

# Ghana National Single Window Media Trade Facilitation Workshop

“Achieving the National Single Window Vision”

## Trade Facilitation Instruments and Agreements

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- Facilitate - to make easy or easier
- Definition: “The simplification, standardization and harmonization of trade procedures and associated information flows required to move goods from seller to buyer and to make payment” UN/Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)
- Trade Transaction costs can be up to 15% of value of goods traded
- 1 day delay at the border reduces trade by 1%
- TF Work ongoing for over 50 years
  - Voluntary Recommendations, Standards and Tools

# How is Ghana Doing in Trade Facilitation?

## World Bank Trading Across Borders

# Ghana – World Bank Trading Across Borders

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2016	171	36

- **WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement**
  - Game changer - many countries now focusing on implementing deep TF reforms
  - Potential savings of US\$ one trillion globally
  - 70 countries ratified as of 1 March 2016, including 8 LDCs
  
- **Regional Trade Agreements** - increasingly focusing on TF

## Article 10.4 Single Window

4.1 Members shall endeavour to establish or maintain a single window

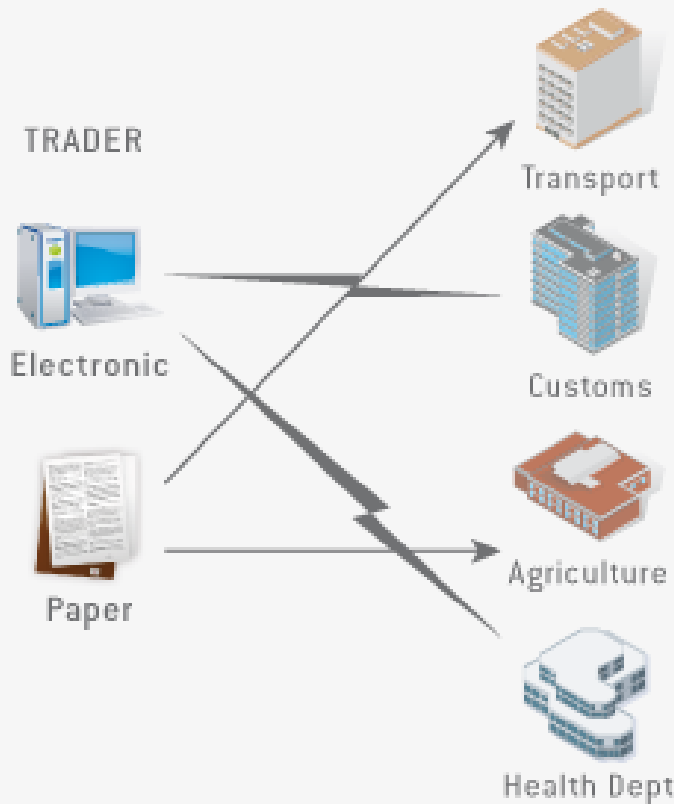
4.2 “single submission of information”

4.4 ...use information technology to support the single window.

# Single Window Concept

FROM

Current situation for Government and Traders



TO

A "Single Window" environment



- The Single Window concept has been defined in 2005 in  
UN/CEFACT Recommendation 33

*“A facility that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardised information and documents with a single entry point to fulfil all import, export and transit related regulatory requirements.*

*If information is electronic, then individual data elements should only be submitted once.’*



# A closer look at the definition ...

- Single Window is a facility ...
- ... lodge standardized information and documents
- .... with a single entry point
- .... individual data elements should only be submitted once
- sharing of information amongst government agencies
- Provide coordinated controls and inspections of the various governmental authorities
- Allow payment of duties and other charges

# Single Window : a growing trend



“ Single Windows (SWs) are important **drivers** for the **simplification, harmonization and automation** of trade procedures”

2020: in **100** economies & some regions (ASEAN, EU SW)?

2014: in 73 economies

2010: in **49** economies

2005: in about **20** economies



Senegal

## Benefits:

- ❑ Pre-clearance formalities - from 4 days to 0.5 days
- ❑ Customs Clearance - from 18 to 9 days
- ❑ Export times - from 22 to 11 days
- ❑ Customs revenue - from USD 625 Million a year (2005) to 1.2 Bn a year (2011)



