**Member or Member Group:** Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI)

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**Venue:** Webinar

**Proposed Date of Activity:** 01-04 February 2022

**Language:** Spanish

**Objectives of the activity:** Enhance the operation of the national trade facilitation committees

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY**

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| This event would be a follow-up to a joint ALADI and TFAF meeting for Latin American NTFCs held in 2019. The second meeting would be held in parallel and as a complement to the 2022 Global Forum for National Trade Facilitation Committees of UNCTAD.  Experts from UNCTAD, ECLAC and WCO will also be invited to participate.  ECLAC and WCO will also participate.  Each country will be invited to register up to 8 persons.  All of them should be members of their country's National Trade Facilitation Committee.  The programme will consist of a mix of topics that are still to be defined, but could include best practices for monitoring TFA implementation, digitisation of TFA implementation, the impact of the pandemic on TFA implementation, e-commerce and implementation of the TFA, e-commerce, WTO notifications, implementation support, as well as key issues of interest to National Committees in the region. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for the countries of the region to define the main issues they would like to discuss and for the and for participants to share experiences in these areas. |

**Participants include:** Government officials from the ministries of Trade, Finance, Customs, Agriculture and other relevant government bodies, the private sector and members of the national trade facilitation committees

**For regional or global events, invited Members, Observers, other:**

All ALADI members (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela), and other Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Existing Level of TFA knowledge of participants:** Intermediate - expert

**Estimated Number of Participants:** 100+

**Expected Outcomes:** Enhance the operation of the national trade facilitation committees

**Risks that could limit successful outcomes:**

Changes in government

Technical Risks

Difficulties in engagement between private sector and NTFC

Other: Retaining institutional memory

**Partner Agencies Participating (where applicable):** UNCTAD, ECLAC and WCO

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