

Global Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation Survey 2017: Highlights from Latin America and the Caribbean



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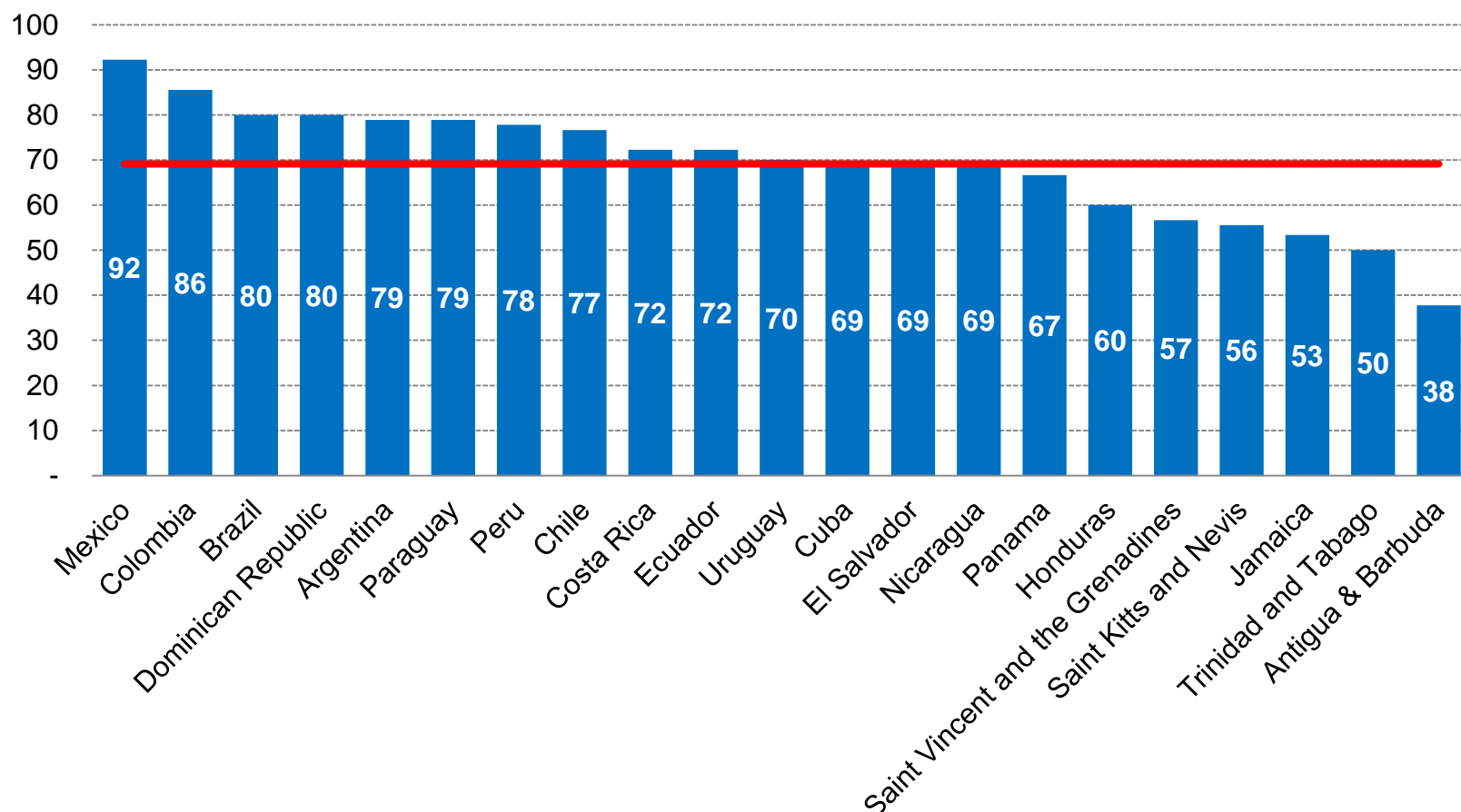
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The 21 participating countries obtained a 69% average implementation rate

Overall implementation rates of trade facilitation and paperless trade measures in 21 LAC countries, 2017

(In percentages of the maximum possible score)



