
United Nations Regional Commissions

Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation:

Background and methodology; Preliminary results

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IMPLEMENTING TRADE FACILITATION AND PAPERLESS TRADE FOR SUSTAINABLE
GROWTH: EVIDENCE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

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Background & Objective

- **Follow-up to the First UNRCs Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation (2015)**
 - **Increasing number of partners, both global, regional and subregional:** UNCTAD, International Trade Centre, OECD, ADB, ASEAN, Oceania Customs Organization, Eurasian Economic Commission.
- **Objective:** *“to enable countries to better understand and monitor progress on implementation of TF, including paperless trade measures; to support evidence-based policy making, and highlight capacity building and technical assistance needs”*
 - In support of implementation of SDG 17,
 - as well as the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
 - and the growing number of paperless trade initiatives

The second UN global survey on trade facilitation and paperless trade implementation (2017): **Scope/Coverage**

38 trade facilitation measures in 4 groups:

- General trade facilitation (TFA-related)
 - » Transparency [e.g. publication of regulations on internet]
 - » Formalities [e.g. application of risk management]
 - » Institutional arrangement & cooperation [e.g., NTFCs]
- Transit facilitation (TFA-related)
- Paperless trade [e.g., e-customs declaration]
- Cross-border paperless trade [e.g., exchange of e-COs]

For 2017, newly added measures on:

- Trade facilitation for SMEs
- Agricultural trade facilitation
- Women in trade facilitation

Coverage: Global, 120 countries

Methodology: A three-step approach for data collection

STEP 1: Experts and any interested parties fill the questionnaire (or update the pre-filled 2015 questionnaire)

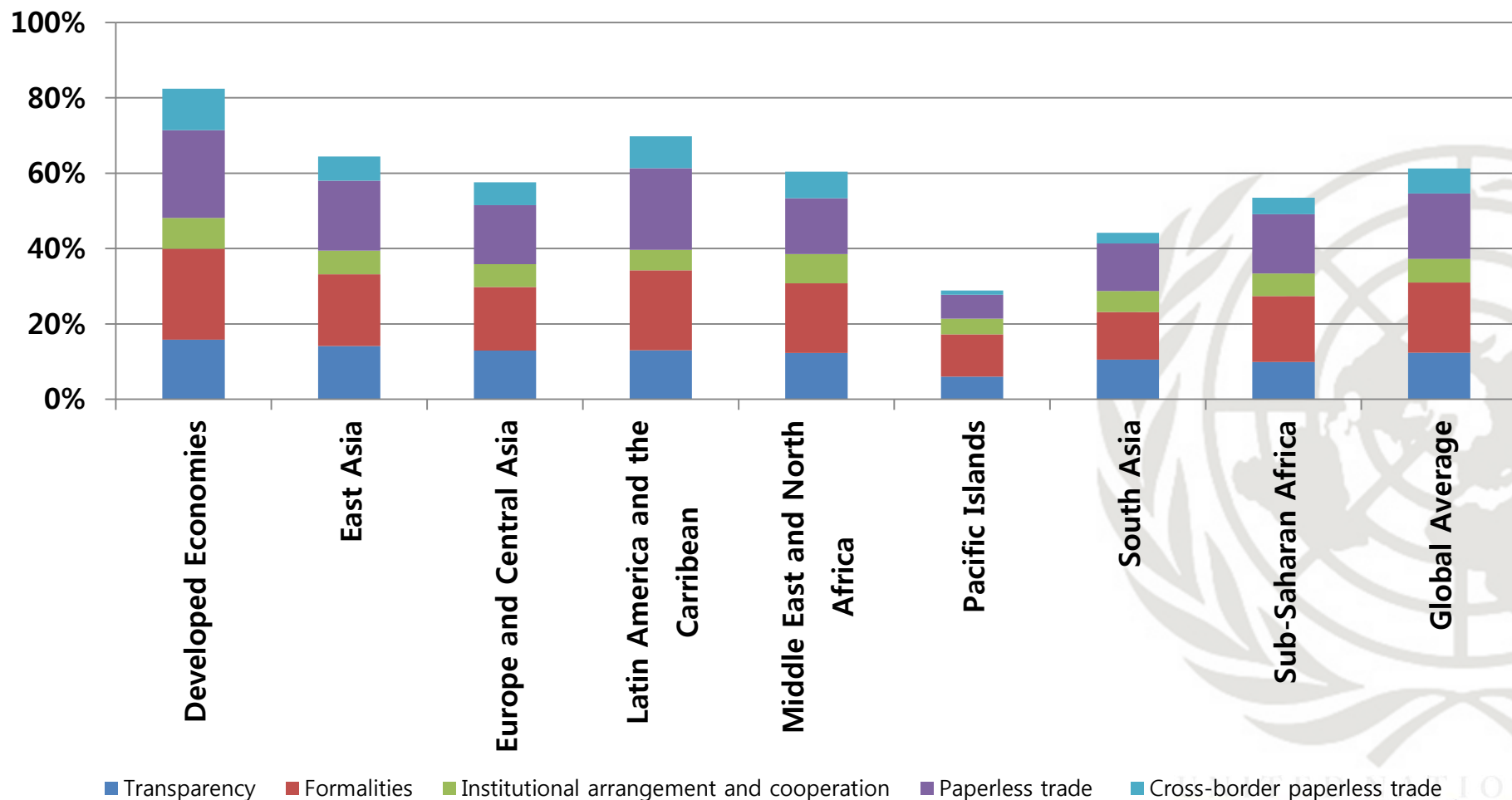
STEP 2: UNRCs verify the data by cross-checking answers from experts, desk research, and further interviews with respondents and informants.

