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## National Trade Facilitation Bodies in the World

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- lessons from practices and way forward

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# UN/CEFACT Recommendation 4 1974/2001

**Recommends that Governments establish and support national trade facilitation bodies with balanced private and public sector participation in order to:**

- Identify issues affecting the cost and efficiency of their country's international trade;
- Develop measures to reduce the cost and improve the efficiency of international trade;
- Assist in the implementation of those measures;
- Provide a national focal point for the collection and dissemination of information on best practices in international trade facilitation; and
- Participate in international efforts to improve trade facilitation and efficiency.

# WTO TFA

## Section III - Art.23.2 of the TFA: National Committee on Trade Facilitation

**WTO Members concluded negotiations on the TF Agreement in Bali**

- December 2013

**To have a TF Committees has been made a ‘binding obligation’**

- This obligation cannot be categorized as B or C
- Must be implemented upon entry into force of the TFA

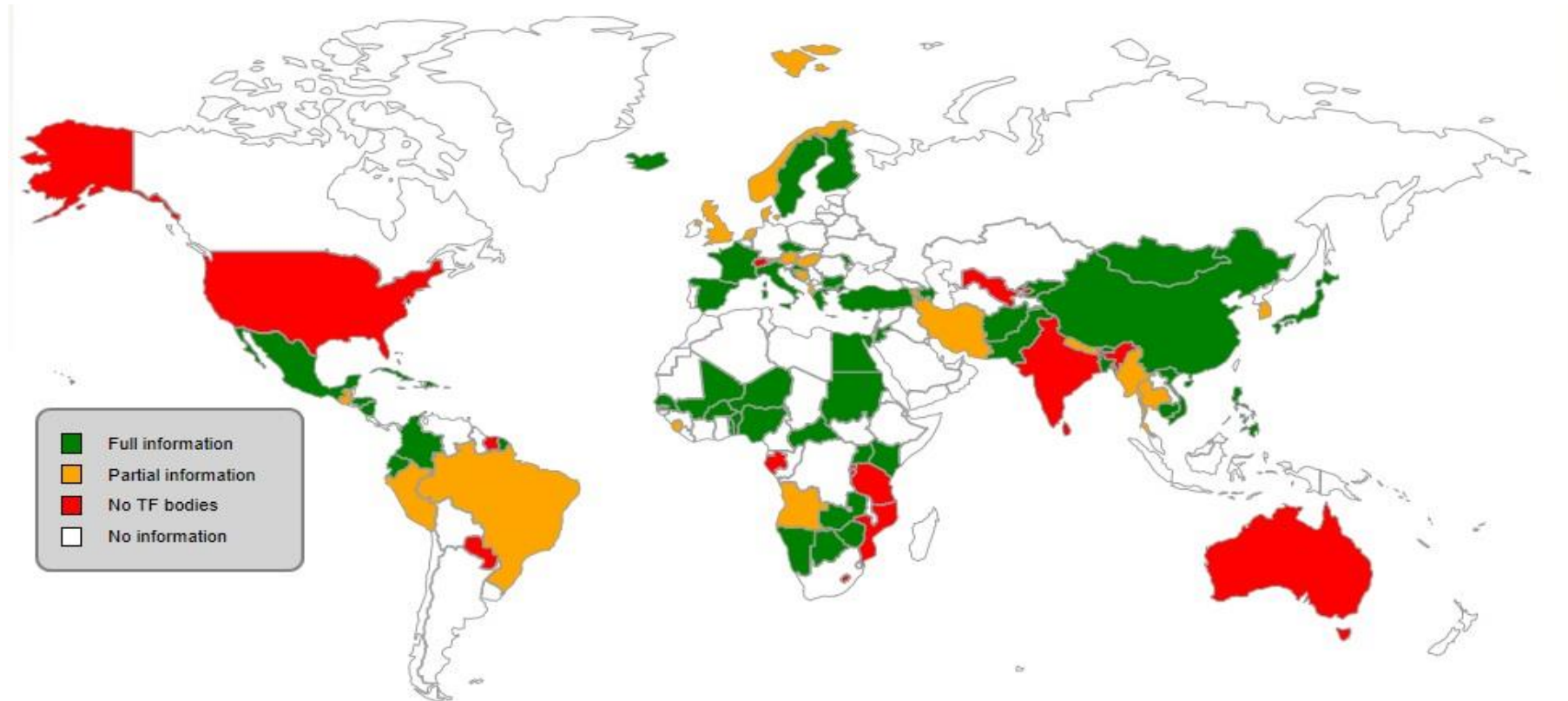
*Art.23.2 - Each Member **shall** establish and/or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both **domestic coordination and implementation of provisions** of this Agreement.*

# WTO TFA NTFC

## **Agreement is silent about**

- Structure & governance
- Funding and sustainability
- Membership and meeting frequency
- All these have been left to discretion of Members....
- Experience so far on these issues in different countries....can serve as best guidelines

