

Launching the Mongolia Single Window Implementation Master Plan

Opening Remarks

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Introductions

- ESCAP/ADB collaboration
- Synergies based on comparative advantages
 - Sector expertise
 - Trade facilitation
 - Transport facilitation
 - Customs
 - Trade Logistics
 - Regional expertise

Update of trade facilitation in the Asia and Pacific region

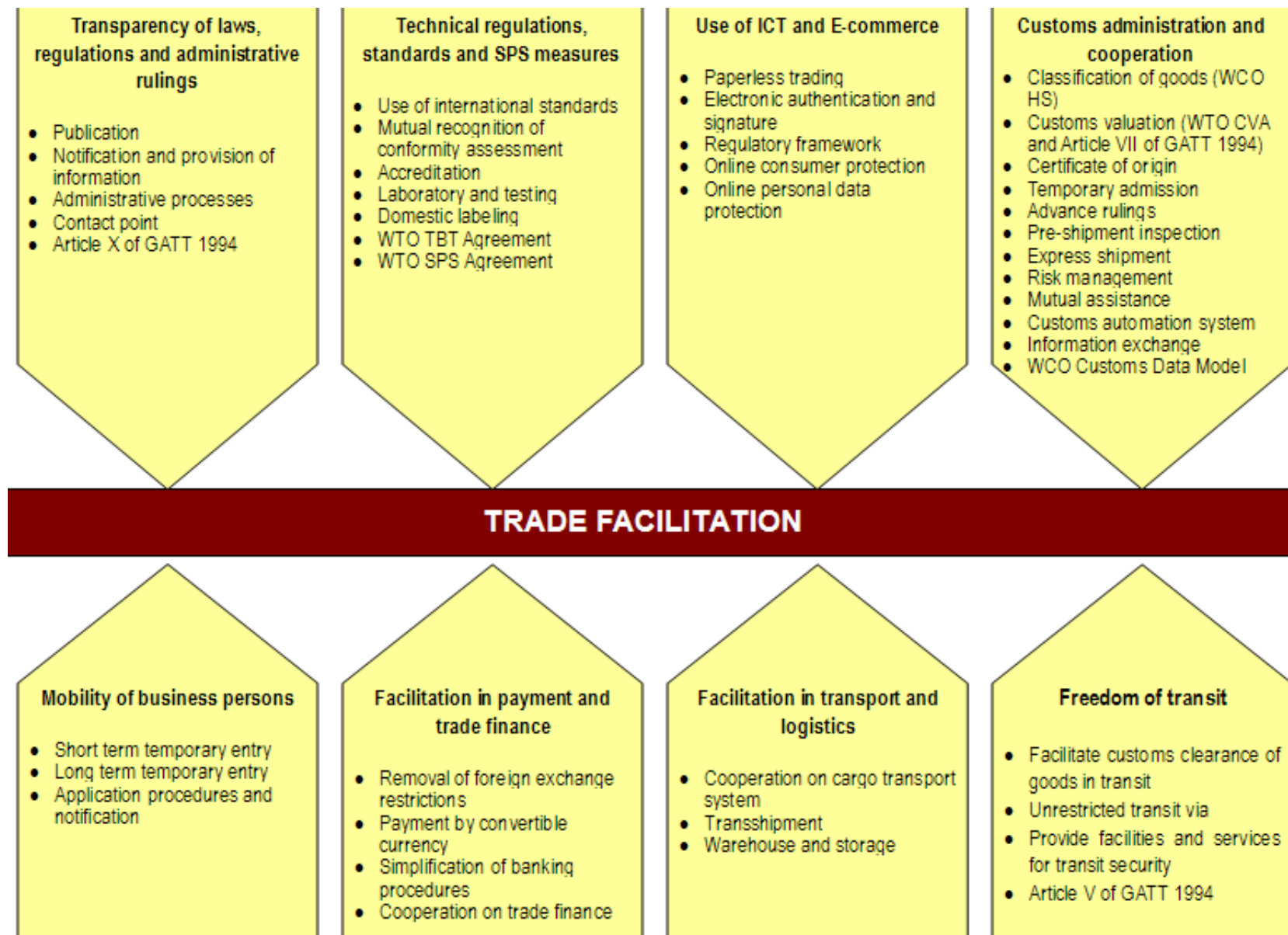
- Best trade performers in the world in this region
 - Top 2 positions remain the same : Singapore, Hong Kong, China
-But also some of the worst performers
- Trade facilitation becoming a priority for countries
 - More than 80% of ESCAP members have joined one or more regional (or sub-regional) trade facilitation initiative

