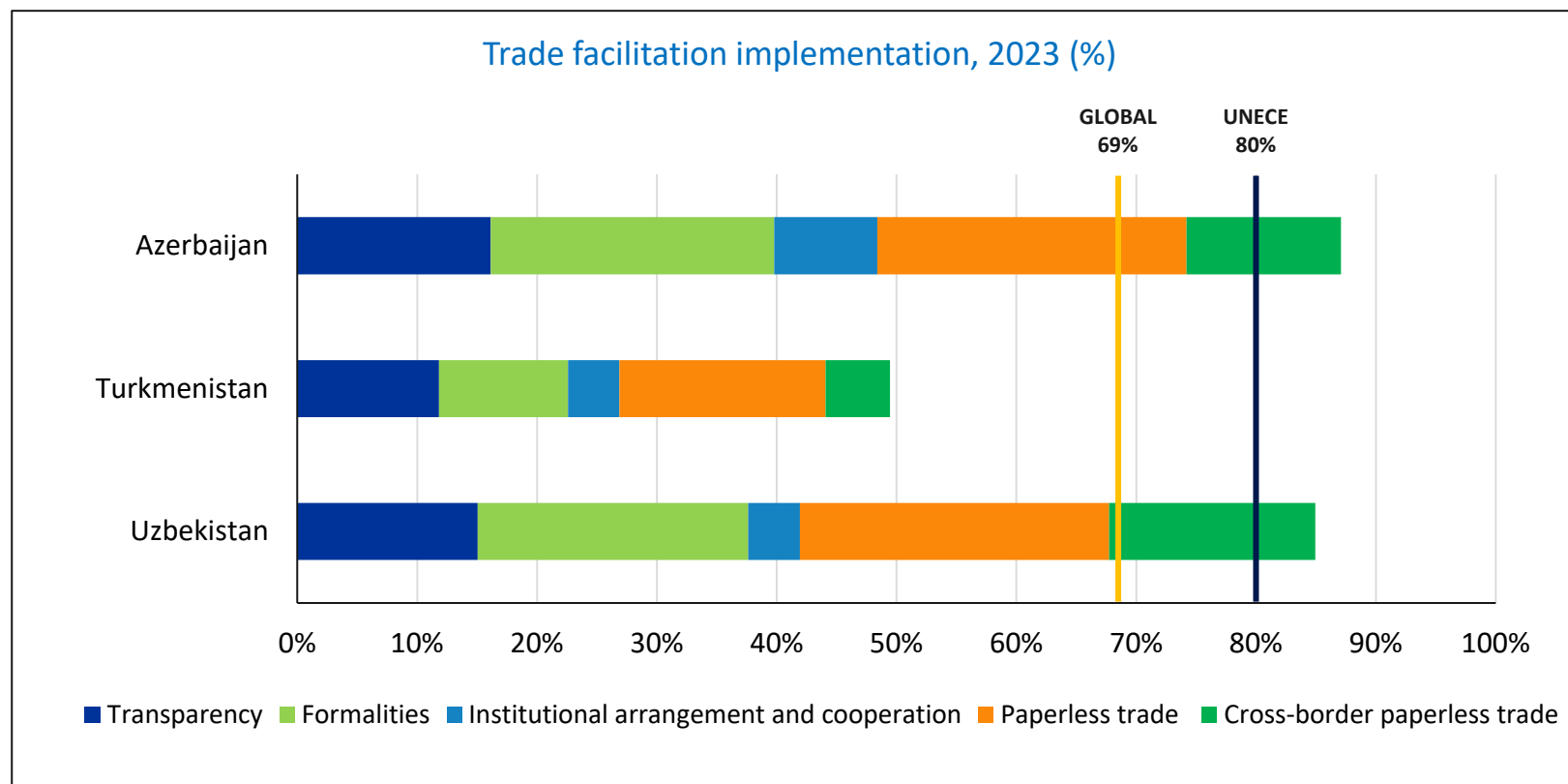


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