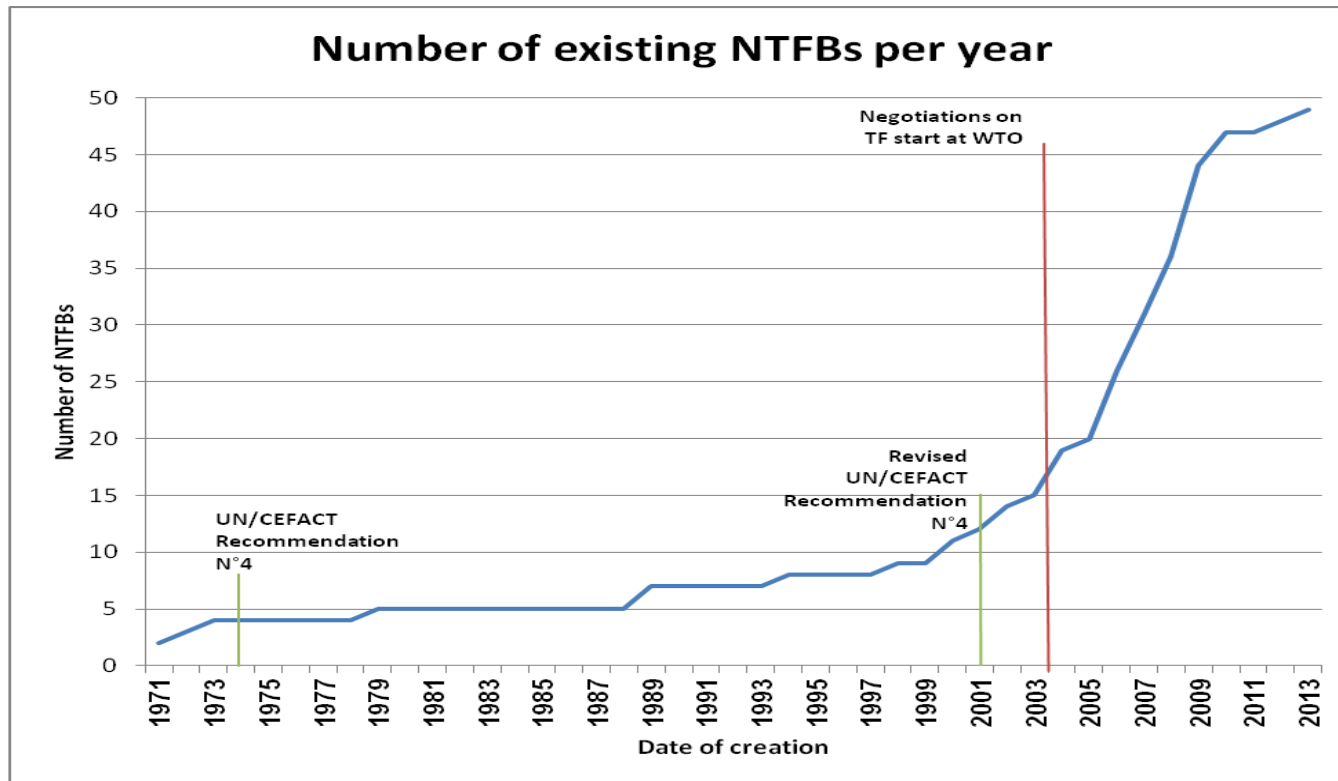
# UNCTAD information about Trade Facilitation Bodies around the world



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# Rising number of TF Committees

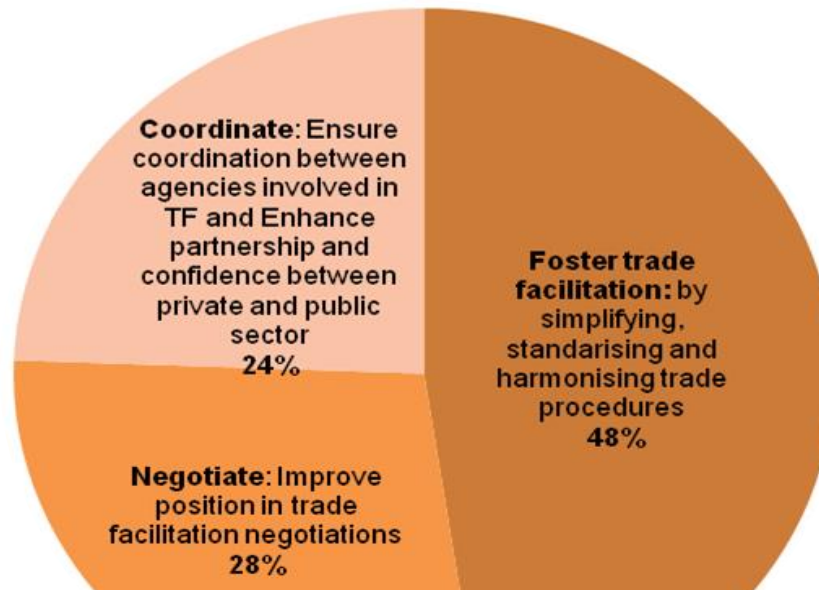


**Number of TF Committees would continue to rise...  
...to equal the number of WTO Members over time**

# NTFC: Scope and mandate

## Overview of common practices

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