Single Window
Update on ongoing projects

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UN/CEFACT Single Window - Recommendations

Trade Information Portal

Guides the creation of Trade Information Portals (TIPs), which centralize and publish trade-related regulatory data from government agencies overseeing imports, exports, transits, and trans-shipments.

Single Submission Portals

Advises on creating user-friendly single submission portals. It stresses user-centric design, easy navigation, and clear instructions for efficient information submission. It promotes standardization through common data elements and formats to improve data quality.

Single Window Interoperability

Promotes interoperability among systems for better trade efficiency. It highlights seamless info exchange and collaboration among different SWs, emphasizing technical compatibility, data harmony, and standardized interfaces.

Single Window Domain

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Single Window Recommendation

A facility that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardized information and documents with a single entry point to fulfill all import, export, and transit-related regulatory requirements. If information is electronic, individual data elements should only be submitted once

Data Simplification and Standardization for International Trade

Promotes data simplification and standardization for global trade. Emphasizes the need to harmonize and standardize trade-related data elements to enhance efficient information exchange among stakeholders.

Establishing a legal framework for international trade Single Window

Provides guidance on the legal measures needed for implementing a Single Window system in international trade. It covers the legal and regulatory aspects essential for establishing and operating such a system and facilitating international trade.
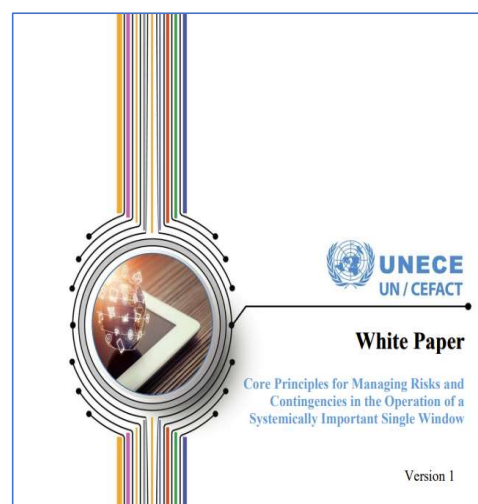
Additional white papers

Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide - *Establishing a **Single Window itinerary***
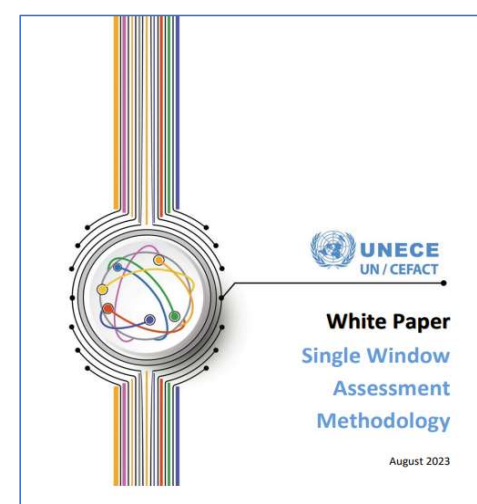

Technical Note on terminology for Single Window and other electronic platforms

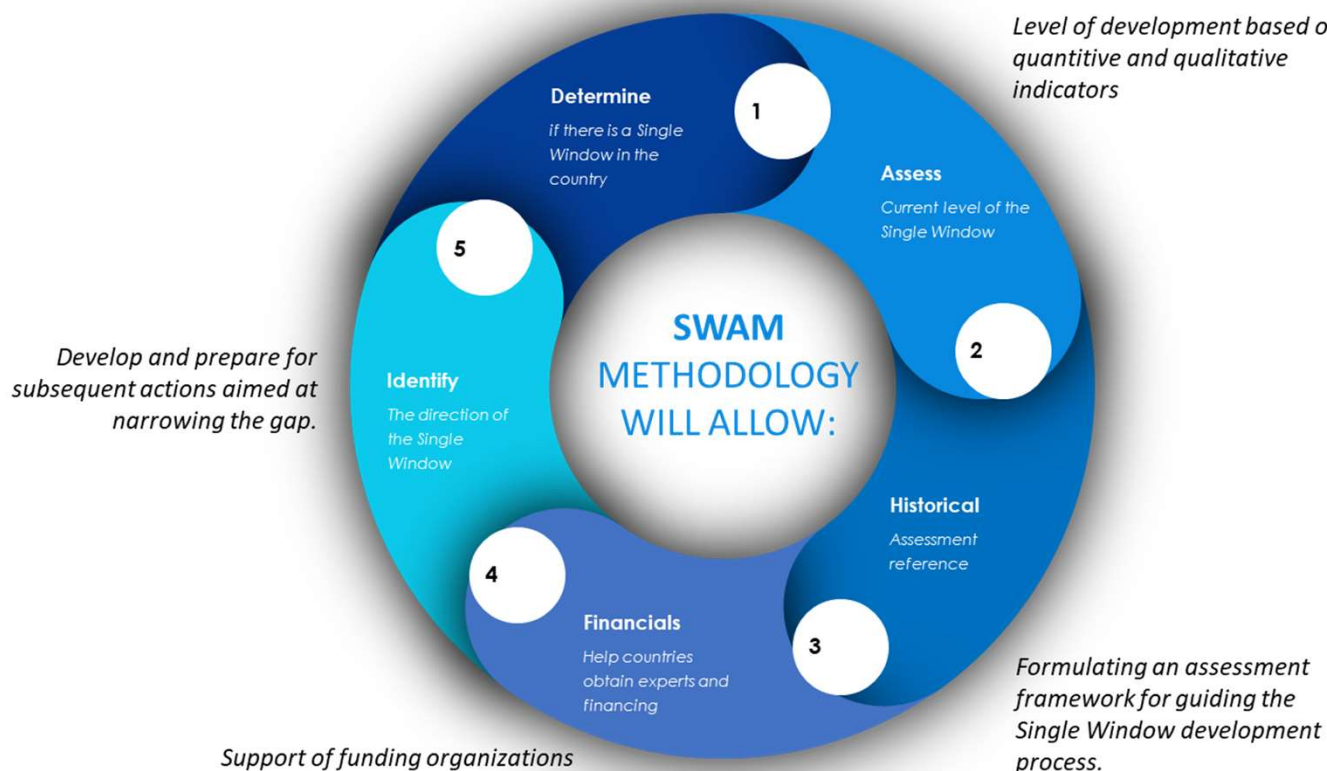Core Principles for **Managing Risks** and Contingencies in the **Operation**