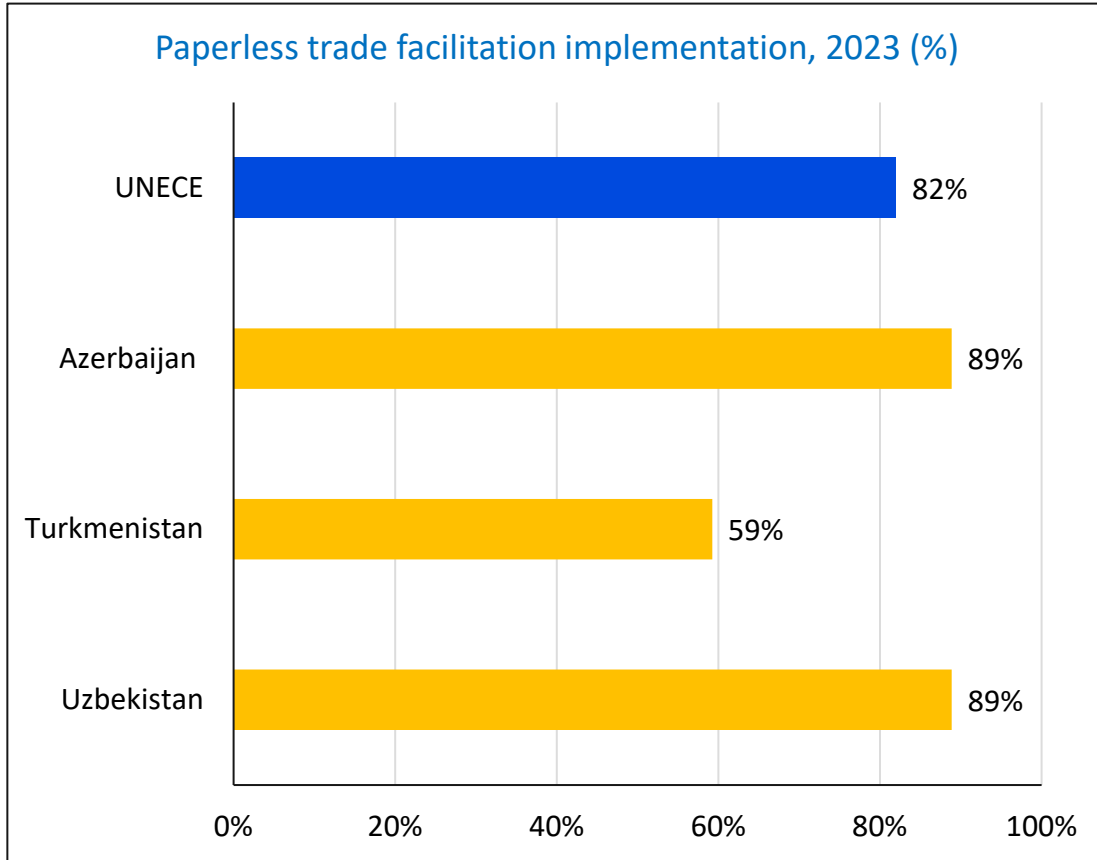
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