

ADB Transport Forum 2010

Activity Clinics # 10: Cross Border Transport and Logistics

*National Joint Trade and Transport Facilitation
Committee and Single Window*

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Trade Facilitation and Transport Facilitation

A. Trade Facilitation

B. Transport Facilitation

Overlap

Trade

- Review, assess and propose changes to international trade policy
- Review, assess and propose amendment to bilateral and multilateral trade agreements
- Review, assess and propose adoption of international trade conventions, standards, good practices

Controls on cargo

- Inspection of cargo documentation:
 - Certificates of Origin
 - Letters of Credit
 - Import licenses
 - Export permits
 - Quality certificates
 - Quarantine (agric. and veterinary) certificates
- Collection of Customs duties, fees or charges

Controls on cargo

- Inspection of common documentation:
 - Contract
 - Customs declaration
 - Waybills/Bills of Lading/Consignment Notes
 - Invoices
 - Packing lists
 - Cargo insurance policy
- Customs physical inspection of cargo
- Quarantine (agriculture and veterinary)/Health inspection of cargo

Other activity at border

- Statistical data

transport

- Review, assess and propose changes to international transport policy
- Review, assess and propose amendment to bilateral and multilateral transit agreements
- Review, assess and propose adoption of international transport conventions

Controls on vehicles and drivers

- Checking of transport authorization
- Checks on customs security of vehicles and containers
- Collection of vehicle tax, fuel tax and road charges
- Collection of payments for special transport permits
- Checks on vehicle certificates, weights and dimensions, road worthiness and insurance cover
- Vehicle quarantine inspection
- Driver passport/visa, customs and health inspections
- Inspection of driver licenses and rest period records
- Cargo storage, consolidation/deconsolidation, transshipment



Recommendations

- UNECE Recommendation No. 4 on National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee
 - first adopted in 1974, revised in 1999 and 2001, revision soon
 - adopted by the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)
 - Partner organizations include WTO, UNCTAD, UNESCAP, World Bank, and possibly ADB
- UNESCAP Recommendation on the National Coordination Mechanisms for Trade and Transport Facilitation in the UNESCAP Region
 - Purpose; Form and Role; Organization, Membership, Direction/Accountability, Staffing and Meeting Frequency; Functions, Work Program; Funding; Coordination with other Organizations; Strengthening of Coordination Mechanisms
- WTO Negotiating Group on Trade Facilitation
 - National Committee on Trade Facilitation
 - establishment and use of regional bodies

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Facilitation Coordination Mechanism

- Needed to:
 - Breaking institutional barriers and coordinate and cooperate among all relevant authorities & business sector
 - Streamline, simplify, harmonize documentation, procedures, inspections at national level and between neighboring countries
 - Set and monitor performance standards for processing of international trade and transport