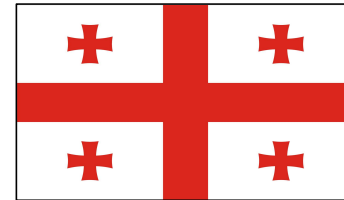Single Window Assessment Methodology

SWAM

Single Window Assessment Methodology

SWAM - Case Studies

Survey - New project

Project 1 - Cross Border eCommerce (CBEC)

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Project 2 - Liberated Platform

88.9%

11.1%

Project 3 - Regional Single Window

73.8%

26.2%
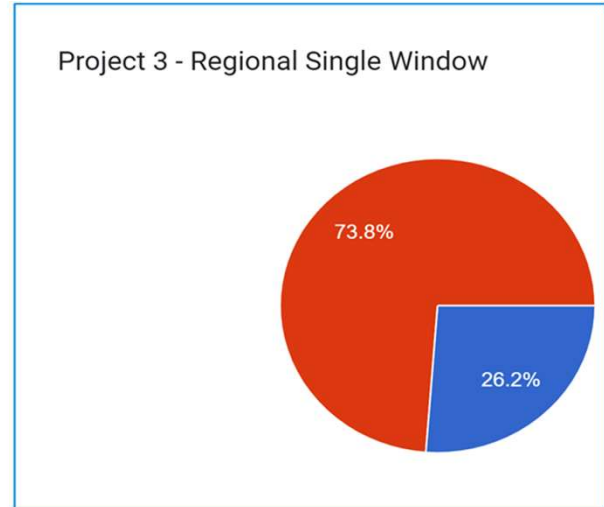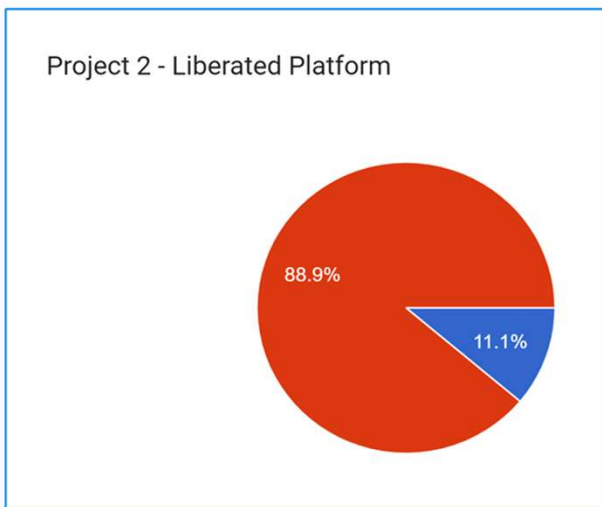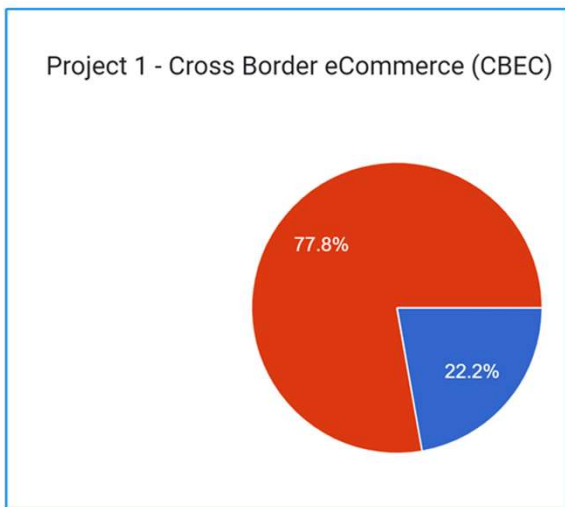
● Interest in leading the project
● Willingness to contribute text

