TIME RELEASE STUDY IN UGANDA

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WHY THE TRS

- Increased cross border trade

- Assess outcomes of modernization initiatives

- To measure Customs efficiency

- Multiple trade and regulatory procedures

- Multiple supply chain stakeholder requirements

UGANDAS TRS APROACH

URA 2008
To evaluate the Customs Modernization plan (2006-2009)

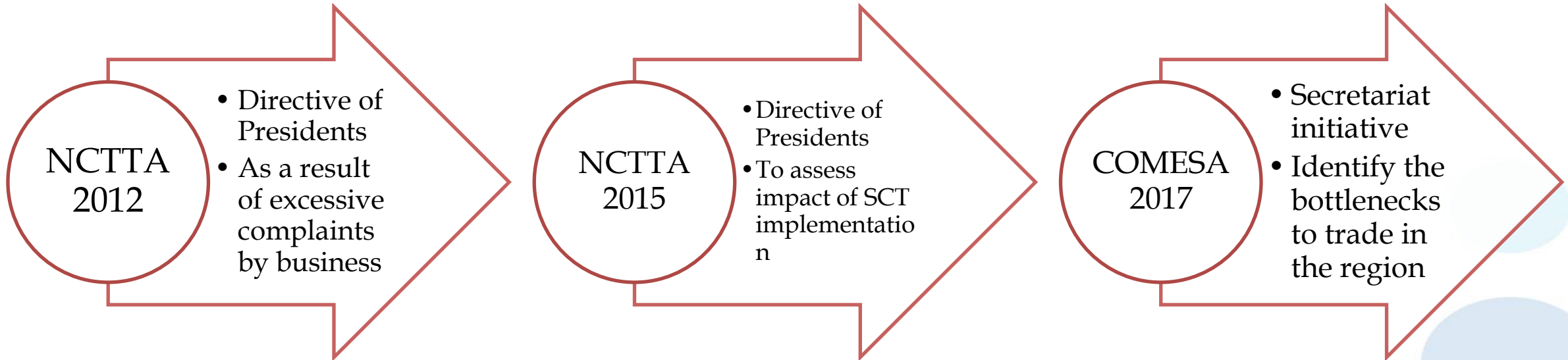- *Rolled out Asycuda ++ to all customs stations*

URA 2015
To evaluate the Customs Systems Enhancement Project (2011-2014)

- *Rolled out ASYCUDA World*
- *Implemented the AEO Programme*
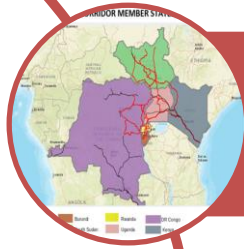- *Implemented the Electronic Cargo Tracking System*

AVERAGE CLEARANCE TIMES

YEAR OF STUDY	AVERAGE CLEARANCE TIME
2008	2 Days, 22 Hours and 48 Minutes
2015	1 Day, 15 Hours and 50 Minutes

REGIONAL TRS APPROACH

NCTTA 2012
- Directive of Presidents
- As a result of excessive complaints by business

NCTTA 2015
- Directive of Presidents
- To assess impact of SCT implementation

COMESA 2017
- Secretariat initiative
- Identify the bottlenecks to trade in the region

RESULTS OF REGIONAL TRS

Conducted as a pilot (2012)
18 days (Mombasa to Kampala)

To assess progress made and impact SCT (2016)
7 days (Mombasa to Kampala)

Identify bottlenecks hampering trade in the COMESA region (2017)
Studies carried out simultaneously by 10 Member countries

KEY CHALLENGES

- Insufficient financial resources
- Few TRS experts in the Country/Region
- Language barrier (Regional approach)
- Resistance from stakeholders
- Low rate of questionnaire returns

WHY THE RESULTS

RECTS

OSBPS

DPC

AEO

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WAY FORWARD

- Implementation of Article 7(6) of the TFA is fundamental for measuring the efficiency of a Customs Administration. However, beyond the use of the TRS in a national environment, it can also be applied in an international environment

  - The WCO administered TRS tool has been used in all the TRS exercises with support from WCO TRS experts

- With the TFA coming into force, there is a need for WCO to train and accredit further TRS experts to enable Member countries to periodically carry out Time Release Studies independently.

Thank You