→ **Key outcome of step 2:**

A national dataset for each country surveyed

STEP 3: Some RCs sent the preliminary results to the countries for final validation.

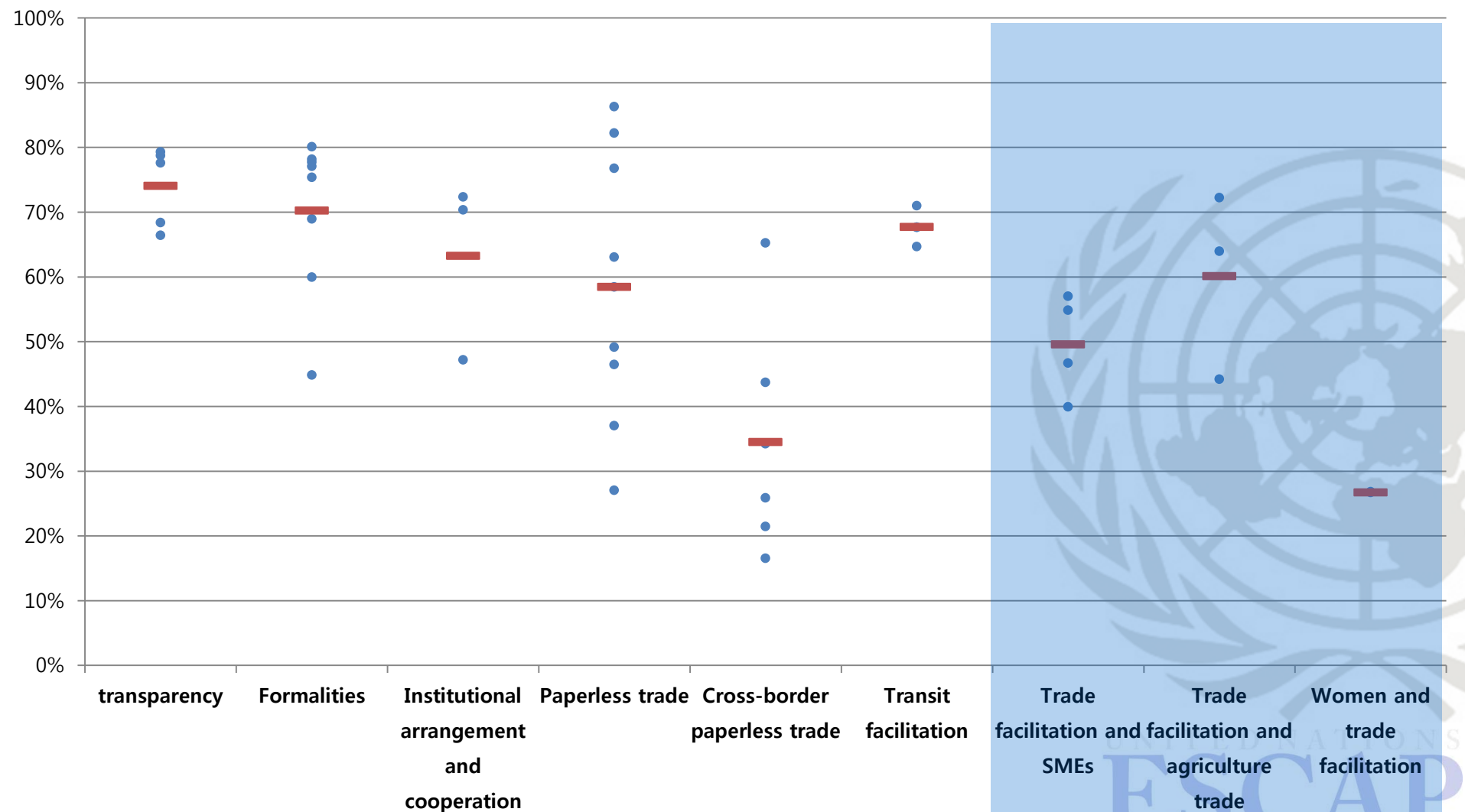
Implementation of trade facilitation around the World