Guidelines on establishing RSW

GUIDELINES ON ESTABLISHING REGIONAL SINGLE WINDOW

other UNCEFACT Projects

PROJECT DETAILS

DOMAIN	Single Window Domain
PROJECT IDENTIFIER	P1127
BUREAU DECISION #	#2309065
PROJECT PROPOSAL STATUS	✅ Official
PROJECT PAGE	Guidelines on Establishing Regional Single Window
SUPPORTING VC	@Aleksei Bondarenko
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HOD SUPPORT	N/A
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VERSION	1.0
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DRAFT DEVELOPMENT COMPLETION	2024-03-31
PUBLICATION DATE	2024-05-31

PROJECT PURPOSE

Two decades ago, the world began envisioning a more interconnected global economy. The guidelines to create a Single Window (SW), which would help with this process, were introduced as Recommendation 33 by UN/CEFACT. This guideline has steered numerous implementations worldwide. Presently, after two decades, these SWs are entering a phase of regional integration, wherein they are linking their platforms and operating seamlessly in real time.
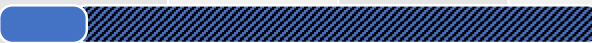
The slow or no progress in some initiatives in the exchange of Commercial Documents via RSW might stem from inadequate awareness among traders and interoperable challenges. Additionally, an immature environment could be causing traders to feel uncertain about whether their rights pertaining to import/export transactions involving electronic commercial documents are as adequately protected as those involving traditional paper documents. Once this environment reaches a satisfactory level of development, the utilization of electronic commercial documents is expected to rise, contingent upon a thorough cost-effectiveness assessment.

PROJECT IDENTIFIER	P1127

The primary aim of the project is to provide a Comprehensive Guide that effectively supports Trade Facilitation Initiatives within the Single Window framework, specifically addressing the new challenges that arise with the establishment of a Regional Single Window

Guidelines on establishing RSW

TASK	START	END	2023-2024							
			SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Project Inception	01/09	30/09	✓							
Requirement gathering	01/10	31/10		▬						
Draft Development	01/11	28/02			▬			●		
Public Draft Review	01/03	31/03							●	
Publication	01/04	30/04								
Project Exit	01/05	31/05								●

✓

✓ Milestone One   ● Milestone Two   ● Milestone Three   ● Milestone Four   ● Milestone Five

Thank you!

Guidelines on establishing a Regional Single Window

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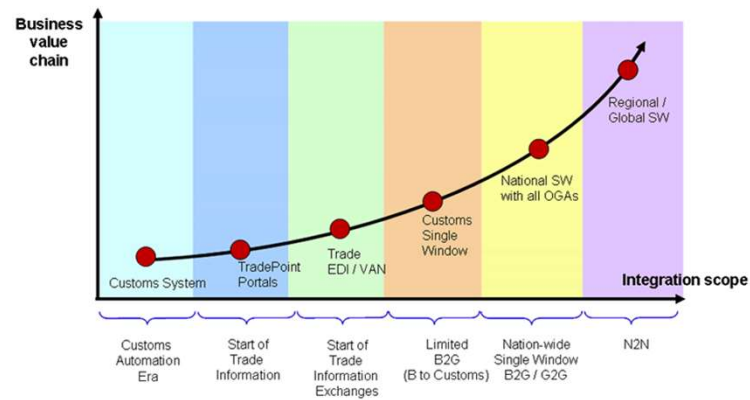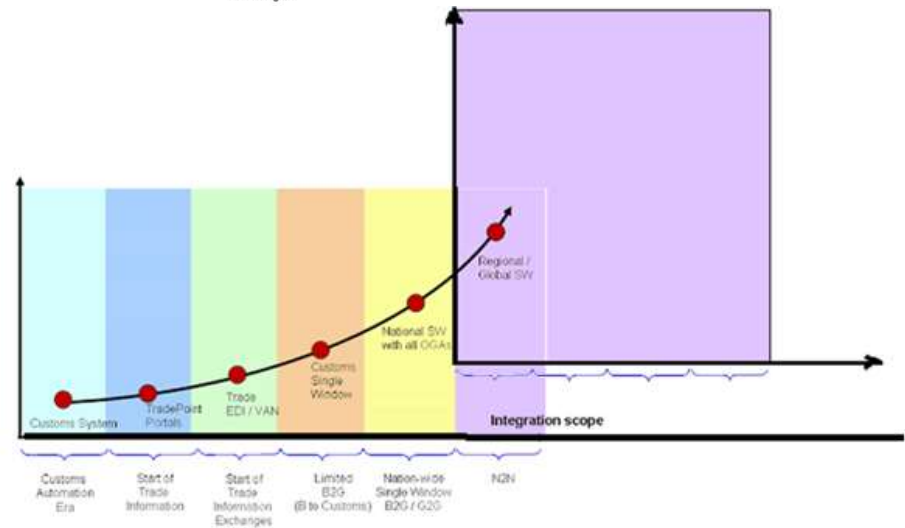# Guidelines on establishing a RSW

