TRADE AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN THE ARAB STATES
HIGH-LEVEL REGIONAL WORKSHOP

11-12 December 2018, Marrakech
Arab States in the Global Trade Context

$17.5 trillion
Global Exports

$841 billion
Arab Exports

Note: Trade figures for 2017
Source: ITC Trade Map
Arab exports are less dependent on oil

- Total exports have gone down
- Non-oil exports have gone up from $222 billion to almost $400 billion
Intra-Arab trade has remained low...

**Export**

19%  
Share of total Arab exports to fellow member countries

**Import**

11%  
Share of total Arab import from fellow member countries

*Figures show trade in non-oil products*

Source: ITC, Trade Map
# Regional integration – by country

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**Red:** share of LAS <10%

Note: based on ITC positive list of products, which excludes oil, waste products, etc. and a average between 2012-2016.

Total trade is defined as (exports+imports)/2

Regional integration varies widely across countries in the LAS region.
### Regional integration – by sector

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<td>Plastics &amp; rubber</td>
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<td>16.79%</td>
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- Total trade is defined as \((\text{exports}+\text{imports})/2\)
- The graph includes top 30 sectors in terms of total trade
Unrealized intra-regional export potential

Significant share of untapped trade opportunities among Arab States

- **Africa**: Realized potential (60%) and Unrealized potential (40%).
- **Arab States**: Realized potential (60%) and Unrealized potential (40%).
- **Asia**: Realized potential (60%) and Unrealized potential (40%).
- **Europe**: Realized potential (60%) and Unrealized potential (40%).
- **Pacific**: Realized potential (60%) and Unrealized potential (40%).
- **Americas**: Realized potential (60%) and Unrealized potential (40%).

**Unrealized Potential:** $26 billion

Source: ITC staff calculations based on the ITC export potential and diversification assessment methodology.
The plastics sector has over $3.6 billion in room for additional intraregional exports, most of it dependent on supply and demand growth.

Source: ITC staff calculations based on the ITC export potential and diversification assessment methodology.
The starting point for today…

**TUNIS** Regional Meeting 2014

**IDENTIFYING TRADE HURDLES**
What are the current hurdles to trade in the Arab region that is hindering regional integration?

**THE WAY FORWARD**
What actions are needed in the national and regional level to overcome these?
Issues hindering regional integration

- Overlapping preferential agreements
- Tariff preferences have not translated into regional integration
- NTMs preventing trade among Arab states
- Surveys point to intraregional trade obstacles
Identifying Trade Hurdles

Issues hindering regional integration

How we know?

- Inputs from NTM Business Surveys in Arab Countries

2160 Companies interviewed

4 Arab countries
**TUNIS** Regional Meeting 2014

**IDENTIFYING TRADE HURDLES**

**Inputs from NTM Business Surveys in Arab Countries**

Based on interviews in 4 Arab countries

- **Affected exporters:** 43% (43 PERCENT)

- **Types of NTMs faced only in the destination Arab countries:**
  - 33%
  - 11%
  - 8%
  - 8%
  - 5%
  - 4%

- **A. Technical requirements**
- **B. Conformity assessment**
- **C. Pre-shipment inspection and other entry formalities**
- **E. Quantity control measures**
- **F. Charges, taxes and price control measures**
- **G. Finance Measures**
- **O. Rules of origin and related certificate of origin**
What are the most affected export sectors and destinations for Arab States?

ITC calculations based on Survey findings for Egypt, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.
NTM Business Survey has been implemented in 3 additional Arab countries, interviewing more than 1000 companies.

NTM Business Survey in the Arab states – 2018 Status

3200 Companies interviewed

7 Arab countries*

*NTM Survey in Sudan is currently ongoing.
New data but consistent results.
Slightly higher affectedness rate among exporters

Affected exporters

Based on interviews in 4 Arab countries - 2014

43 PERCENT

Affected exporters

Based on interviews in 7* Arab countries - 2018

45 PERCENT
New data but consistent results. NTMs faced in regional Arab counties are proportionally higher.

Results based on survey in 4 countries – 2014

Results based on survey in 6 countries – 2018
New data but consistent results. Types of NTM hurdles are fairly similar.