Average LDCs / LLDCs implementation rate: 40% / 50%

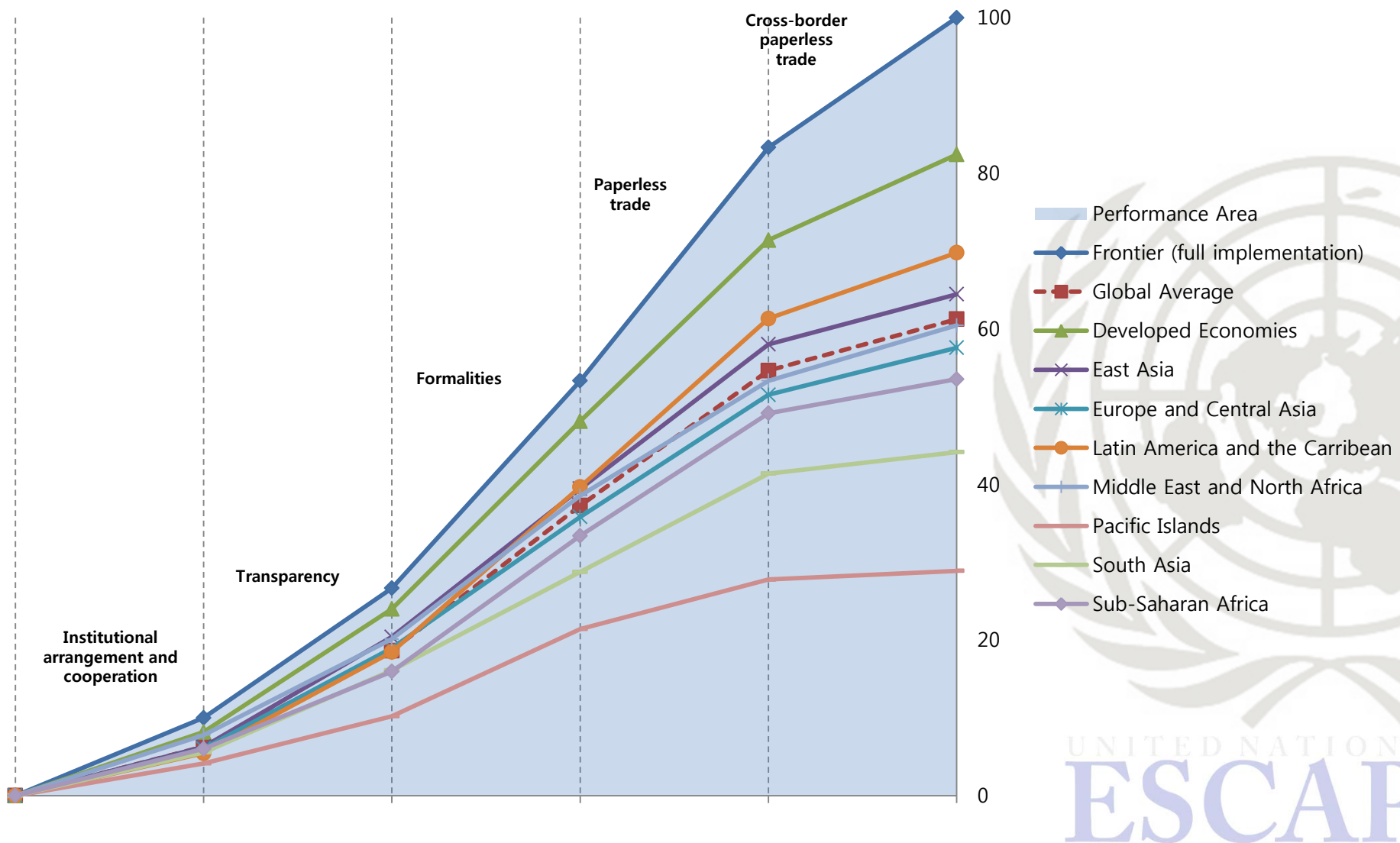
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Implementation of different groups of trade facilitation measures



