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# Trade & Next Generation Trade Facilitation for Sustainable Development

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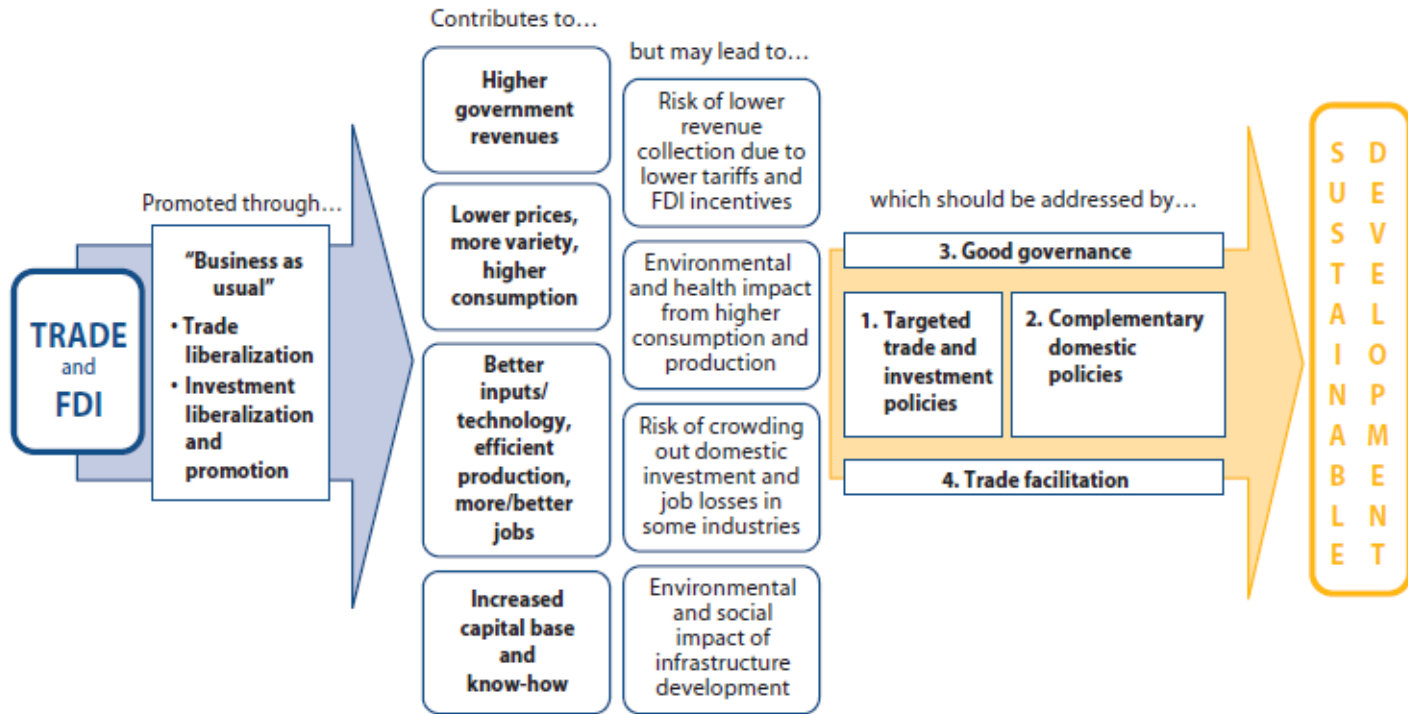
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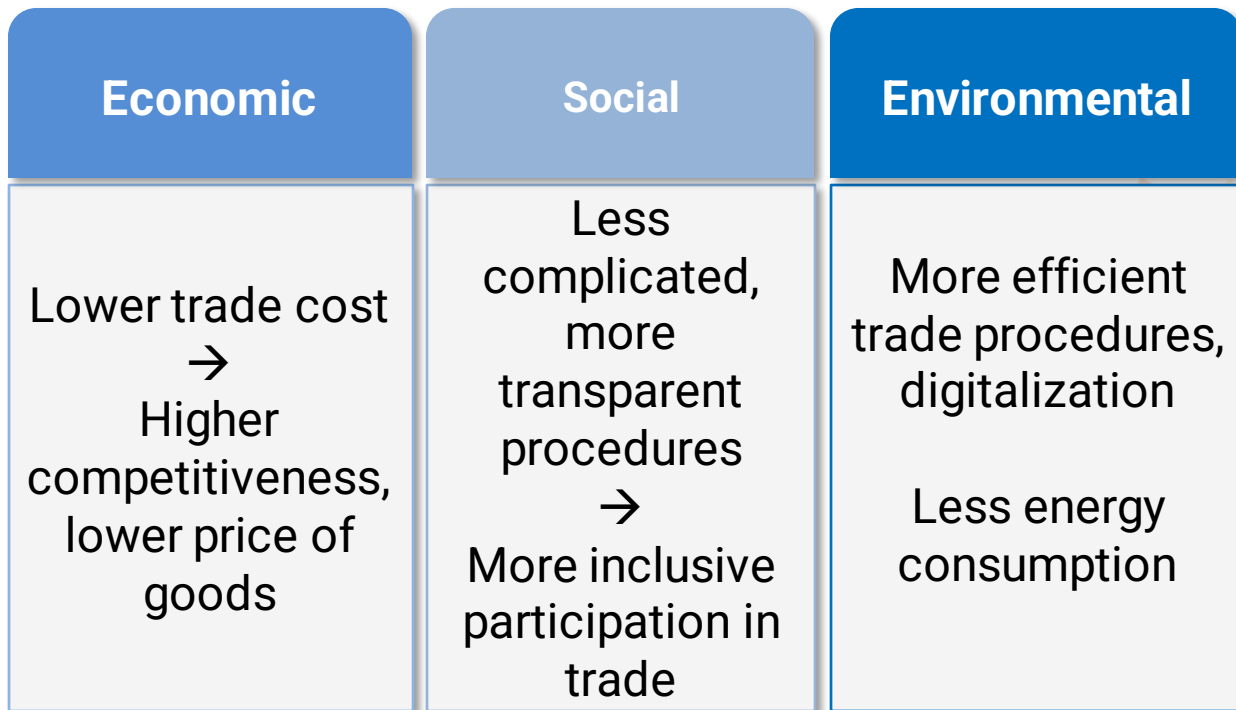


