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Trade Facilitation and electronic Business for transparency and combat of corruption

*Session III: Preventing and combating corruption in the
field of natural resources and environmental protection.*

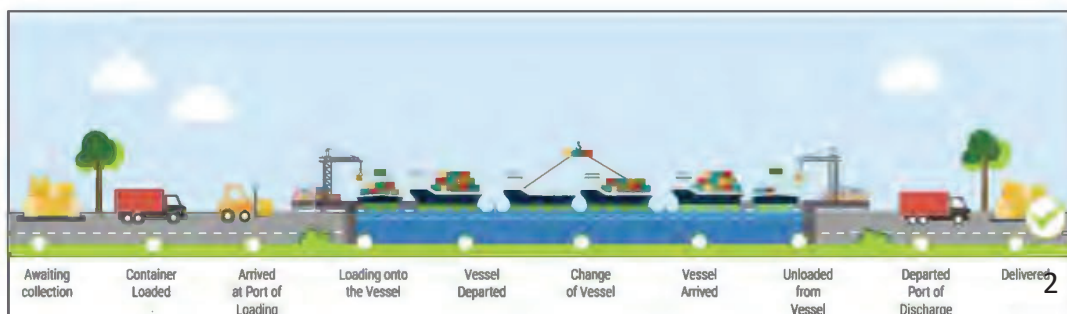
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Better procedures through better informaton

Simplification and automation of international trade procedures

- **Procedures: Policy recommendations on best practices**
 - Best practices for trade procedures and controls
 - Guidelines and instruments for collaboration of Government agencies
- **Information: eBusiness standards**
 - Semantics: What is the meaning of data
 - Exchange: standards for exchange of information



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How simplified procedures reduce space for corruption

Simplified and well defined & documented procedures create an even level playing field for all

- Procedures and document requirements are well defined, efficient and practical
- Procedures published, including changes in legislation
- Reduced discretionary power of officials
- No needs for shortcuts
- Cuts out middle man
- Partnership with compliant traders (Authorized Economic Operators)



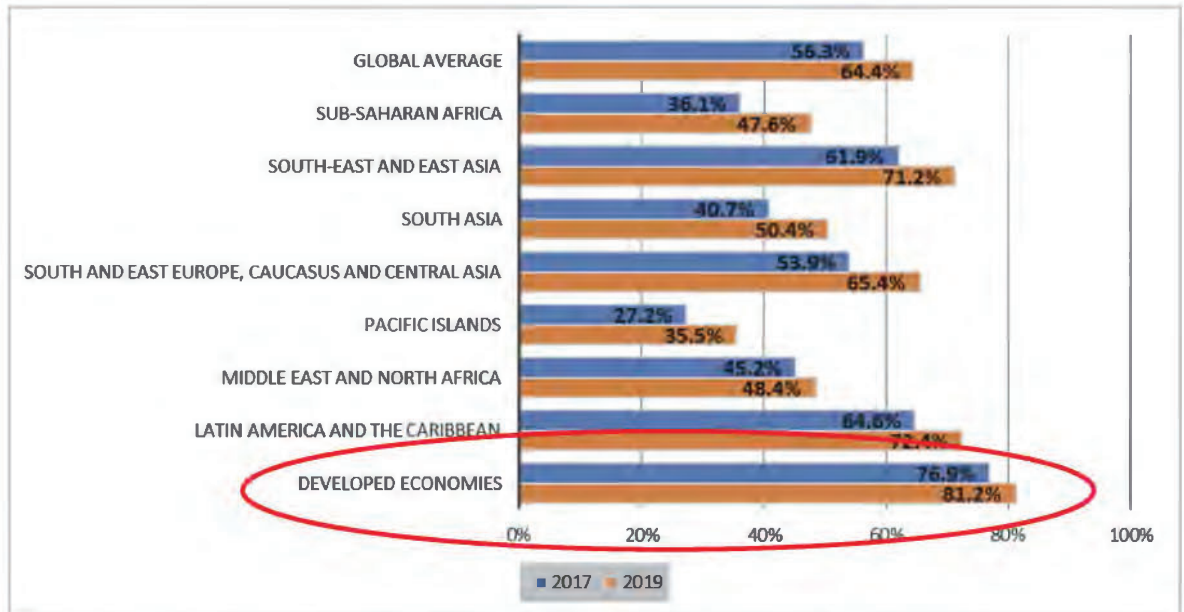
Electronic information increases transparency and control