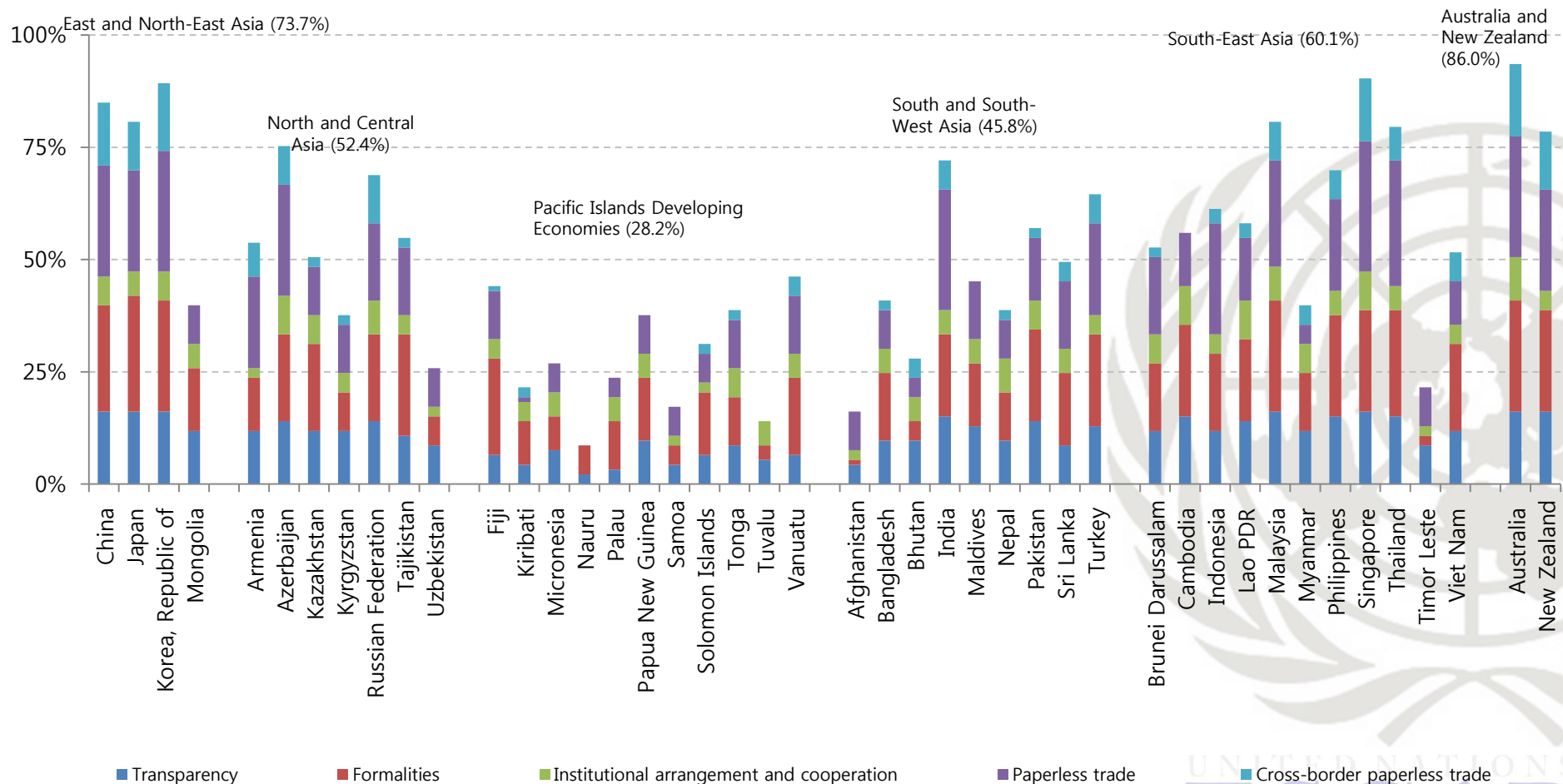
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Moving up the trade facilitation ladder towards seamless international supply chains



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Overall Implementation of Trade Facilitation Measures (44 Asia-Pacific countries)



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Asia-Pacific region proactive in implementing next-generation trade facilitation solutions

- **Negotiation of a UN treaty to promote cross-border paperless trade concluded in May 2016**
 - Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific opened to 53 ESCAP Member States; adopted in May 2016.
 - A new support tool for better “digital” implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) and bilateral / subregional agreements.
- **8th Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum**
 - “Trade Facilitation Innovations for Sustainable Development”
 - 5-8 September 2017, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

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Upcoming & recent events

- Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2017, 5-8 September 2017, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- Seventh Global Review of Aid for Trade, Side Event 14 "Implementing Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade for Sustainable Growth", 12 July 2017, Geneva, Switzerland
- National Consultation Workshop on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation, 23 June 2017, Suva, Fiji
- Second Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017
- Workshop on Advancing Interoperability of Single Windows, 31 May-1 June 2017, Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan
- ESCAP-ARTNet/ITD Training course on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade, 25-26 May 2017, Bangkok, Thailand
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