Results from 4 Arab countries (2014):
- A. Technical requirements: 31%
- B. Conformity assessment: 8%
- C. Pre-shipment inspection and other entry formalities: 11%
- E. Quantity control measures: 5%
- F. Charges, taxes and price control measures: 8%
- G. Finance Measures: 4%
- O. Rules of origin and related certificate of origin: 5%

Results from 6 Arab countries (2018):
- A. Technical requirements: 33%
- B. Conformity assessment: 8%
- C. Pre-shipment inspection and other entry formalities: 7%
- E. Quantity control measures: 4%
- F. Charges, taxes and price control measures: 9%
- G. Finance Measures: 5%
- O. Rules of origin and related certificate of origin: 7%
Inputs from NTM Business Surveys in Arab Countries

Identifying Trade Hurdles

Regulatory obstacles: Regulations too strict/difficult to comply with

Both Regulatory and Procedural obstacles

Procedural Obstacles

28%

44%

29%

Type of POs and where they occur when exporting

- Delay related to reported regulation
- Unusually high fees and charges for reported certificate/regulation
- Arbitrary behavior of officials with regards to the reported regulation
- Large number of different documents
- Limited/inappropriate facilities for testing
- Other problems with international recognition, e.g. lack of...
- Other limited/inappropriate facilities, related to reported...
- Numerous administrative windows/organizations...
- Documentation is difficult to fill out
- Other procedures, where they occur when exporting

1. Partner Country + Transit
2. Home
Recommendations on the way forward

ON: Addressing Information Gap
- Establish a regional trade information portal
- Establish a network for information exchange and coordination
- Create regional export guides
- Increase opportunities for regional business matchmaking

ON: Awareness-raising, capacity-building and advisory services
- Offer training on international trade agreements
- Enhance the advisory services offer of trade and investment support institutions

ON: PROCEDURES, RESPONSE TIMES AND FEES
- Publish and update official deadlines and response time
- Adopt a tracking system
Recommendations on the way forward

ON: Regional standardization and conformity assessment

- Cooperate on the international standard setting process
- Harmonize labelling requirements
- Improve the availability and accessibility of training on quality requirements
- Raise awareness and promote effective implementation of good regulatory practices
- Promote best practices of market surveillance at national level and ensure coordination at regional level.
- Create a coordination mechanism among national regulatory institutions, inspection bodies and TISIs.
Recommendations on the way forward

On: Customs clearance and Border Controls:
- Review customs legislation
- Improve customs procedures and infrastructure
- Apply information and communication technologies to customs procedures
- Strengthen partnership and information exchange
- Strengthen human resources
- Increase staff and institutionalize training

ON: Facilitating implementation of existing agreements:
- Create a trade obstacle alert
- Implement interlinked focal points at regional level
- Develop capacity to use existing trade agreements
- Clarify and harmonize rules of origin
- Provide special assistance to least developed Arab States
Addressing the Recommendations

NTMs and Regional Integration in the Arab States
Major projects in the Arab Region that ITC was part of that addressed the issue of NTMs and Regional integration
ITC Intervention in the Arab Region

Promoting transparency, harmonization and identifying new opportunities in the region

**MARKET RESEARCH**
- Export potential and regional integration in the Arab states
- NTM surveys in 7 Arab countries
- Regional analysis on NTMs in Arab states

**INFORMATION TRANSPARENCY**
- NTM data collection and dissemination
- Euromed Portal
- Mobile App
- Customs Procedures Guides
- ROO Facilitator
- Guidebooks on EQM

**CAPACITY BUILDING**
- NTMs and Market Access for TSIs
- Tools for Universities
- Webinars
- Online courses
- Export Quality Management

**REGIONAL COORDINATION & ADVISORY**
- Regional workshops on SPS/TBT harmonization
- Regional workshops on rules of origin and customs procedures
- NTMs
- Advisory on WTO Accession

TRADE IMPACT FOR GOOD
A study on:

Export Potential Assessment in the Arab States
ITC’s NTM Surveys in the Arab-region

3200 Companies interviewed

7 Arab countries
NTM Business Surveys

- 35 Developing countries
- 28 EU countries
- 28,000 Phone Interviews
- 8,150 Face-to-face interviews

ITC
TRADE IMPACT FOR GOOD
Information on national trade regulations

**WHAT?**
Information on regulations governing trade.

**WHICH NTMs?**
All NTMs including SPS and TBT measures

**WHICH products?**
All products at the National Tariff Line

**WHERE is it?**
Available at ITC’s Market Access Map www.macmap.org

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**NTM Regulatory Mapping**
Codifying and classification of national trade-related regulations