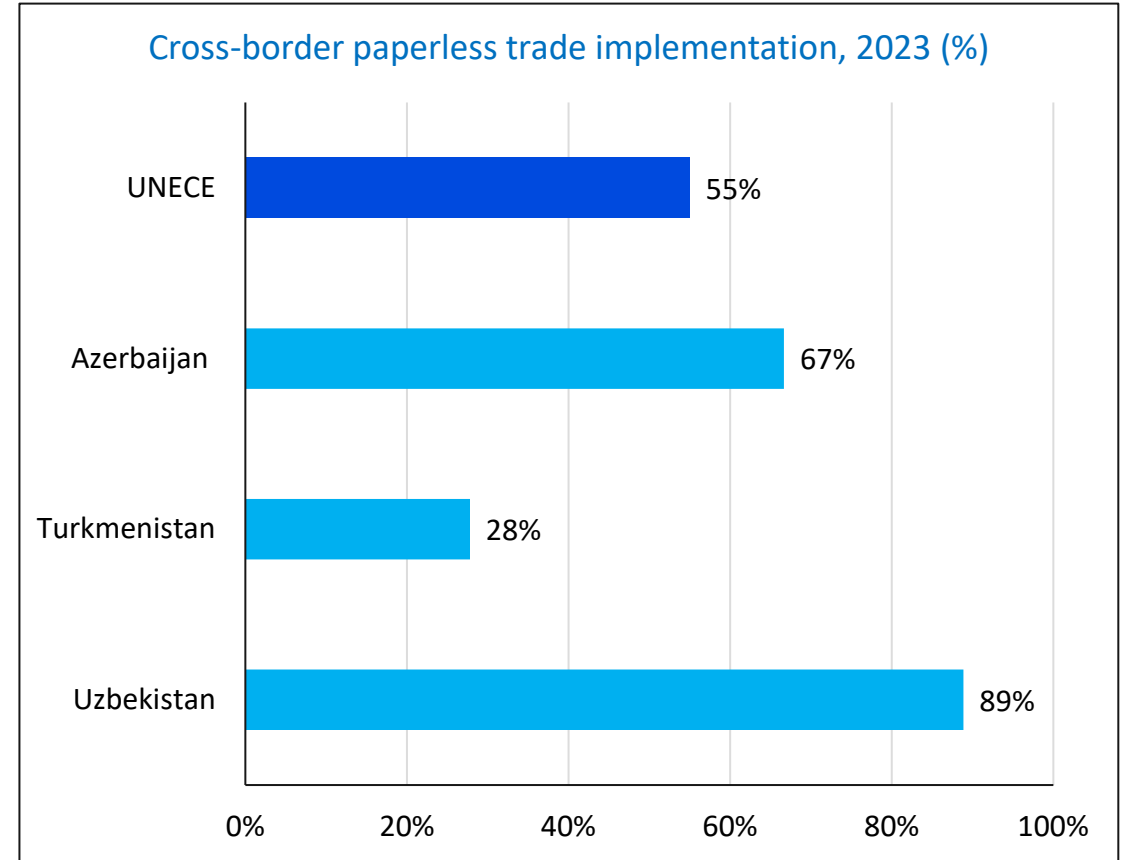
Source: United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2023