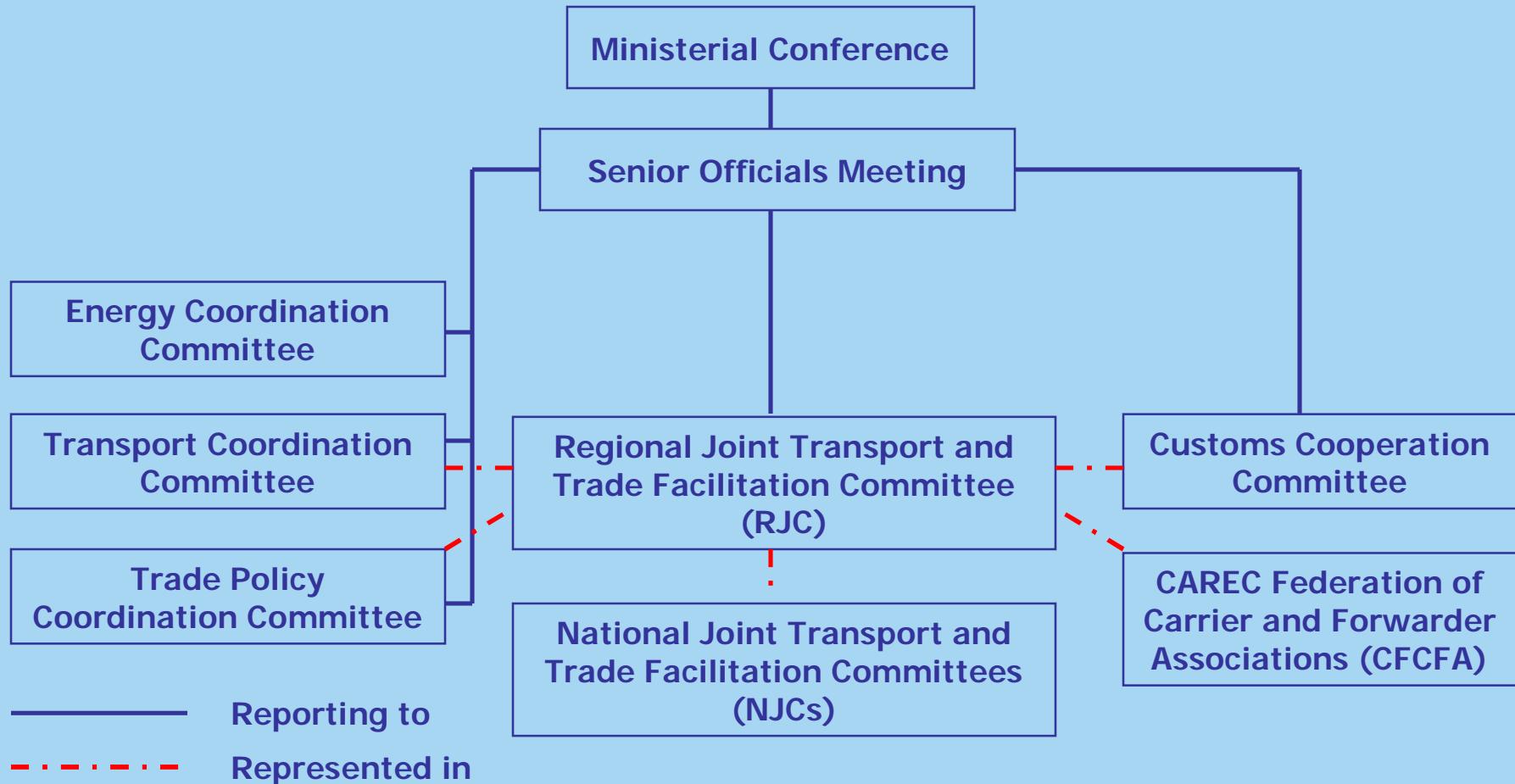


NJC Composition

- NJCs to include representatives of:
 - Ministry/department of transport
 - Ministries/departments of trade, industry or commerce, economy
 - Customs authority
 - Agencies for sanitary and phyto-sanitary, and product and quality standard, and quarantine and immigration policies and rules and regulations
 - private sector groups such as organizations of freight forwarders, transporters, and logistics service providers



CAREC Overall and Trade Facilitation Related Institutions



Towards Single Window & Paperless Trade

- 30+ forms and documents involved in one export transaction
- Government: balance between regulation-facilitation-security
- Business: smooth procedures, reduced paperwork, no delays in customs clearance & release, transparency & predictability



