



WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON TRADE FACILITATION

EXPERIENCE SHARING

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PAKISTAN'S NTTFC

National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee (NTTFC)

Constituted under a Government Resolution on 14 July 1998

- Resolution subsequently amended periodically

Chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Commerce (responsible for international and domestic trade)

Established with the help of donor assistance

- Financial (World Bank)
- Technical (UNCTAD)



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Support and **coordination among various government agencies and commercial enterprises** that participate in international trade transactions

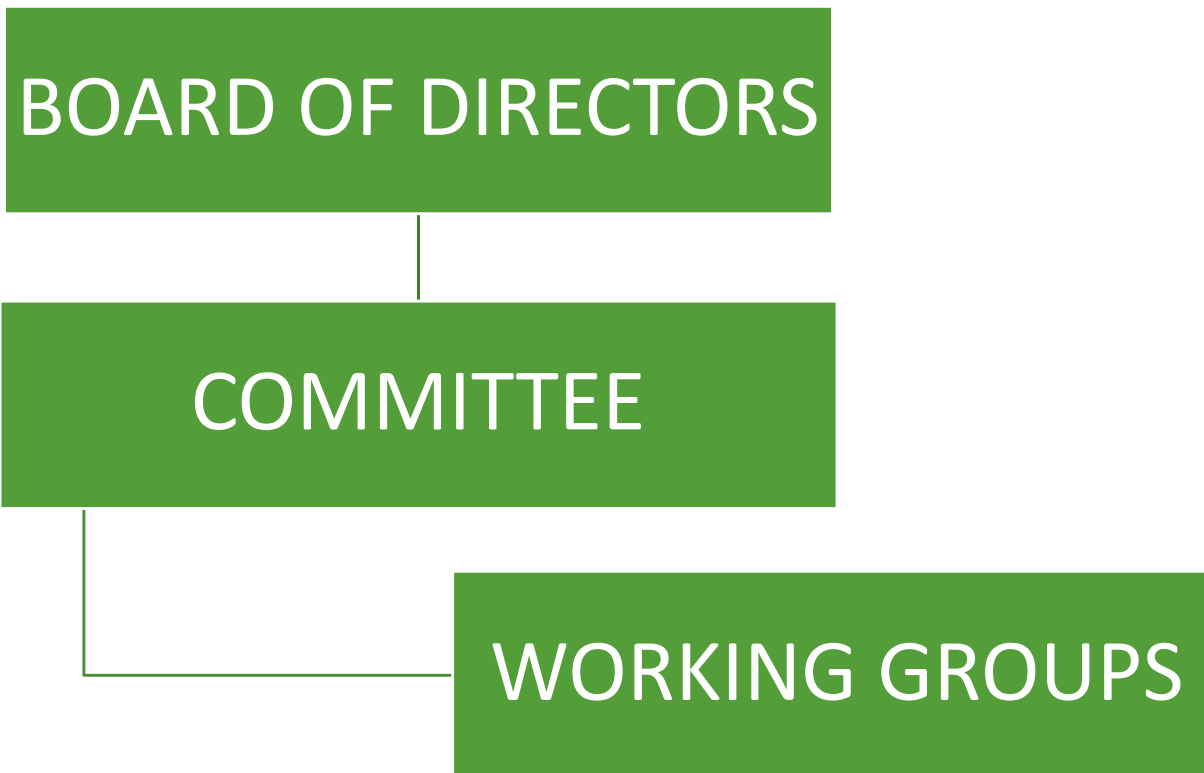
Create a **cross-sectoral secretariat** to address trade and transport related issues and develop practical solutions

Assist in updating Pakistan's **legal and institutional environment for trade and transport.**