- Present RSW as evolution of NSWs

- 4 stages of a RSW

  1. Working group
  2. Exchanging statistical data
  3. Exchanging transactional data
  4. One Single Declaration

RSW: Stage 1. Working group

- Introduction
  - Different NSW get in contact with the purpose of building a RSW
- Objectives
  - Build mechanisms to rule and organize the work, set a regular meeting, general coordinator and other practical matters
  - Improve mechanism of coordinated controls already ongoing
  - Establish a legal framework for data protection and other legal needs
- Challenges
- Best practices/Solutions

RSW: Stage 2. Statistical data exchange

- Introduction
  - NSW exchange periodically data of past operations or master data such as HS codes, AEO companies, forbidden products...

- Objectives
  - Exchange data to perform post clearance studies or use it for risk management settings

- Challenges

- Best practices/Solutions

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RSW: Stage 3. Transactional data

- Introduction
  - NSW has the capacity to request information to others NSW and act in consequence of it.

- Objectives
  - Avoid approving a commercial operation that will be rejected in destination or any transit country.
  - Improve control and risk management capacities
  - Request Master Data in real time

- Challenges

- Best practices/Solutions

RSW: Stage 4. One Single Regional Declaration

- Introduction
  - the private sector sees the RSW as a single organization
- Objectives
  - Having a single regional declaration merging on all the data requirements of the NSW involved in a commercial operation
  - RSW will act as a coordinated hub and distribute to each NSW the relevant data.
  - Based on each NSW response, the RSW declaration will have a coordinated response to the private sector providing a regional status of the declaration.
- Challenges
- Best practices/Solutions

Guidelines on establishing a RSW

- Guide NSW in
  - Challenges in each stage
    - Legal
    - Technical
    - Normative
    - Interoperability
  - Best practices / Solutions
    - Based in success cases … and others too!
    - Global view
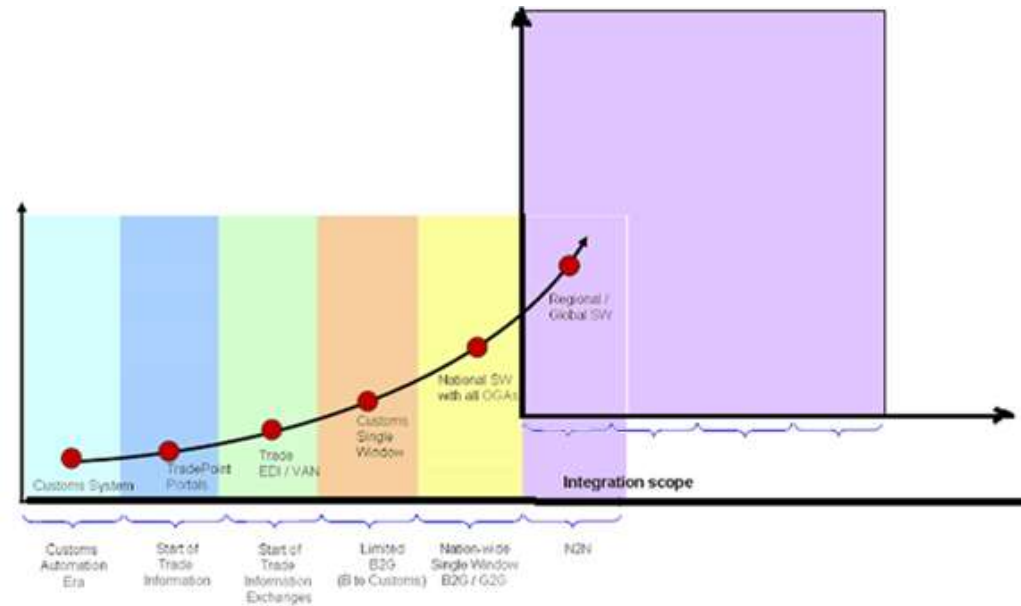
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