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**WTO Member or Member Group (e.g. regional organization representing WTO Members or other groups such as LDC Group)** Maldives

**Please provide the name of the person with whom we can discuss this request:** Ahmed Ifthikhar

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**All national activity requests must be approved by your Geneva Mission or Permanent Representation, please provide the name of the official that can confirm this** Asim Ahmed

**For a national event, do you have an operational National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC)?** Yes

**I confirm that the NTFC contact information on the contact points and profiles page is up to date** Yes

**Has this request for a national activity been approved by your NTFC?** Yes

**Proposed start date of activity** 26 June 2022

**Proposed end date of activity** 07 July 2022

**Language** English

**The objective of the activity is to (Please identify the broad aim, more detail can be given in expected outcomes below):** Preparation of TFA notifications  
Enhance the operation of the national trade facilitation committee  
Find assistance for implementation of the provisions of the TFA

**Brief description of activity**

- The most important priority is to prepare a TFA work plan to implement category B and C commitments identified by Maldives.
- Create awareness among stakeholders and NTFC Members as well as implementing agencies such as Maldives Customs Service, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Health/ Maldives Food and Drug Authority and other stakeholders regarding implementation of Articles under Category B and C of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.
- To advice Ministry of Economic Development regarding seeking seeking donor assistance for implementation Category C commitments notified to WTO.

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**Participants will include (tick as many as apply):**

- Ministry of Trade
- Ministry of Finance
- Customs
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Other government organizations
- Private Sector
- Members of the National Trade Facilitation Committee
- Academia

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**Level of TFA knowledge of participants:**

- Beginner
- Intermediate

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**Estimated number of participants** 50-100

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**Expected outcomes from a successful workshop (select all that apply):**

- Find assistance for implementation of the provisions of the TFA
- Submit notifications within agreed deadlines
- Enhance the operation of the national trade facilitation committee

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**Please identify risks that could limit the successful outcomes of the workshop: (Select all that apply)**

- Technical Risks
- Capacity constraints
- Difficulties in engagement between private sector and NTFC
- Insufficient supply of experts with necessary expertise to respond to requests for support
- Problems with project formulation (scope, detail, duplication, ...)
- Turnover of staff leading to delays in processes
- Lack of engagement/response to technical requests by donor partners

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**What bilateral or multilateral donor/development partners are active in your country?**

Asian Development Bank, World Bank, United Nations Development Program and other UN Organizations

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**Has your country engaged with in-country donor/development partner representatives?**

Yes

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**Quel soutien avez-vous reçu de ces donateurs/partenaires de développement en ce qui concerne la mise en œuvre de l'AFE ?**

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Financial assistance requested, funding approved and Agreements signed with ADB in 2019, for the development of a National Single Window in Maldives.