A Single Window Concept

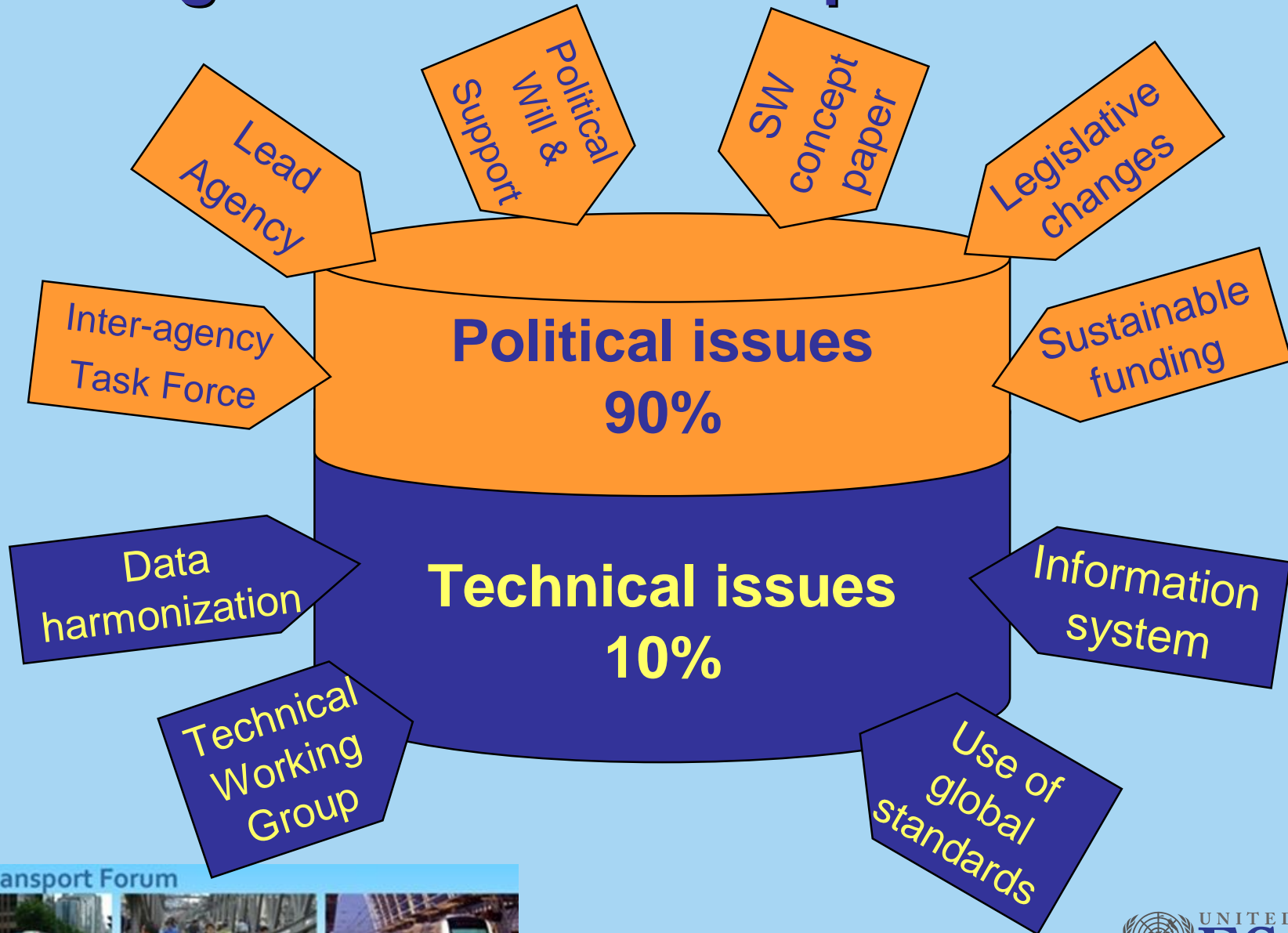
“...a facility that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardized information and documents with a single entry point to fulfill all import, export, and transit-related regulatory requirements. If information is electronic, then individual data elements should only be submitted once.”

UN/CEFACT Recommendation 33 on establishing Single Window

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Single Window Development Issues



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NJC for SW Development

- NJC needs to work with all relevant parties to ensure
 - Political will, high level decision, and legitimate status
 - Alignment with national strategies
 - Decision on leading agency
 - Feasibility study
 - Establishment of sub-committees
 - Harmonized data structure
 - Establishment the implementation project team



Thank you