Update on Trade facilitation in Asia-Pacific

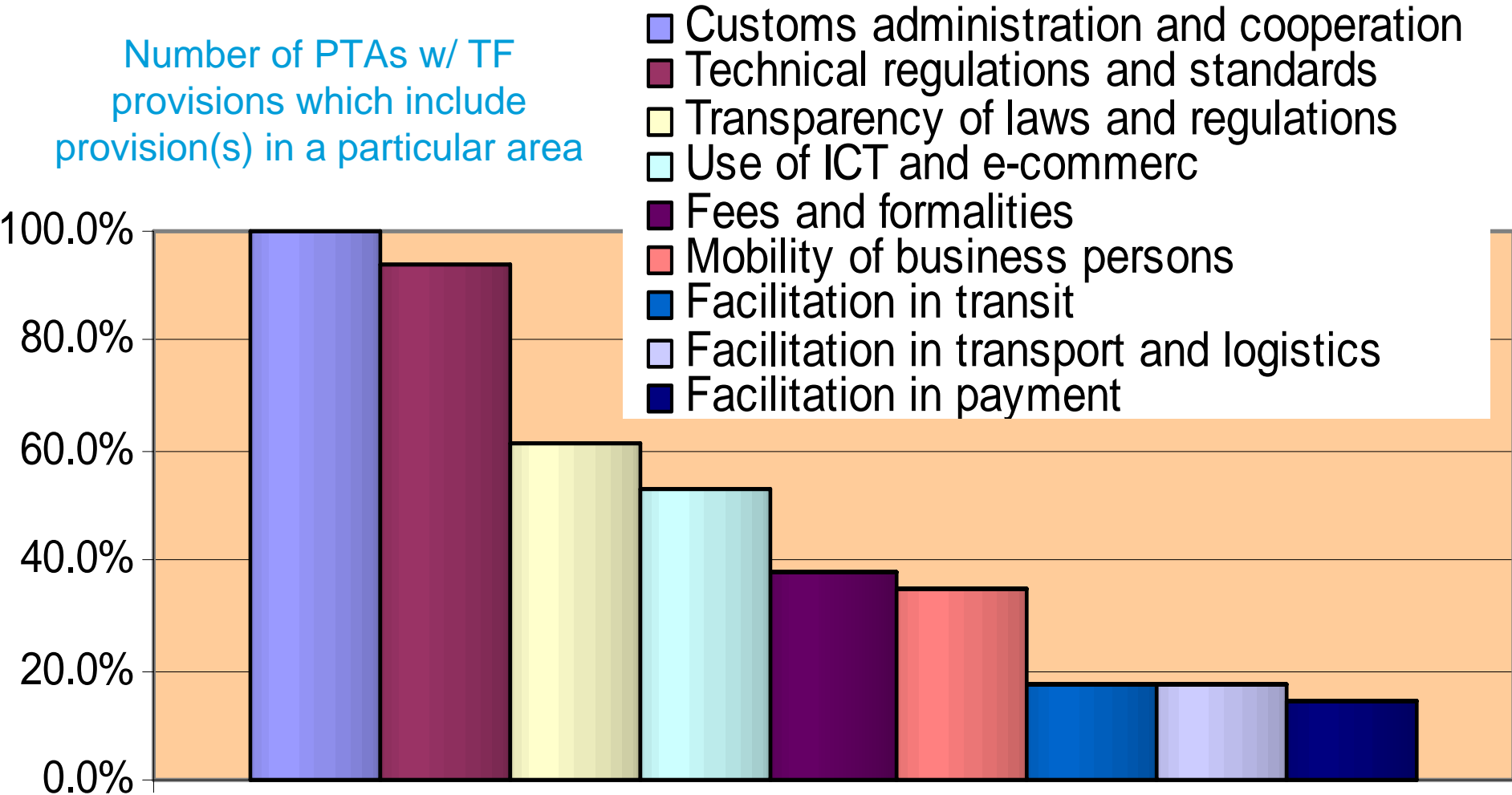