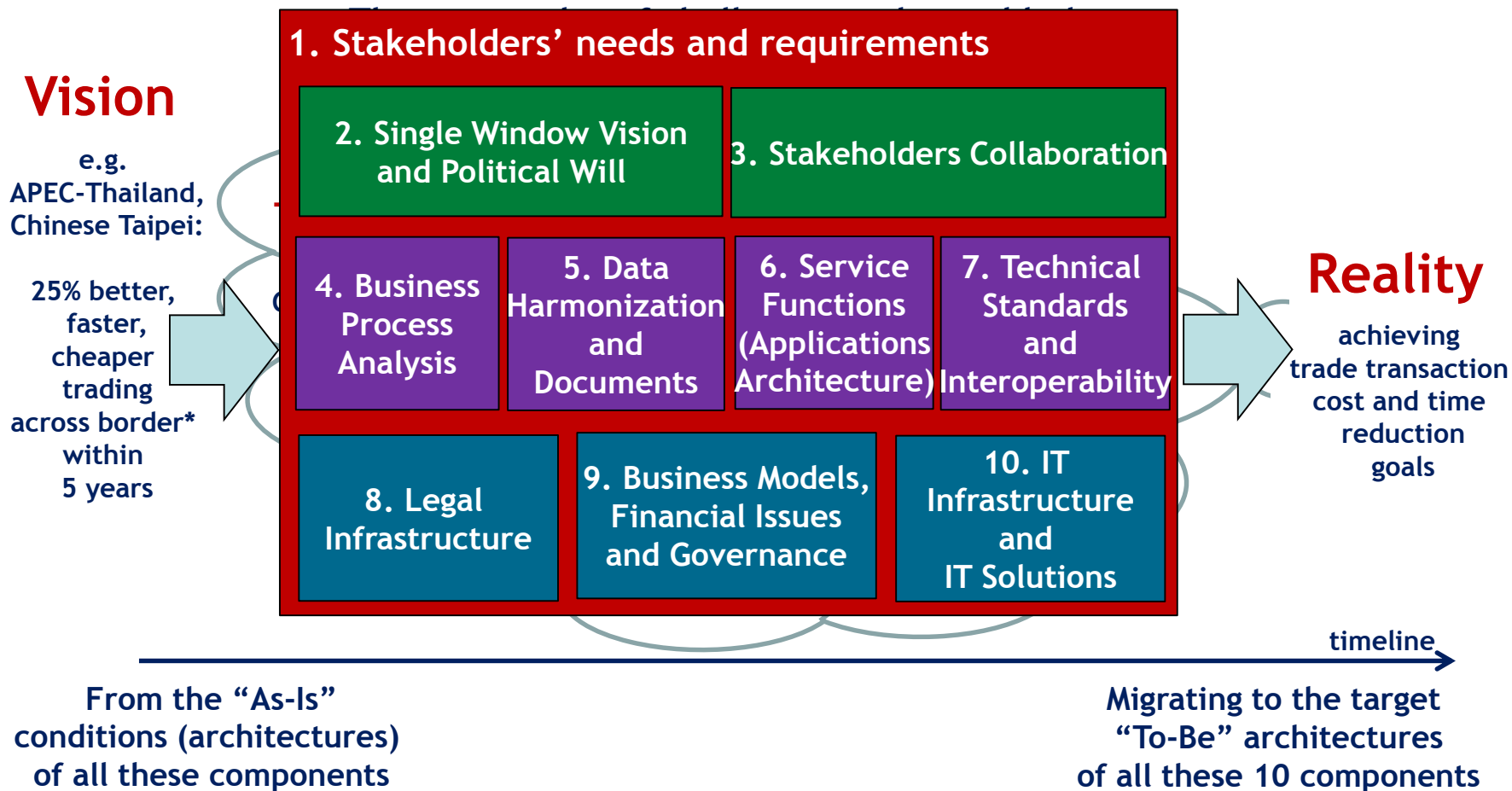
Thailand

## Benefits:

- ❑ Export costs reduced from 848 USD in 2007 to 595
- ❑ Savings on logistic costs USD 1.5 Bn per year
- ❑ Number of documents for import - from 12 to 3
- ❑ Number of documents for export - from 9 to 4
- ❑ Time to export - from 24 to 14 days

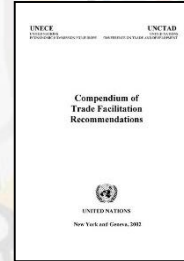
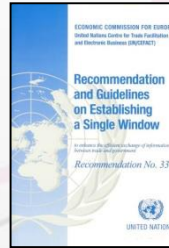
# Complexity of Single Window

UN SW Implementation Framework:  
systematically decomposing these SW challenges  
into 10 key components

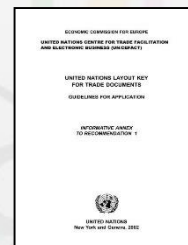
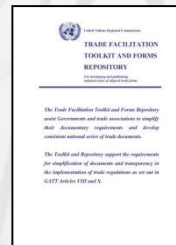
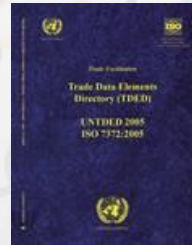


\* Referring to World Bank's Index ([www.doingbusiness.org](http://www.doingbusiness.org))

