REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT, TRADE & INDUSTRY
PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Experience on Botswana
Technical Committee on Trade Facilitation

- **Composition:**
  - Customs
  - Government Ministries (Trade, Agriculture, Transport, health, Security etc)
  - The private sector

- **Chair**
  - Customs and Trade.

- **Role of the private sector**
  - Identification of legislative gaps or bottlenecks
The Technical committee on Trade Facilitation continues

- The interests of Small and Medium Size Enterprises
  - Consultations

- Formal law or decree
  - established through a Presidential Directive.

- Organizational structure
  - the main Committee plus ad hoc Task Teams

- Financing of the Committee
  - General budget for Trade Facilitation activities
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- **Frequency of meetings**
  - Quarterly meetings

- **Regional integration**
  - SADC
  - SACU
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**ACHIEVEMENTS:**
- Effectively contributed to the WTO negotiations
- Identified categories A, B, C measures
- Recognised as among the first countries to notify Category A measures and accepted the Amendment of the Marrakesh Agreement.

**CHALLENGES:**
- Lack of effective participation by some key stakeholders
- Lack of consistency in representation by the stakeholders
Final thought

Thickness of borders can be reduced through a robust and inclusive Technical committee on Trade Facilitation.
Thank you