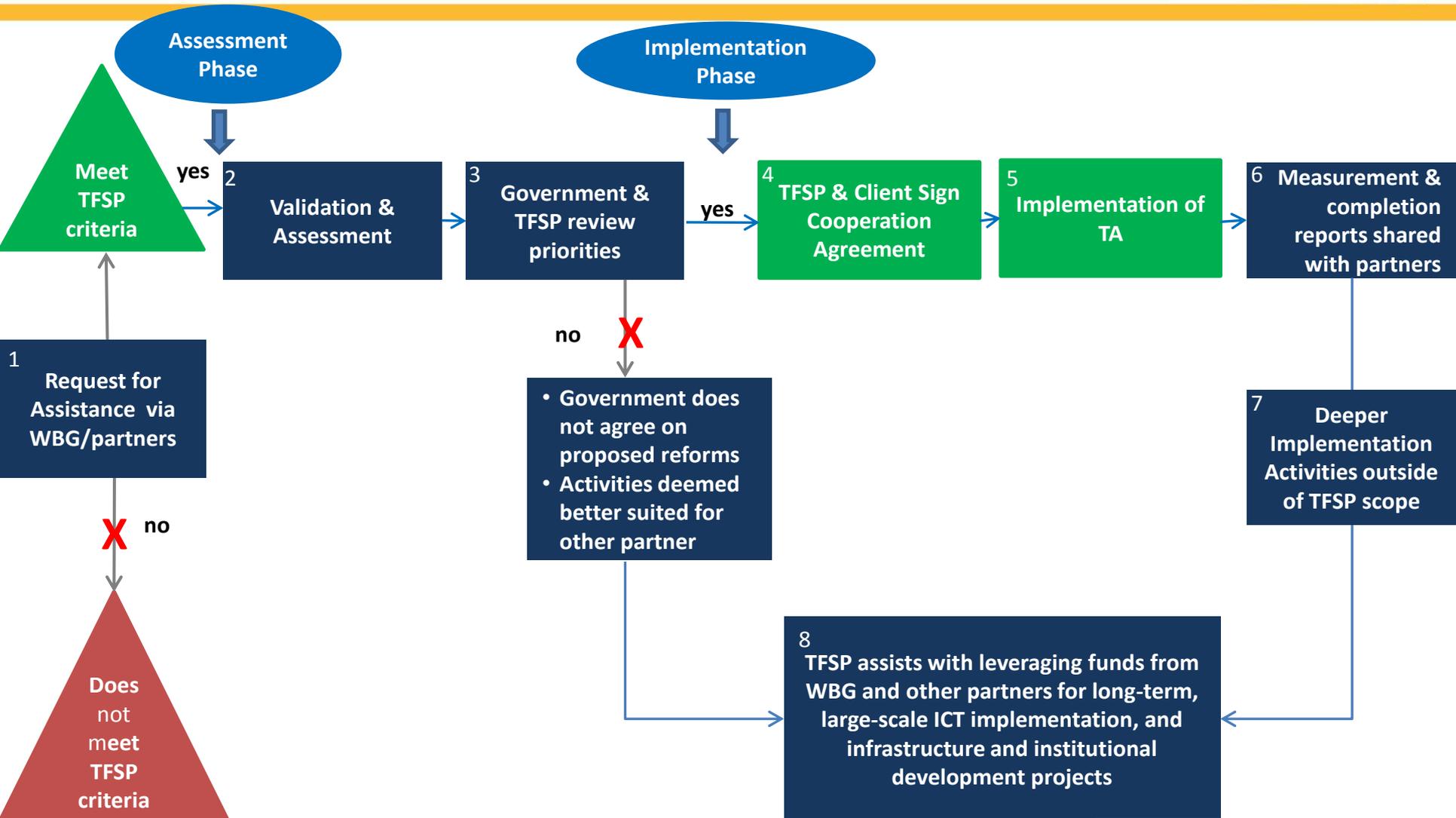
Importance of Reform Implementation Sequencing

(Article 8) Border Agency Coordination



Automation (10.4 Single Window)

TFSP Process



TFSP Partners



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Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra



Financial Commitment of US\$30 Million to date
Initial Program Time Frame: June 2014 – June 2019

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