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TRADE AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN THE ARAB STATES

HIGH-LEVEL REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Roundtable on
NTMs and regional integration

Summary of discussion and the way forward



Addressing information gap

Access to trade relevant information is crucial for dynamic competitiveness

To facilitate closer economic ties between Arab countries:

- Enhancing the transparency in trade related information through a public online information portal (link the regional portal to national ones such SABER in KSA)
- One stop shop for **Accurate and trusted information**, the information need to be validated and always updated (piloting real time information on NTM in for Palestine, Egypt, Soudan and Jordan)
- Establishing a **network of technical focal points** from relevant national institutions that will respond to users' enquiries

Capacity building and advisory services

Tailored Capacity building need to:

- Train the trade ministry staff on trade policy analysis and impact analysis of any trade agreement
- Training national TISI on Enhancing the transparency in trade related information through a public online information portal
- Extensive “training of trainers” programs that will allow building the skills of relevant institutions across the region on trade intelligence
- Not only good but services: Training on trade in services data collection by mode of supply

Boosting the existing agreements

To enhance regional integration :

- Develop trade Alert mechanism to be used by the existing network of RoO technical focal points to monitor the response time.
- Putting in place a national/regional trade Alert mechanism for the business sector
- Harmonized vision on Rules of Origin
- Facilitate the analysis of the preference utilisation rate to monitor the regional integration
- Training on RoO facilitator for the business sector

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