

MANAGING A NCTF: BOTSWANA EXPERIENCE



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Background to NCTF

- ✓ 2009: WTO Trade Facilitation Self Assessment on Needs
- ✓ Participants from Public and Private Sector, NGOs
- ✓ Recommendations:
 - ❖ Formation of a TF Subcommittee - National positions Update NA findings
 - ❖ Wider Stakeholder Consultation
- ✓ Commitment at high level
- ✓ Negotiations in Geneva involved Customs



Functions



**Discuss
problems
regarding
implementation**

**Review
progress in
provision of
TACB**

**Share
experiences
and
information**

**Review donor
notifications**

Composition



**Ministry of Investment
Trade and Industry**

Secretariat
Lead Negotiator
Coordination (Notification, Ratification)

**Botswana Unified
Revenue Service
(Customs)**

Main negotiation Advisory
Leading role on TFA Implementation
Consultations
Approval

Membership

**Government Ministries(Trade, Health,
Agriculture, Standards, Security, etc.)**

Private Sector

Customs

Reporting Structure



NCTF- Terms of Reference

Consider progress updates on Implementation of Measures



NCTPN - Cabinet Directive

Trade Policy and negotiations

Report to Cabinet



Cabinet – Strategic Direction

Approval of Recommendations

Ratification and Notification

Private Sector Involvement



Challenges
Concerns
Proposals
Feedback

Buy-in
Change
management
Cooperation
Collaboration

Representation
Identify
Legislative gaps
and bottlenecks








Funding



- ❖ No specific budget for the committee
- ❖ General Budget from Organisations
- ❖ Technical Assistance from Donors

Achievements



-  **Contributed to the WTO negotiations on Trade Facilitation**
-  **Undertook two (2) Needs Assessments**
-  **Undertook two (2) Categorisation exercises**
-  **Identified and guided on Category A notification**
-  **Participated in the ratification of the TFA**
-  **Developed National Implementation Plan for TFA**
-  **Conduct Capacity Building Workshops for Members**

Challenges & Solution



Participation

- Ineffective
- Capacity Building, Involvement

Competing National Committees

- Rationalization

Inconsistent Participation

- Member should be Organisation
- Alternate member

Current Activities



**Consideration to Notify
Category B measures**

**Capacity Building
Workshops and Quarterly
Review Meetings**

Thank you!!!