*Turkmenistan is a first-time participant in the UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation.*

# Paperless trade and Cross-border paperless trade facilitation implementation rates increased for Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan compared to the previous survey



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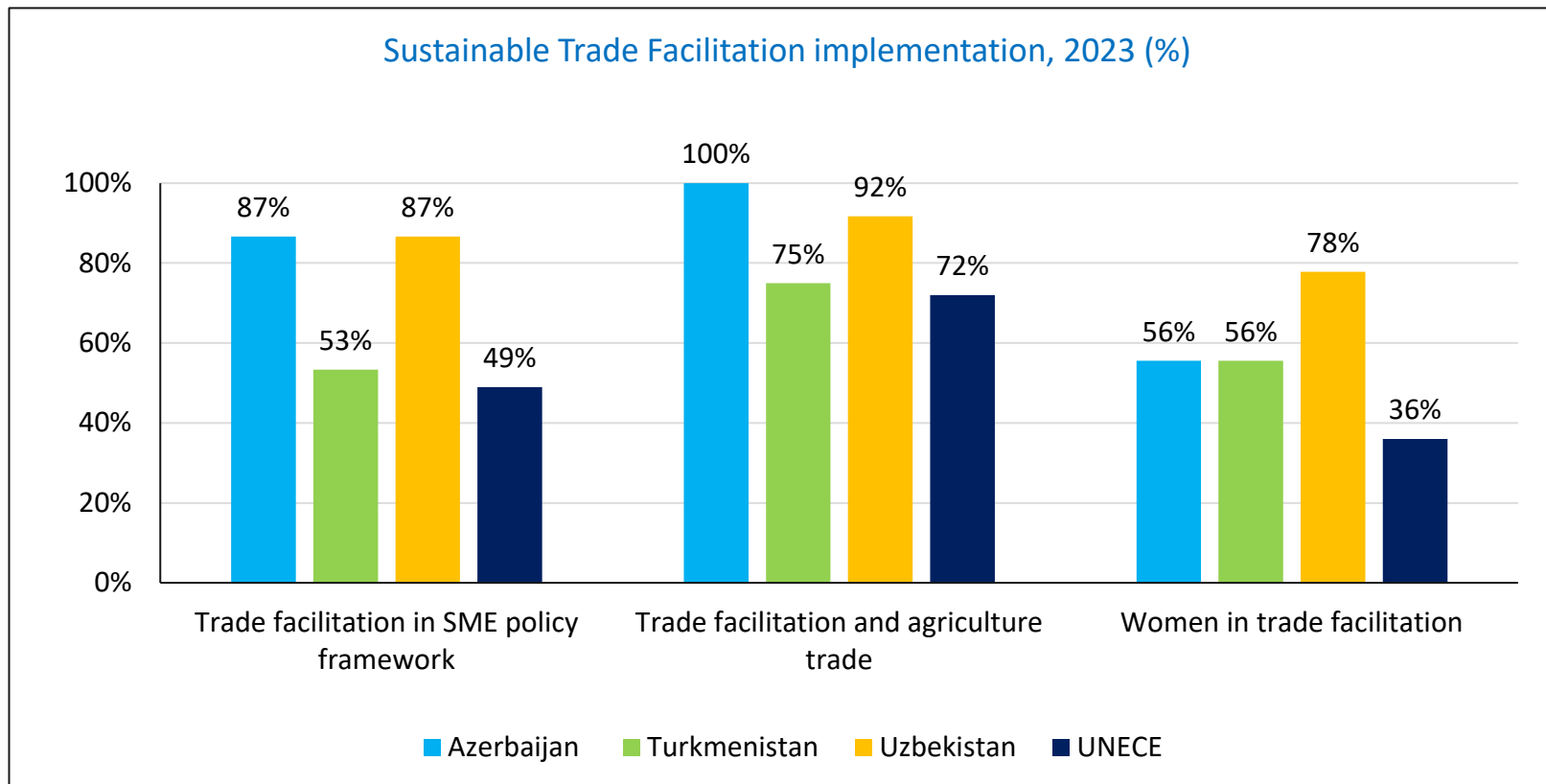


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## Uzbekistan Digital trade facilitation 2021 to 2023:

- paperless trade implementation rate: from 74% to 89%
- cross-border trade facilitation implementation: from 33% to 89%.

Sustainable Trade Facilitation measures reached higher implementation rates in each of the three countries compared to the UNECE average. However, more support is needed for SMEs and women in trade facilitation.



Source: United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2023

## Recommendations

**Accelerate the implementation of Paperless trade and Cross-border paperless trade measures, especially the implementation of Single Window.**

- Could contribute to climate-smart trade by reducing the requirements for paper-based documentation
- Would reduce trade costs while streamlining complex trade-related procedures

**Accelerate the implementation of Trade facilitation for SMEs and Women in trade facilitation procedures: increase access to Single Window and representation of SMEs and women traders in NTFCs.**

- Could contribute to increased trade flows and sustainable economic growth
- Would mitigate inequality within the global trade landscape.

**Increase cooperation and knowledge-sharing with other governments and international organizations. UNECE tools and detailed guidelines on trade facilitation can support governments in the implementation of these measures.**