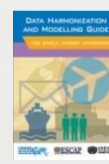
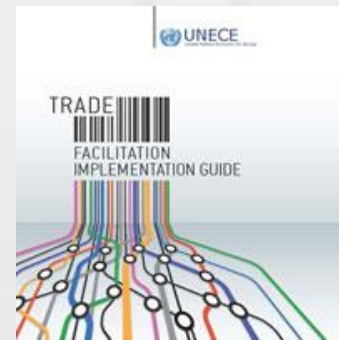
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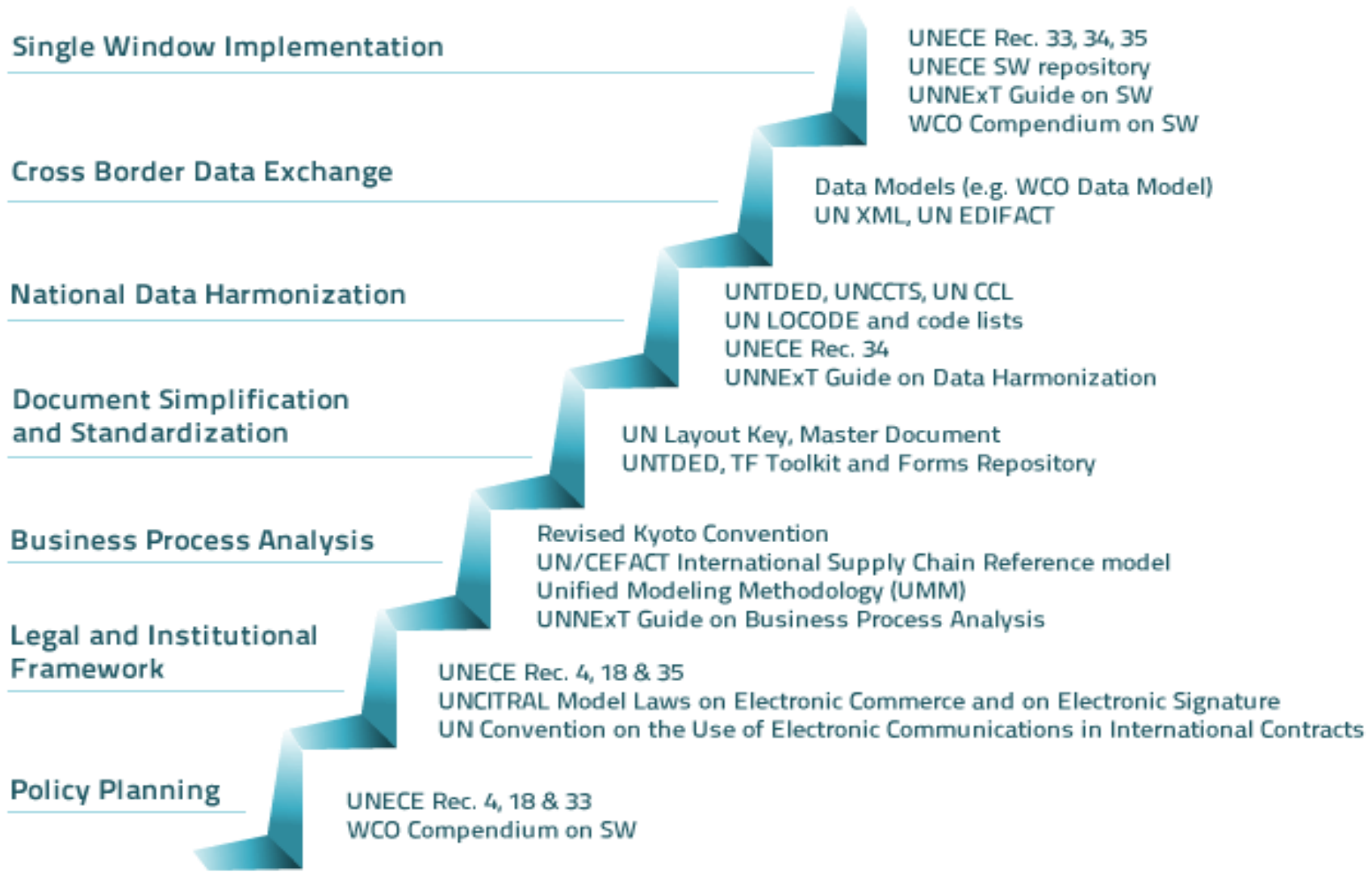


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Guidelines,  
Briefs, Case  
Studies



Outreach and Support

# Single Window Implementation



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## Potential Impact of Ghana National Single Window





# World Bank Trading Across Borders – Ghana's Performance



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**What would be the impact on these rankings -  
for Ghana - of a  
50% reduction in time and a  
25% reduction in cost over 5 years ?  
(10 and 5 percent reduction per year respectively)**

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2017	165	33
2018	157	29
2019	149	26
2020	137	23
<b>2021</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>16</b>

# Resources

UN Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide: <http://tfig.unece.org/>

- UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT): <http://www.unece.org/cefact.html>

- UNECE Recommendation 33 on Single Window:  
[http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/recommendations/rec33/rec33\\_trd35\\_2e.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/recommendations/rec33/rec33_trd35_2e.pdf)

- UN Network of Experts for Paperless Trade (UNNNext): <http://unnnext.unescap.org/tools/default.asp>

- WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement: [https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/tradfa\\_e/tradfa\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tradfa_e/tradfa_e.htm)

- WCO Single Window Guidelines: <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/activities-and-programmes/single-window/single-window-guidelines.aspx>

# THANK YOU!

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