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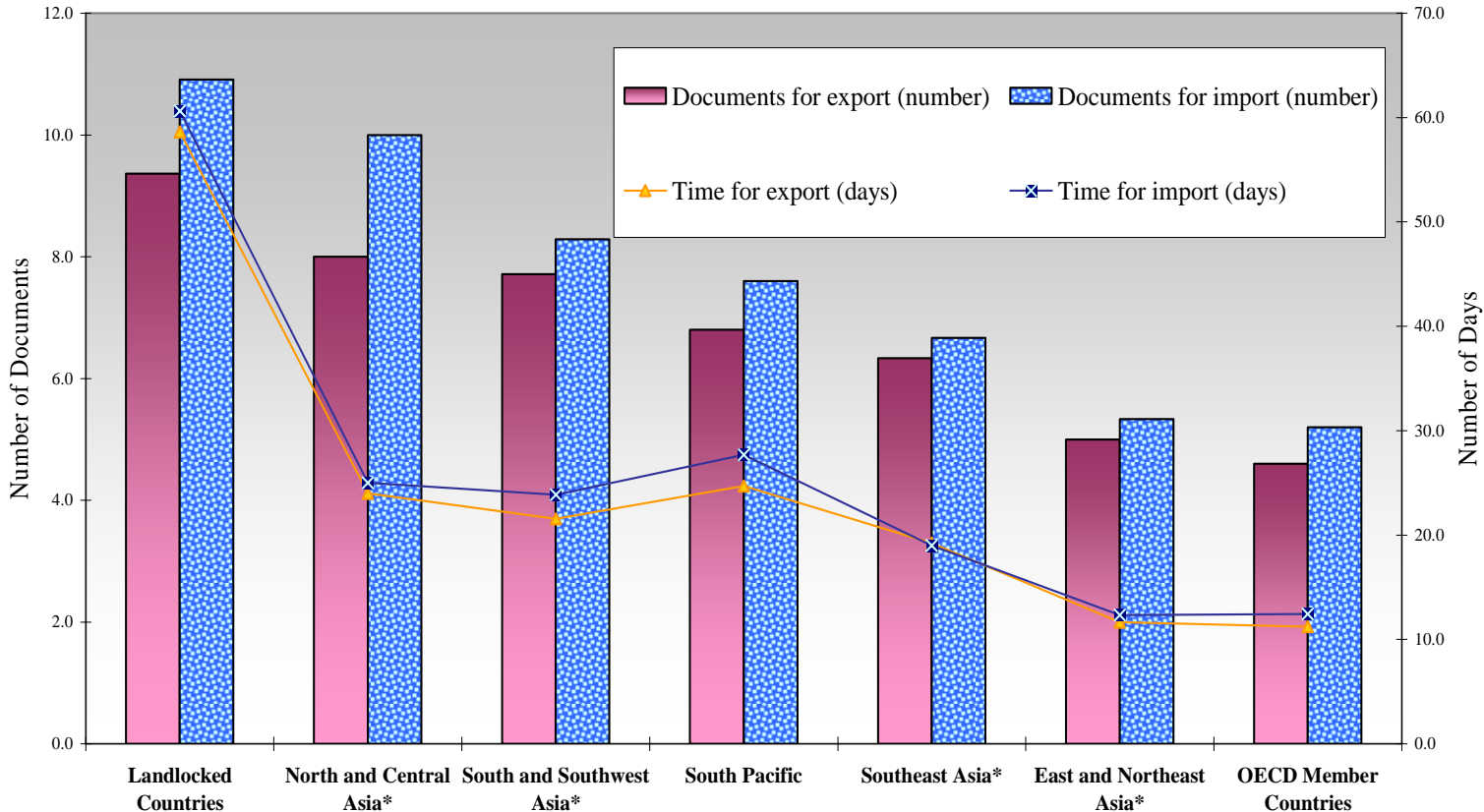


