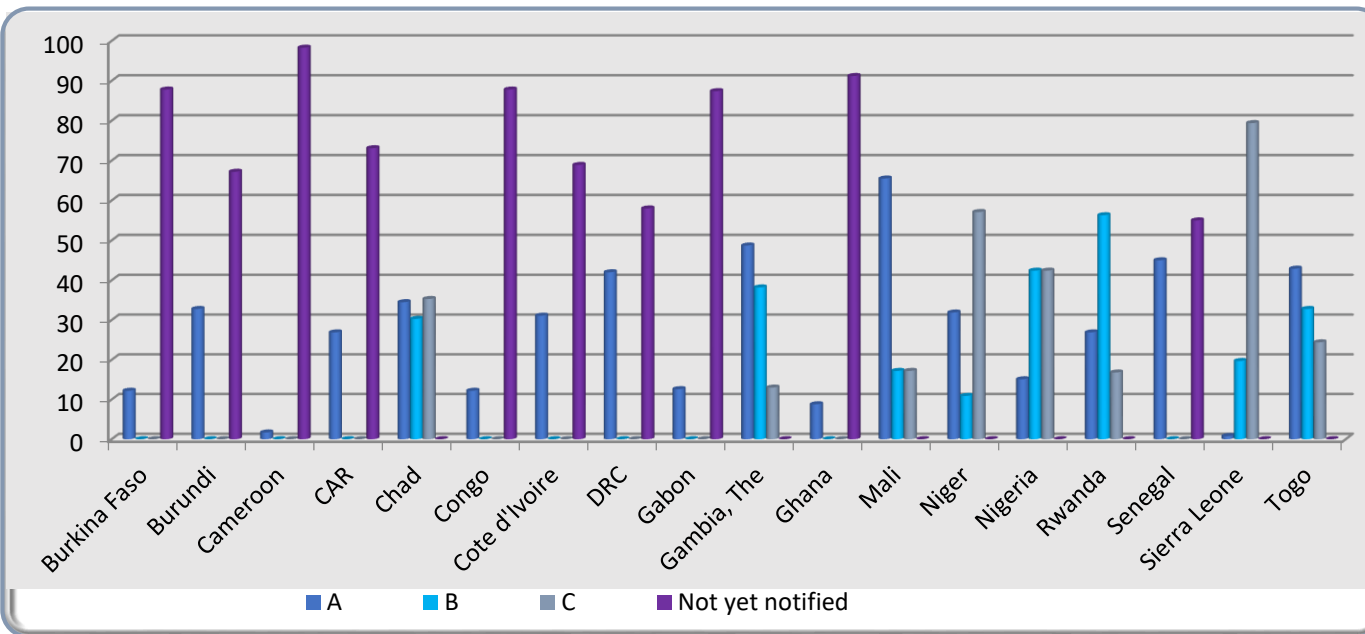


TRADE FACILITATION CHALLENGES IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Background and objectives

- Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) of the World Trade Organisation
- Agreement entered into force on 22 February 2017
- The TFA aims to expedite trade procedures, including the movement, release and clearance of goods
- Full implementation can cut trade costs down by 14.3% for least developed countries and more than 13% for developing countries

Implementation notifications in West and Central Africa (Categories A, B, C)



Source: Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility

West African members state which have not yet notified any designation

- 1-Benin
- 2-Cape Verde
- 3-Guinea
- 4-Guinea-Bissau
- 5-Liberia
- 6-Mauritania



Non-WTO member
Equatorial Guinea



MAIN CORRIDORS IN CENTRAL AFRICA AND TRADE FACILITATION CHALLENGES

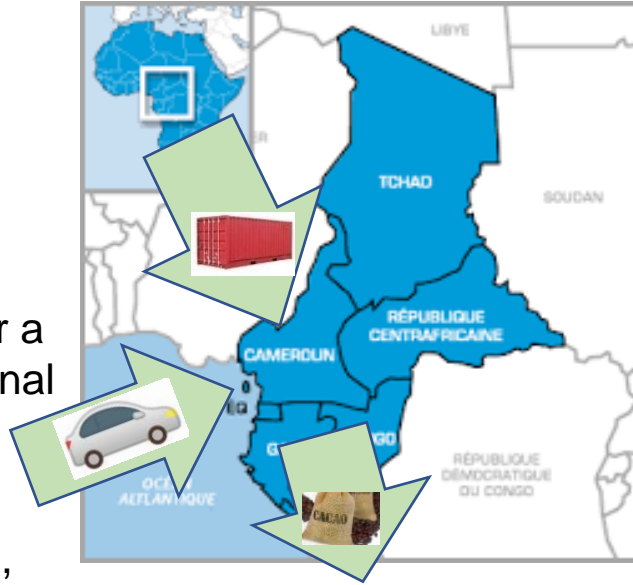
Trade facilitation challenges for imports and exports at the port

Container import

16 DAYS VS **11** DAYS

\$14 of illicit charges over a distance of 2Km from terminal to the port exit

 4 control posts (Police, Costum, Gendarmerie, Port control)



Container import

 **21** DAYS VS **5** DAYS
 **11** DAYS VS **5** DAYS

Vehicle import

21 DAYS VS **5** DAYS

Transit corridors performances (illicit charges)

	Road	Rail
Central Africa Corridor : 30% of traffic		
Douala – Bangui	1500 Km	
Dla – Ngoundere – Bangui	867 Km	922 Km
Dla – Belabo – Bangui	670 Km	
Chad Corridor: 70% of traffic		
Douala –N’Djamena	2100 Km	
Dla – Ngoundere	750 Km	922 Km
Ngoundere –N’djamena	1350 Km	
Congo and Equatorial Guinea corridor: 10%		

Report by Chadien transporters



Cost per truck and per voyage: US\$237,813

Report by Cameroonian transporters



120 control posts along Douala-Ndjamena corridor



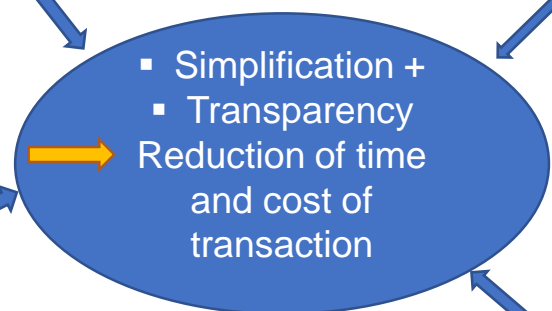
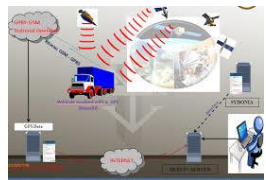
- Bribery between US\$1,72955 and US\$8,64776 per control

- Average US\$302.671.000 of illicit charges per year for all trips on both corridors



Institutional and operational reforms on trade facilitation

ASCUYDA/ NEXUS++



Electronic Single Window



Revision of Chad-Cameroon / CAR-Cameroon corridor transport convention



Ratification of the AfCFTA



Elaboration of a national strategy on trade facilitation in 2019-2023

Implementation of one stop border post