- *At the time, the TFA was not on the horizon*

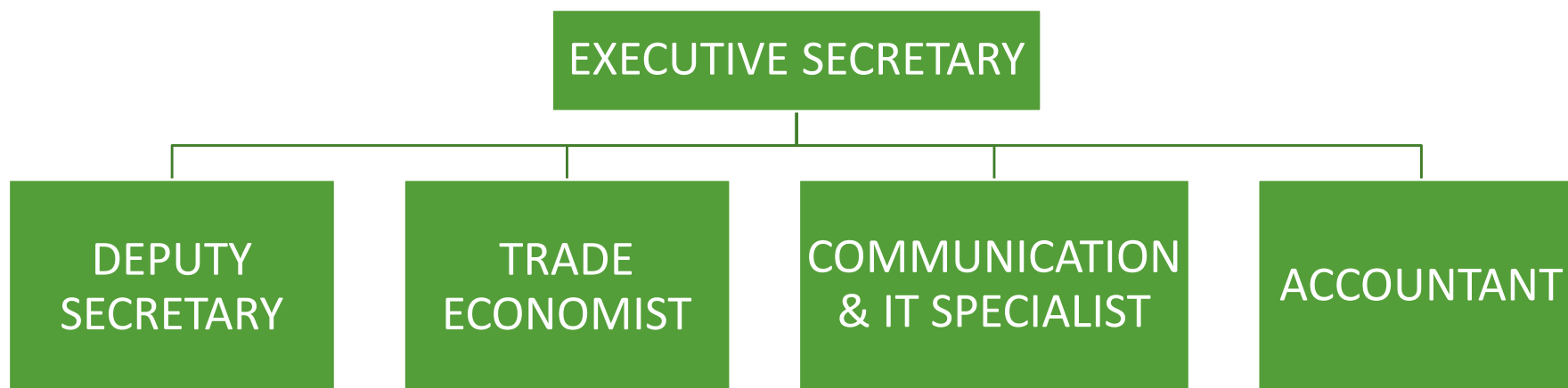


STRUCTURE





SECRETARIAT



Initially housed in Karachi where most private sector is located

Moved to Islamabad to improve inter-agency coordination



MEMBERSHIP

Both public and **private sector** adequately represented

Private sector through

- Chambers of Commerce at the Federal and sub-federal / regional levels
- Various business and service provider associations
- SME's represented through chambers
- Multimodal transport operators represented



Membership – PUBLIC SECTOR

<u>Ministry of Commerce</u>	<u>Ministry of Communication</u>	<u>Ministry of Ports and Shipping</u>
<u>Ministry of Finance</u>	<u>Ministry of Planning and Development</u>	<u>Ministry of Food and Agriculture and Livestock</u>
<u>Ministry of Industries</u>	<u>Civil Aviation Authority</u>	<u>Federal Board of Revenue</u>
<u>State Bank of Pakistan</u>	<u>Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA)</u>	<u>Pakistan Horticulture Development and Export Board (PHDEB)</u>
<u>Karachi Port Trust</u>	<u>Port Qasim Authority</u>	<u>PNSC/ National Ship Owners</u>
<u>Pakistan Railways</u>	<u>Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP)</u>	<u>Pakistan International Airlines</u>



Membership – PRIVATE SECTOR

<u>Pakistan International Freight Forwarders Association (PIFFA)</u>	<u>Customs Clearance Agents Associations</u>	<u>Goods Carriage Associations</u>
<u>Ship Agents Association</u>	<u>Pakistan Bankers Association</u>	<u>International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Pakistan</u>
<u>Pakistan Shippers Council of FPCCI</u>	<u>Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries, (FPCCI) Karachi</u>	<u>Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry</u>
<u>Dry Port Operators</u>	<u>Insurance Association of Pakistan</u>	<u>Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry</u>
<u>Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry</u>	<u>Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry</u>	<u>Multimodal Transport Operators</u>
<u>Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry</u>	<u>Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry</u>	<u>Pakistan International Container Terminal (PICT)</u>



MEETINGS

According to the resolution, NTTFC meets quarterly (every 3 months)

BoD meets at least biannually (every 6 months) to provide vision, approve work plan, approve budget allocation and review performance

Working groups may meet as frequently as required

Secretariat coordinates meetings

Committee meetings usually need more effort (time and outreach) to be convened

- *large number of stakeholders*



FINANCING

Initial

- Public-Private partnership model – World Bank financing
- Secretarial support (premises / logistics) by Pakistan Shipping Council

Present

- Funding from Export Development Fund (EDF) of the Government
- Independent Secretariat housed in Ministry of Commerce

Future

- Sustainable source of funding
 - International donors?
 - Regular budget from Ministry of Finance?



REGIONAL INTEGRATION EFFORTS

Initially designed to help coordinate Trade and Transport Facilitation

Pakistan's accession to TIR and CAREC (Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation Programme)

- NTTFC mandated to coordinate the implementation of such regional initiatives
- Others include Afghan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement and any other transport / transit related protocols that may be signed in future.



FUTURE CHALLENGES

Revamping the committee to implement the TFA

- Increase membership to include new stakeholders
- Raise level to the Minister?
- Ensure effective private sector participation
- Ensure sustainable source of funding

THANK YOU!