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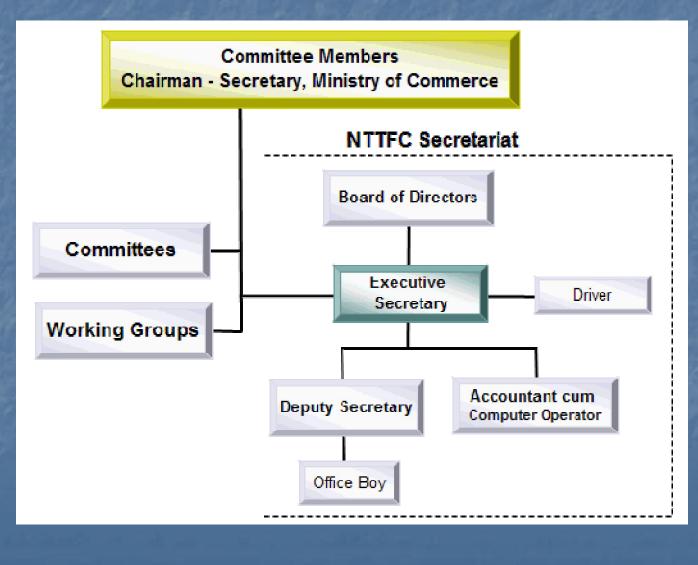
National experience in stakeholder engagement and inter-agency coordination of National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee, Pakistan

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National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee (NTTFC)

- n NTTFC established in August 2001
- n A public/private sector joint venture
- n 38 members comprising of:
 - Federal ministries related to trade and transport
 - Public sector organizations
 - Various chambers of commerce and industry, trade associations and terminal operators.
- n Consensus based decision making
- n Decision of recommendatory nature
- Coordination and technical support by NTTFC Secretariat for implementation by concerned ministry or organization

NTTFC organization structure



Terms of reference of NTTFC

- n Review the regulations, procedures and systems pertaining to the conduct of trade and transport that impact the cost and efficiency of country's international trade;
- Develop and promote the adoption of measures for simplification and harmonization of trade and transport procedures to reduce the cost and improve the efficiency of international trade;
- n Act as national focal point for the collection and dissemination of information on best practices in international facilitation;
- n Undertake coordination of efforts of concerned organizations in the field of facilitation of international and transport;
- n Promote adoption of standard trade and transport terminology and international codes for trade and transport information.

Terms of reference of NTTFC (continued)

- n Pursue the simplification and alignment of trade and transport documents on the basis of the Untied Nations Layout Key, including documents designed for use in computer and other automated systems with the aim of adopting single window processing for all trade transactions;
- Organize and present training seminars and workshops to improve the capacity of domestic industry in international trade and transport procedures and knowledge of international trading practices, promote and supprt training and research by other national bodies and stakeholders;
- n Maintain interface with international and regional organizations with the objective of improving trade facilitation and efficiency;
- n Establishment of institutional framework of NTTFC and hiring staff/ experts for carrying out activities as per ToR of NTTFC and matters relating to their salary structure.

Main tasks in hand

- Modernization of border control and Customs procedures
- Improvement of trade and transport logistics
- n Modernization of transport legislation
- Accession to international conventions
- Bilateral and multi-lateral transit trade and transport agreements
- MTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation

Modernization of border control and Customs procedures

- Web based One Custom (WeBOC) system for electronic submission and clearance of Customs documents introduced and extended to all Customs stations in Pakistan.
- (NTTFC Secretariat has supported Customs by initially introducing UNLK based SAD and subsequently advocating the benefits of electronic system among users in its meetings)
- Electronic linkages are being developed with stakeholders along with software systems to eliminate paper documents with aim to move towards Single Window.

(Coordinated meetings with stakeholders for developing the linkages)

Requirements for improvement in operating systems, inter-agency coordination and infrastructure at land border crossings are being



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