Electronic information exchange increases transparency, regulatory cooperation and control

- Procedures are enforced and protocolled (who, what, when, where, how)
- Formalized interaction between officials and traders
- Take cash out of the system
- High quality and real-time information with immediate audit and control
- Electronic data exchange enables collaboration between Government agencies and targeted interventions
- Electronic Risk Management: systematic, science based controls focused on highest risks

Implementation of Trade Facilitation Measures

Figure 5: Progress of implementation of Trade Facilitation measures by various regions, 2017 and 2019



Source: The UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation, untfsurvey.org, 2019

UN/CEFACT standards for agriculture trade and environment

UNECE develops (inter alia) the standards for electronic documents and information exchange in agriculture trade and environment protection

- Electronic Sanitary and Phytosanitary Certificates for control of trade in all type of agriculture produce (eSPS)
- Electronic CITES permits for trade in endangered species (eCITES)
- Electronic Quality certificates for trade in Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (eQuality)
- Traceability for sustainable agri-food and textile trade
- Standards for information exchange for fisheries management and to combat IUU (UN/FLUX)
- Transboundary movement of waste (BRS Convention)



eCITES: Electronic systems for improved transparency and control of trade in endangered species

CITES: A Convention built on a permit



- ❑ Binding trade agreement for 183 Parties to control trade in endangered species
 - ❑ Trade is regulated through the issuance, exchange and control of CITES permits
 - ❑ Permit ensures legality, sustainability and traceability of trade
- ➔ The CITES permit is the key instrument of the Convention to control the trade in the species it protects

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Illegal trade in wildlife

- ❑ Estimated 5 – 20 billion USD illegal trade in wildlife (excluding marine & timber)

Number of pangolins legally traded and seized as contraband globally, aggregated 2007-2013

- ❑ Illegal trade in wildlife is now ranked **4th in transnational crime**

- ❑ Frequent patterns:

- ❑ highly organized crime
- ❑ laundering of illegal trade with legal trade
- ❑ corruption on all levels of Government and society
- ❑ often use of fraudulent paperwork





- ❑ Criminals exploit gaps in the control systems (manual procedures, lack of electronic information exchange & risk management)

➔ **Need for electronic CITES permit system to strengthen permit issuance and control processes and to fight illegal trade**



ASYCUDA eCITES BaseSolution
Online access to electronic Permit management

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5. Special conditions <small>If for live animals, this permit or certificate is valid only if the transport conditions comply with the IATA Live Animals Regulations; if for live plants, with the IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations; or, in the case of non-air transport, with the CITES Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Wild Animals and Plants</small>		6. Name, address, national seal/stamp and country of Management Authority <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA 0094 112888585 DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SRI LANKA 0094 112883355							
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12b. No of the operation ** or date of acquisition *** N/A									
* Country in which the specimens were taken from the wild, bred in captivity or artificially propagated (only in case of re-export) ** Only for specimens of Appendix I species bred in captivity or artificially propagated for commercial purposes *** For pre-Convention specimens									
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Secure online verification of permits: Fraud can be detected immediately and by anyone

✔ Permit found

Permit details

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Serial number: JOSE
Security stamp number: COSTI
Status: PENDING_INFO
Valid until: 2020-11-29

Trade parties

Importer
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Address: test
Country: TW

Exporter/re-exporter
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Address: COLOMBO
Country: LK

Additional information

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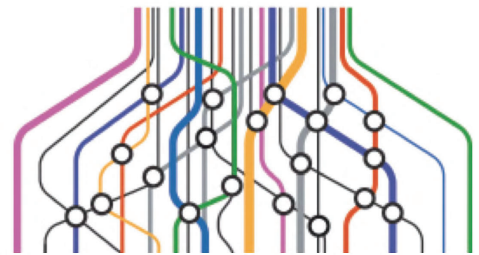
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Thank you

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