

Connecting South Asia

Adopting International Agreements and Conventions

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Connectivity

- Physical infrastructure largely depends on finances
- But soft infrastructure is more difficult to deal with
 - The soft infrastructure aspects are well documented.
 - There are several studies to show that transaction costs are high both in terms of money and time
 - But what lies at the core is the regulatory framework
 - Lack of regulations
 - Poor design
 - Poor implementation because of weak institutions and poor governance

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- Institutions are rigid and difficult to change
- Border institutions have been around for several decades and have been particularly rigid
- There has been a path dependence so it is even more difficult to change such institutions. For instance why is it difficult to introduce EDI at land borders? Even if it is introduced why is it that it doesn't work?
- New institutions can sometimes be more effective as they do not carry any burden
- An example is the new road route at Wagah which opened in 2005

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- Institutional changes are needed
- Institutions are difficult to change
- It would be better to follow international conventions and agreements

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- Trade Facilitation Agreement
- The TIR Convention

ARTICLE 8: BORDER AGENCY CO-OPERATION

Each Member shall, cooperate with other Members with whom it shares a common border with a view to coordinating procedures at border crossings to facilitate cross-border trade. Such cooperation and coordination may include:

- (a) alignment of working days and hours;
- (b) alignment of procedures and formalities;
- (c) development and sharing of common facilities;
- (d) joint controls;
- (e) establishment of one stop border post control.

ARTICLE 23: INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

2. National Committee on Trade Facilitation

Each Member shall establish and/or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both domestic coordination and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force, and Consultations

2. Consultations

Each Member shall, as appropriate, provide for regular consultations between its border agencies and traders or other stakeholders located within its territory.

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