**Data dissemination through Market Access Map (MAcMap)**

*NTMs include a wide category of instruments such as: food safety and animal and plant health regulations - sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures; measures relating to the performance, labeling, size/shape, design, function etc. of products - technical barriers to trade (TBT); quotas; anti-competitive measures; import or export licenses; export restrictions; custom surcharges; financial measures; antidumping measures etc.*
Significant increase in data coverage

Number of Arab countries with NTM data availability

- **2013**
  - Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco

- **2018**
  - Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Algeria, Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Mauritania, Palestine (State of), Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE

**4401**

Number of Arab regulations reviewed, classified, coded and disseminated by ITC
Significant increase in data coverage

Number of countries with NTM data availability: Globally

103

2018

Data available at:
ITC’s Market Access Map:
www.macmap.org

NTM data updated regularly
Development of NTM Data Entry Tool (DET)

An online application – developed by ITC – that will improve the efficiency and accuracy of the collection, classification, processing and updating of market access data in developing countries.

It will enabling analysts to collect, classify and code non-tariff measures (NTM) directly into the web tool thus allowing country regulations to be updated without the need for full country batch updates, thus improving updating frequency.

The tool has been introduced to the technical focal points in the EuroMed region, including the priority countries of this project.

The tool can be accessed at http://det.macmap.org/.
ePing: SPS / TBT Notification Alert

Keep track of product requirements in foreign markets
ePing: SPS / TBT Notification Alert

WTO
Depository of SPS/TBT notifications
SPS/TBT Committees
Contact with Enquiry Points

SPS/TBT notification alert system
Global access
Local use
Sustainable

UN DESA
Pilot SPS/TBT notification alert system (ePing)
Contact with LDCs

ITC
Trade-related web tools including NTMs and trade obstacles alert
Contact with SMEs

TRADE IMPACT FOR GOOD
ePing: SPS / TBT Notification Alert

- Sends automated notifications through **daily/weekly email** alerts
- About areas of **your interest** (products and destination markets)
- Provides a fast and **easy-to-use search** table
- Includes listing of SPS and TBT **Enquiry Points**

- Option to **discuss**, ask questions, share files
- **Publicly available**
- Covers both **SPS and TBT** notifications
- **Enquiry Point management tool**
- Available in **ES, FR and EN**
**ePing: SPS / TBT Notification Alert**

**1989**

Number of notifications by 12 Arab countries in the last 3 years

- Saudi Arabia: 480
- United Arab Emirates: 310
- Oman: 215
- Kuwait State of: 204
- Bahrain Kingdom of: 198
- Qatar: 196
- Yemen: 191
- Egypt: 173
- Morocco: 16
- Jordan: 4
- Tunisia: 2

**12561**

Number of notifications from 114 WTO member countries
Significant increase in awareness on using trade information in Arab States

Number of registered ITC Market Analysis Tools from the Arab Region

20,147
2014

49,241
2018

144%
Growth in Arab users since 2014
Growing user base of ITC Market Analysis Tools Globally

842,000
Registered users globally in 2018

TRADE MAP
Trade statistics for international business development

INVESTMENT MAP
For better foreign investment attraction and targeting

MARKET ACCESS MAP
Improving transparency in international trade and market access

SUSTAINABILITY MAP
Your roadmap to sustainable consumption, production and trade

Export Potential Map
Spot export opportunities for trade development

TRADE IMPACT FOR GOOD
A Directory of Services for SMEs: Developed for Jordan, Egypt and State of Palestine.

These national guides give small businesses access to quality management information for their sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures, with an overview of the national quality infrastructure and contacts for quality-related service providers.
Guidebooks on customs procedures

A procedures guide aims to provide practical information to economic operators on the customs and non-customs formalities export or import goods.

To increase the transparency of trade procedures and reduce the number of obstacles faced by operators.

WHAT

WHY

THIS GUIDE OFFERS INFORMATION ON

- Customs procedures
- Non-customs procedures

A sectoral approach
A step-by-step guide

PRINT
ONLINE

Under development

Guides developed for 5 countries:
Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, State of Palestine

TRADE IMPACT FOR GOOD
Understand the applicable rules of origin to your products.

Get the most benefits from available trade agreements.