# A framework for channeling trade and investment into sustainable development



Source: <https://www.unescap.org/publications/APTIR2017>

# Trade Facilitation & Sustainable Development



\*Trade Facilitation: simplification and harmonization of international trade procedures

# Sustainable & resilient trade facilitation



## UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation



- ✓ Trade facilitation for SMEs
  - ✓ Women in Trade Facilitation
  - ✓ Agricultural Trade Facilitation
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- ✓ Resilient trade facilitation in times of crisis



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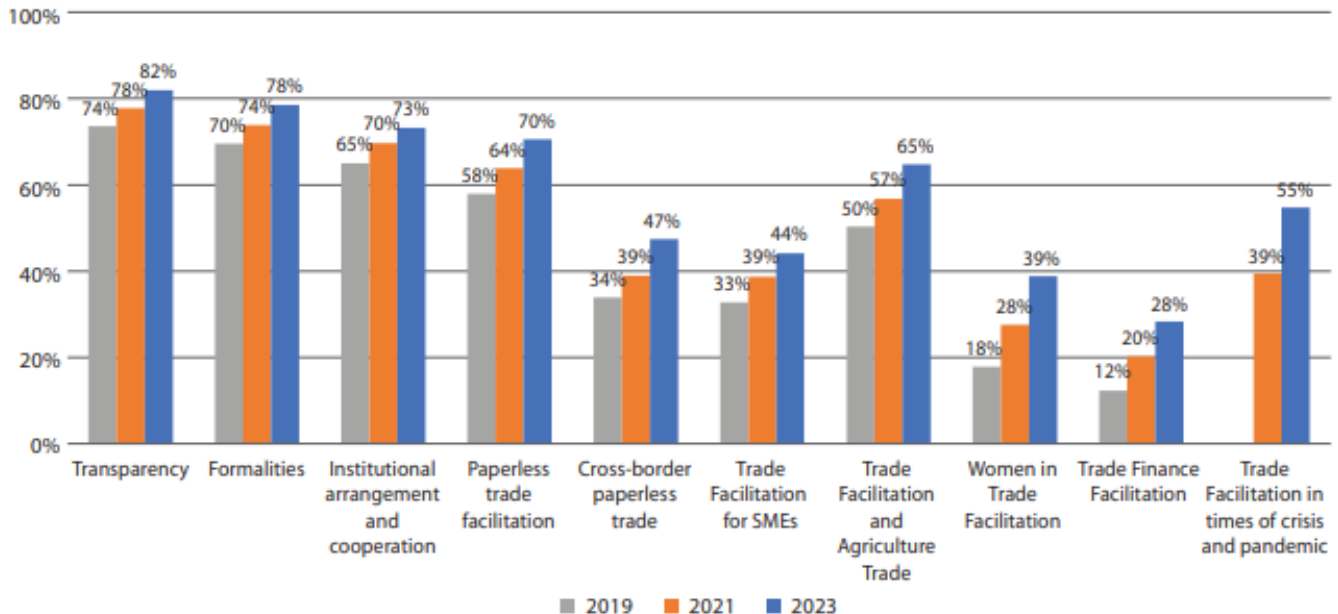


# UNTF Survey results

Despite steady progress made, TF measures for special groups not well implemented



Progress of global implementation of trade facilitation measures, 2019-2023



Source: UN Global Survey Report on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2023

# Next Generation Trade Facilitation

## Sustainable TF

- Need for enhancing ability to engage in trade (int'l)
- Developing comprehensive and inclusive TF strategies

## Resilient TF

- TF mitigating crisis and emergencies
- Still lacking long-term plans for future crisis

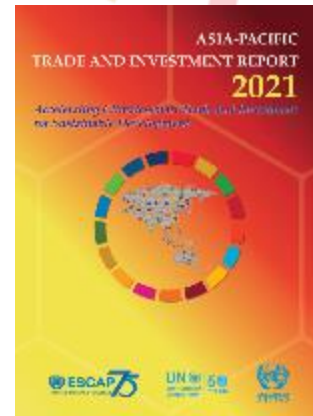
## Tech & TF

- Know how to utilize tech
- Legal frameworks for govern, regulate and use
- Harmonization & interoperability

# Climate Smart & Trade Facilitation

- Estimating GHG Emission Savings from paperless trade implementation
- Fully digitalizing a single end-to-end trade transaction = emission savings of 1.5 trees
- For Asia-Pacific, equivalent to about 13 million tones of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year (400 million trees)
- Results driven by efficiency gains from handling data digitally rather than by direct savings of paper/ink.

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# THANK YOU



Framework Agreement on Cross-Border Paperless Trade



UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation



United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Transport in Asia and the Pacific (UNNETT)



E-Learning Series on Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation



Cross-Border Paperless Trade Readiness Assessment



Regional Organizations Cooperation Mechanism for Trade Facilitation (ROCF-TF)



<https://www.unescap.org/our-work/trade-investment-innovation/trade-facilitation-digital-trade>