Progress on reducing barriers to trade

- Overall trade facilitation performance has improved
- Good progress in:
 - reducing at and behind the border time and cost of procedures
 - reducing international shipping costs
- But progress uneven both across and within sub-regions

Progress on reducing barriers to trade

Gap between ESCAP Developing Countries and Developed Countries



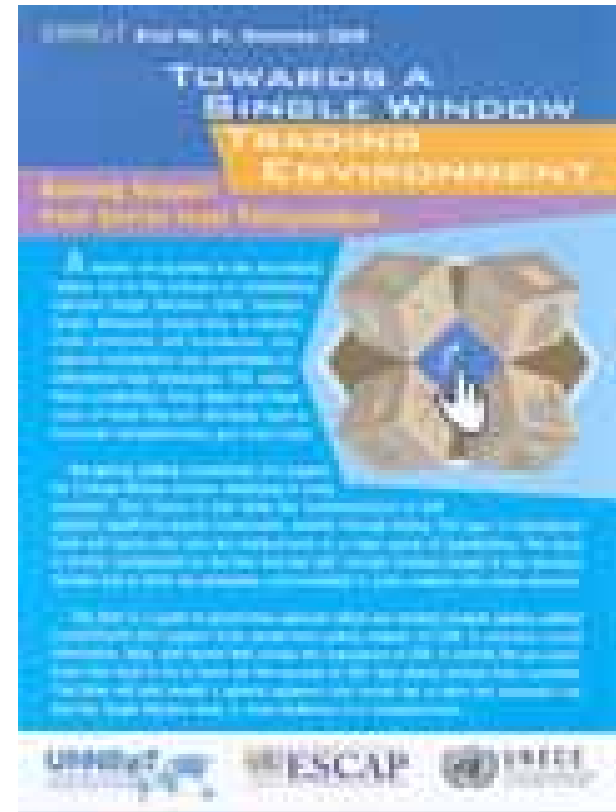
➤ **Predictability
and timeliness of
goods delivery
need to be
improved**

*Source: Based on data
from Doing Business 2009,
World Bank*

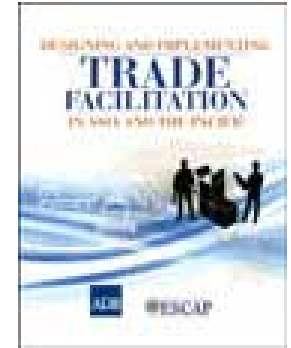
**Landlocked countries
are excluded from
subregional averages*

UN Network of Experts on Paperless Trade

- ❑ Experience sharing network
- ❑ Source of training
- ❑ Source of information on business analysis for simplified trade procedures and documents
- ❑ Link between policymakers and experts

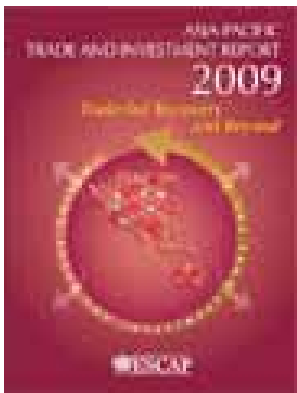


ESCAP's Response



- Reports, analytical tools and evidenced – based research
 - ***Asia and Pacific Trade and investment Report 2009***
 - ***Designing and Implementing Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific*** (ESCAP/ADB reference manual)

Workshops for researchers on eg. Business Process Analysis, Gravity modelling for trade facilitation



Issues for Consideration

- Non-transparent and time-consuming trade procedures
- Negative effect on intra-regional trade
- Weak or lack of inter-agency coordination and public /private consultations
- Inadequate attention to behind the border measures

Issues for consideration

- There is no one –size fits all for trade facilitation.
- Priorities differ and so do needs
- The right fit must take account of all of these issues

Thank you!

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