



**REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**

**MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT, TRADE  
& INDUSTRY**

# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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- **Experience on Botswana**

# Technical Committee on Trade Facilitation

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- **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

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- **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



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## Final thought

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



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Thank you