



UNCTAD EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

for National Trade Facilitation Committees

SUDAN: A SUCCESS STORY

Sudan is the first country to complete UNCTAD Empowerment Programme for National Trade Facilitation Committees. It is an intensive professional programme for the Secretariat and the members of National Trade Facilitation Committees (NTFCs). The main objective is to help them implement, in a coordinated manner, trade facilitation reforms, including the provisions of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).



01 TIMELINE



Kick-off
December
2015

**International
Standards and
Recommendations**
March 2016



**Measuring and
implementing trade
facilitation**
May 2016



**Stakeholder engagement
and Drafting a Trade
Facilitation Roadmap**
August 2016



**Training of
Trainers**
December 2016

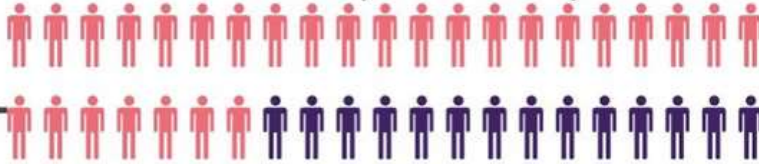


02 QUALITATIVE RESULTS

- Categorisation exercise on different measures of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
- Drafting and publication of Sudan Trade Facilitation Roadmap for 2017-2021
- Drafting and adoption of a Knowledge Transfer Strategy to support the sustainability of Sudan's National Working Group on Trade Facilitation

03 QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

42 stakeholders trained (67% women)



training events



hours of lectures, group exercises, discussions, online presentation of documents, written examinations



topics included in the training



different international experts delivered the training

04 TESTIMONIES OF BENEFICIARIES



Mohammed Ibrahim Adam, Rapporteur of Sudan Working Group on Trade Facilitation

"I have learned so much with this programme. Now, I think about trade facilitation in a different way. I understand better all the things that Sudan can do and how important it is to mainstream trade facilitation in Sudan's development policy"



Nabawia Mohamed Mahgoub, Member of Sudan Working Group on Trade Facilitation

"It is incredible to see how participants are improving their presentation and training skills in just one day"



Mohamed El-Mustafa Fadul, beneficiary of the Programme

"When I started this Programme in 2016, I was only concerned by the topics related to Customs laboratories: now, I am convinced that we can have better possibilities to improve trade facilitation if we join efforts with other border agencies"

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