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Electronic single window for foreign trade: The need for an inclusive cooperation

SESSION1: TRADE FACILITATION: THE NEW ACCELERATORS

**ACCELERATING TRADE FACILITATION THROUGH CROSS-
BORDER PAPERLESS TRADE: NEW APPROACH IN ASIA
AND THE PACIFIC**

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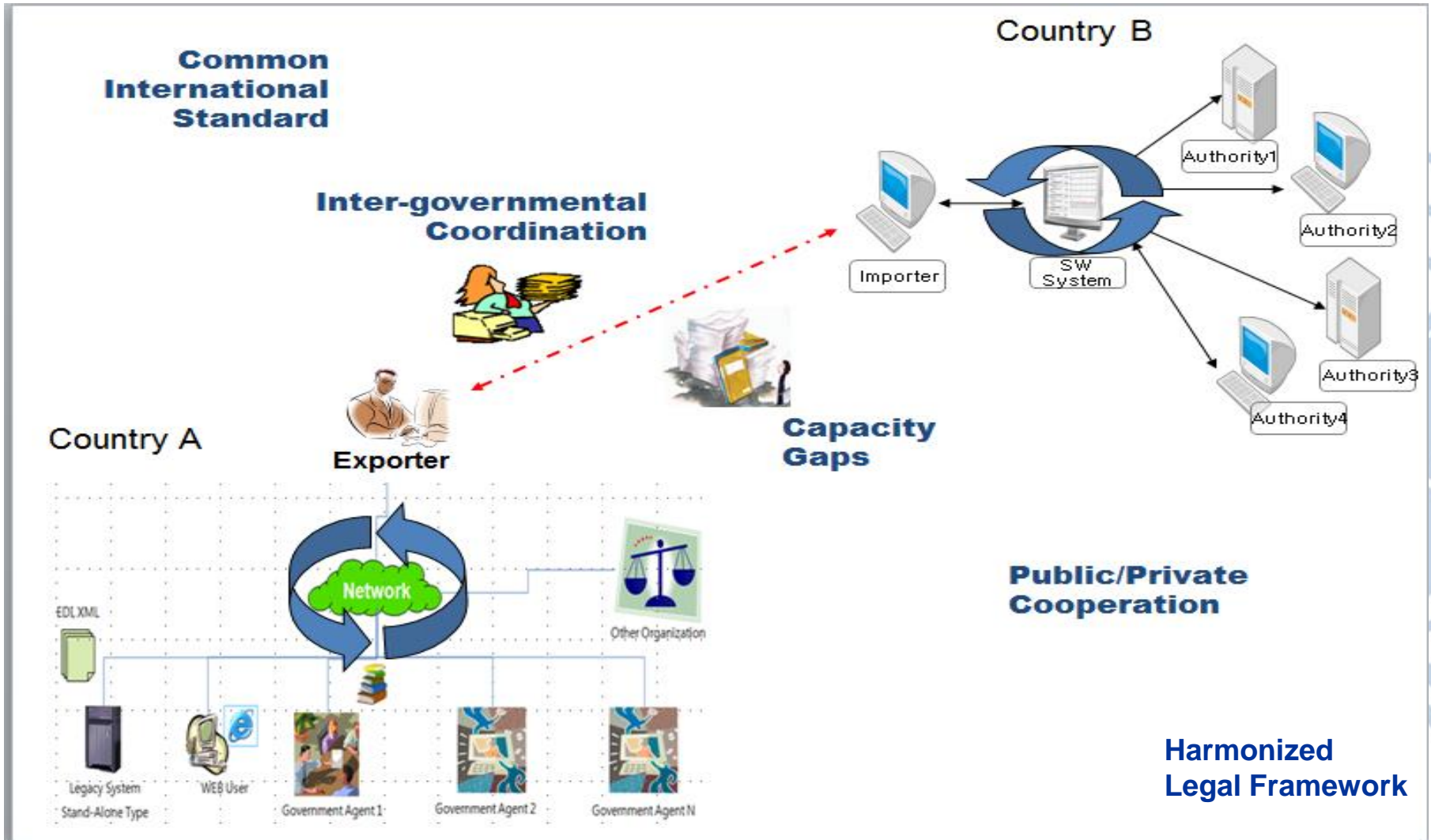
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Issues in Enabling Trade Data to Flow across borders in a Supply Chain



Benefits of Enabling Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

□ Annual Regional Export Gains

- ✓ \$36 billions (partial implementation)
- ✓ \$257 billions (full implementation)

□ Export Time Reduction

- ✓ 24% (partial implementation)
- ✓ 44% (full implementation)

□ Export cost reduction

- ✓ 17% (partial implementation)
- ✓ 31% (full implementation)

□ Total annual direct cost savings across all trade

- ✓ \$1billion (partial implementation)
- ✓ \$7billions (full implementation)



Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific: **Overview**

- ❖ A UN treaty developed by ESCAP members
 - Finalized by Intergovernmental Steering Group (March 2016)
 - Adopted by ESCAP Commission (May 2016): Commission resolution 72/4
- ❖ Open for becoming a party from 1 October 2016
 - open to member states of the ESCAP (53 countries)
- ❖ Features of the Framework Agreement (FA)
 - Focus on *facilitation* of cross-border paperless trade, not actual data exchange itself: capacity building, pilot project, action plan, etc.
 - Flexibility: many best endeavour provisions
 - Pragmatic institutional arrangements for implementation



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Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific: **Key Provisions**

**Article 8:
Cross-
border
Mutual
Recognition**

**Article 11:
Institutional
Arrangemen
ts**

**Article 12:
Action Plan**

**Article 13:
Pilot
Projects and
Sharing of
Lessons
Learned**

**Article 14:
Capacity
Building**



1. The Parties shall provide for mutual recognition of trade-related data and documents in electronic form originating from other Parties on the basis of a substantially equivalent level of reliability.

Trade Facilitation: New Accelerators

Way Forward

❑ Proactive Implementation

- ✓ WTO TFA: implement more than required – make it ICT-based
- ✓ Enable your Single Window for cross-border paperless trade data exchange for regional and global connectivity

❑ Proactive Application of Emerging ICT

- ✓ Cloud Computing
- ✓ Big Data
- ✓ Internet of Things (IoT)
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence (AI), Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), etc.

❑ Capacity Building

- ✓ What matters is people
- ✓ A key in change management



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“an ongoing community of knowledge and practice to facilitate the implementation of single window and paperless trade in the Asia-Pacific region ”

- Tools and guides development activities
- Advocacy and Technical Training Workshops
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UNNExT Single Window Implementation Toolkit for Trade Facilitation

SINGLE WINDOW IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT

FOR TRADE FACILITATION



Legal Guide for
Electronic Single Windows
and Paperless Trade



Data Harmonization
and Modelling Guide



Business Process
Analysis Guide



Guide for Design of
Aligned Trade Forms



Single Window Project
Implementation Guide

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