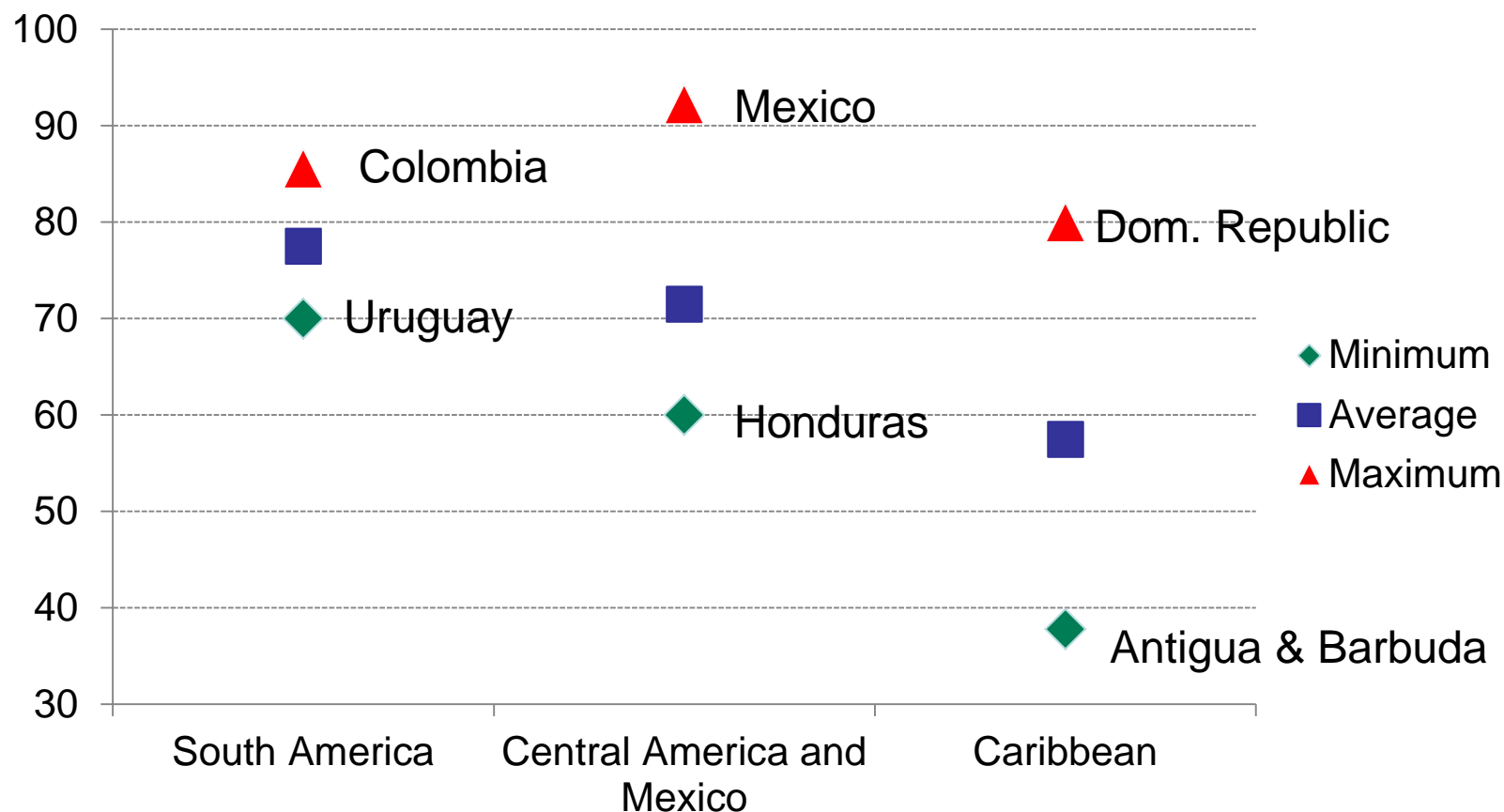
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Results vary widely by sub-region and the Caribbean again shows the weakest performance

Minimum, average and maximum implementation rates of trade facilitation and paperless trade measures by LAC sub-region, 2017

(In percentages of the maximum possible score)



