



**Revenue Service  
of Georgia**

Tax and Customs Administration  
SPS Border Control Agency

# Encouraging Private Sector Participation in National Trade Facilitation Bodies

## Georgia national experience

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# Georgia

TFA ratification - 2016

Implementation by categories: **A - 92.4%** B - 0.0% C - 7.6%





# Communication and Consultations with actors involved in international trade

## *Communication Channels*

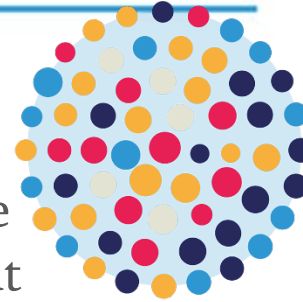
- Councils, committees, meetings at different level
  - Investors Council of the Prime Ministers Office
  - National Committee on Trade Facilitation-Implementation of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and related provisions
  - Advisory Council at the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
  - Consultation Council (Georgia Revenue Service customs département)
- Website, SMS, Email, Facebook, TV programs;
- Call center, hot lines, Information leaflets





# National Trade Facilitation Committee

- The NTFC was established in May 2019, by Government decree
- The NCTF is chaired by Ministry of Finance and the co-chair is elected by the members of the committee. Georgia Revenue Service (Tax and Customs Administration Agency) is tasked with secretariat functions



## Two levels:

- High level Committee
- Working Group

State Institutions	Private sector
<i>Ministry of Finance of Georgia Legal Entity of Public Law – Georgia Revenue Service Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Justice of Georgia Legal Entity of Public Law - National Food Agency; Ministry of Defense of Georgia Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia Ministry of Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs Ministry of Education</i>	<i>Business Ombudsmen of Georgia Georgian Small &amp;Medium s Enterprises Association Georgia Freight forwarders Association Georgian International Road Carriers Association Georgian Chamber of Commerce Business Association of Georgia EU-Georgia Business Council Farmers Association of Georgia Association of Freight Forwarders Bank Association of Georgia</i>



## NCTF aims at:

- Raise awareness on the importance of trade facilitation
- Improved coordination
- Improve transparency and dialogue
- Advise government and make recommendations including legal changes
- Monitor technical assistance projects and programs
- Negotiate, promote and monitor new Trade Facilitation Agreements
- Organize training sessions and capacity building activities
- Fundraising, relationship with donors and implementation agencies, donor coordination
- Share and discuss facilitation standards (UN, WCO...) and other trade facilitation reforms





# Crucial factors to sustainability

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- Political commitment and high level support
- Active involvement of the private sector
- Financial assistance and adequate resources
- Development of work plans and proposals
- Transparency and Accountability
- Commitment from members and active participation
- Capacity building



# Consultative meetings with private sector

- Lead by Deputy DG of Revenue Service/head of customs department
- Frequency: Ad hoc meetings with private sector
- Area: new regulations, initiatives, emerged/ temporary challenges
- Audience: Sectoral and general with participation of traders, associations, transport and logistic companies





# Accountability and Feedback

- ✓ Collection and analyses of information via surveys, SMS feedback
- ✓ Implementation of initiatives for streamlining business processes
- ✓ Accountability via information sharing on implemented updates







# Thank You!

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