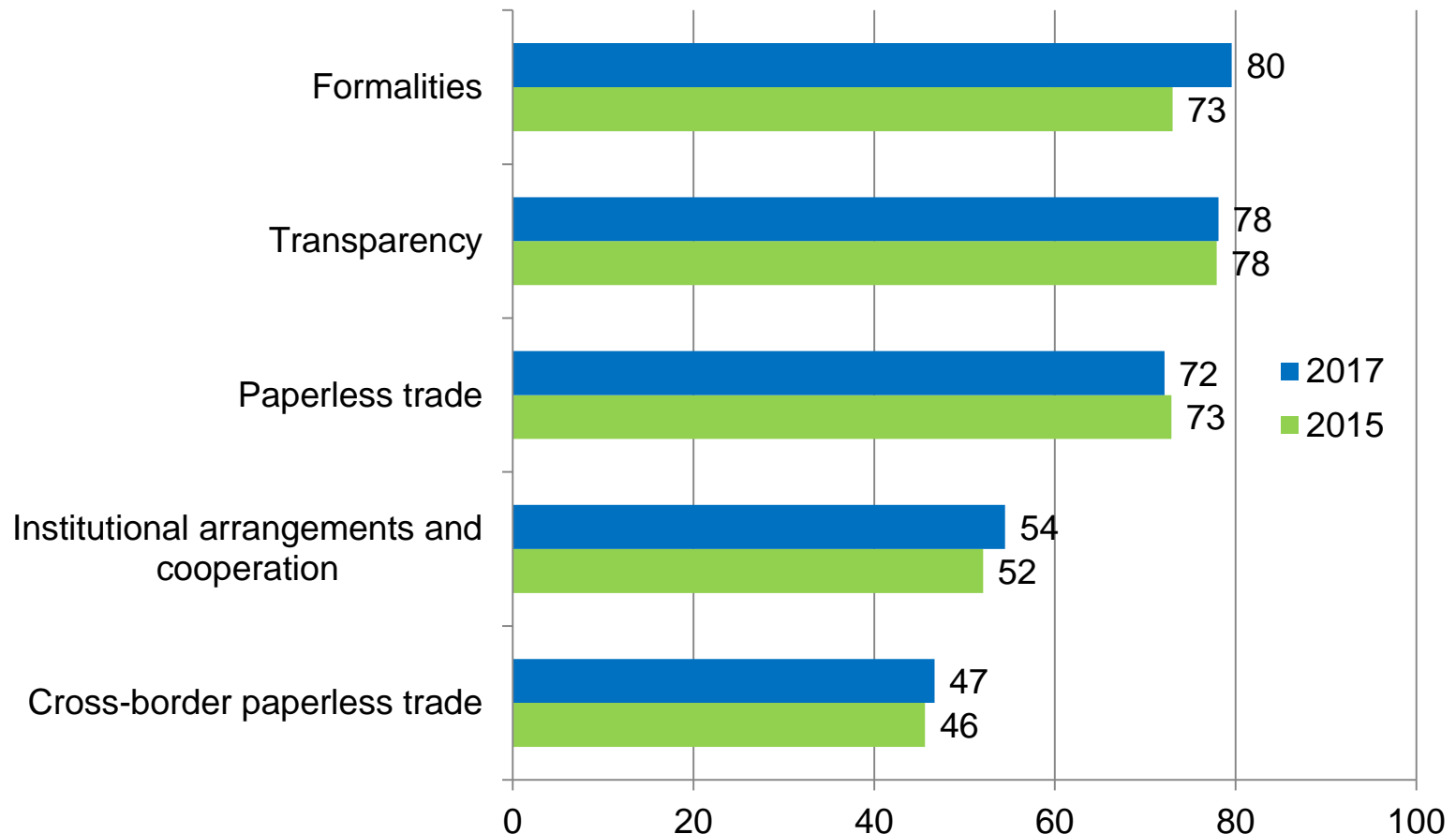
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LAC scores highest in formalities and transparency whereas the weakest link is cross-border paperless trade

Average implementation rates of trade facilitation and paperless trade measures in LAC by category, 2015 and 2017

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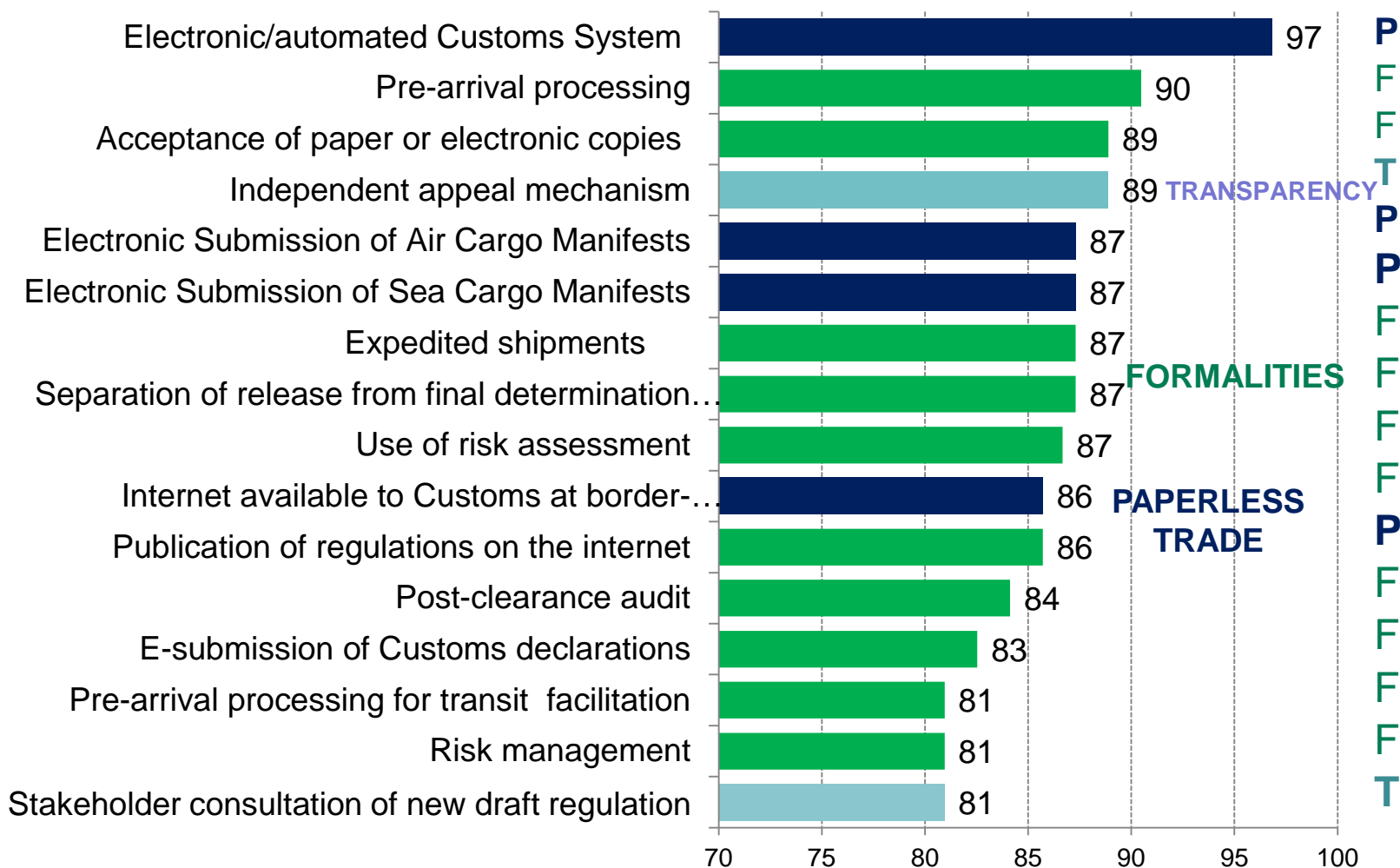


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Formalities, Paperless trade and Transparency measures should be highlighted

LAC: Most implemented measures in the Global Survey 2017
(Implementation rates in %)

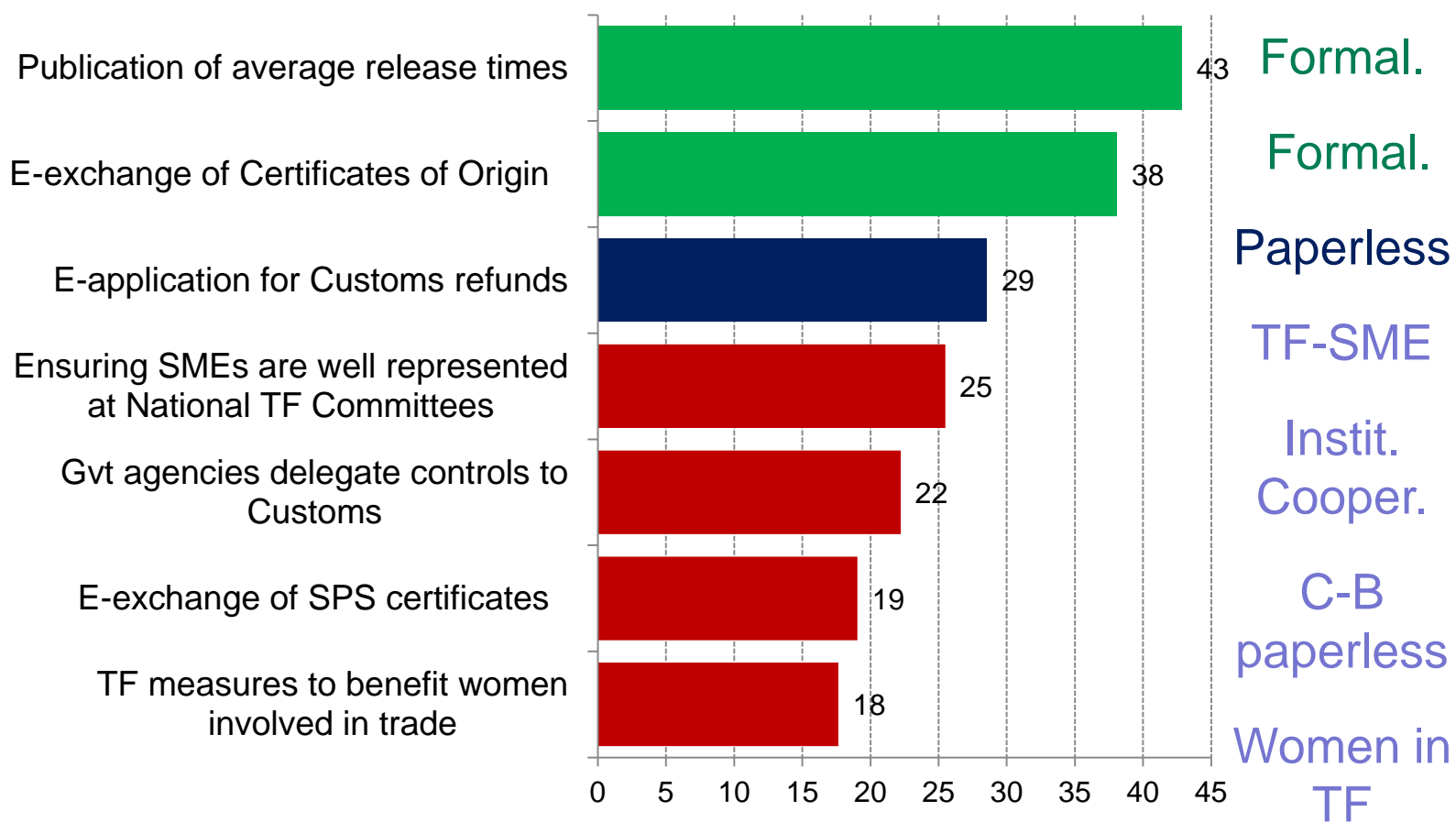


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But much remains to be done in some key areas

LAC: Least implemented measures in the Global Survey 2017
(Implementation rates in %)



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Good progress is being made at the regional level

- **Central American countries:**
 - Common customs document & certificate of origin (FAUCA)
 - Single transit declaration document
 - Both documents are transmitted electronically
- **Pacific Alliance:**
 - Electronic exchange of sanitary certificates
 - Electronic exchange of certificates of origin (in progress)
 - Mutual recognition of national Authorized Operator schemes (in progress)
- **Latin American Integration Association (ALADI):**
 - Digital certification of origin (in progress)
- **Pacific Alliance and MERCOSUR:**
 - Have agreed on a roadmap to work on trade facilitation



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Final remarks

- Overall LAC scores relatively high and improves slightly on 2015, but progress remains uneven across measures and sub-regions:
 - Least progress in cross-border paperless trade and in the Caribbean
- National Trade Facilitation Committees are still not fully functional in most countries
- Technical and financial cooperation still required, ideally on a regional rather than strictly national basis
- Overcoming hard infrastructure gaps is also crucial: less than 30% of roads in the region are paved!
(World Bank, 2017)



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