Findrulesoforigin.org
Rules of Origin Facilitator

- What are the rules of origin applied to my product?
- What are the differences among possible trade agreements, their rules or origins and applied tariffs?
- What are the procedures for the issuance of their certificate?
- Where can I find the necessary documentation?

Increasing transparency in trade agreements and their rules of origin
Trade agreements involving a GAFTA country, in force, 2007 to 2018

New trade agreements entered into force:
- 69 agreements in 2007
- 2 agreements in 2008
- 1 agreement in 2009
- 0 agreements in 2010
- 1 agreement in 2011
- 1 agreement in 2012
- 1 agreement in 2013
- 2 agreements in 2014
- 0 agreements in 2015
- 0 agreements in 2016
- 1 agreement in 2017
- 0 agreements in 2018

Cumulative number of trade agreements:
- 6 agreements in 2007
- 8 agreements in 2008
- 10 agreements in 2009
- 10 agreements in 2010
- 11 agreements in 2011
- 12 agreements in 2012
- 12 agreements in 2013
- 14 agreements in 2014
- 14 agreements in 2015
- 14 agreements in 2016
- 15 agreements in 2017
- 15 agreements in 2018

Total: 77 agreements in force from 2007 to 2018.
Trade agreements involving a GAFTA country.
Coverage of ROO Facilitator

- Available: 38
- Processing: 39

Will be made online soon
Where to access all this info?
EuroMed Trade Helpdesk

Free online portal disseminating information necessary to do business leveraging on the already well-established ITC tools and expertise in database management.

Available in English, French, Arabic and Turkish

It contains user friendly comparable information like

- Applied customs tariffs
- Preferential arrangements
- Rules and certificates of origin
- VAT, excise taxes and price control measures
- Compulsory requirements
- Trade statistics for existing trade
- Business contacts
- Import procedures

euromed.macmap.org
EuroMed Trade Helpdesk
Trade information at your finger tips

Coming soon

Country and product specific

Information on tariffs, taxes, and non-tariff measures

Customs procedures

Save results and review it offline

Business Contacts

Contacts of the trade support networks

Made for:

For updates check:
www.ntmsurvey.org/mobilehelpdesk

TRADE IMPACT FOR GOOD
Enhancing the target audience’s knowledge on trade opportunities in international markets

Participants: SMEs, Trade Support Institutions, Policy Makers

Online training available: Video tutorials on YouTube and courses on ITC SME Trade Academy
Capacity building on:
Market Access Conditions in MENA

Workshop:

• On understanding non-tariff measures (NTMs) and market access conditions in the MENA region.

• Delivered to government officials, and the private sector from:
  • Morocco
  • Algeria
  • Tunisia
  • Jordan
  • Egypt*

120
Public & private sector staff from MENA countries trained
Reaching out to next generation of business leaders and policy makers

Information sessions:

- To university students and researchers
- Understanding NTMs and Market Accession Conditions
- Using ITC Market Analysis tools to get relevant information on NTMs and Market access
- Delivered to universities in:
  - Morocco
  - Algeria
  - Tunisia
  - Egypt*
Online learning

Online courses on Non-tariff Measures (NTMs)

Available in Arabic
Tutorials on using ITC Market Analysis tools

www.youtube.com/MarketAnalysisTools
INTRODUCTORY
Introduction to Standards and Sustainability

INTRODUCTORY
Introduction to International Transport and Logistics

ADVANCED
Export Finance and Payments

INTRODUCTORY
How to Analyse Trade Flows

INTRODUCTORY
The Role of Standards in Sustainable Supply Chains
Capacity Building Workshops on Export Quality Management

Multiple workshops organized in:

- Egypt,
- Jordan,
- Oman,
- Palestine,
- Qatar

5 COUNTRIES

250 Trained staff
Tunisia

COMTEXHA Improving the competitiveness of the textiles sector

Enhanced
- Understanding on the importance of quality and corporate social responsibility in exports
- Capacity to respond to competitiveness related problems in textiles and garments sector
- Ability to integrate quality aspects in the development of their products
- Trade support institutions improved their capacity to provide quality-related services specific to export quality management

45 SMEs Trained
EnACT, EDEC: Egypt, Morocco, Algeria

COMTEXHA Improving the competitiveness of the textiles sector

75 SMEs from footwear, textiles and food sectors learnt the implementation of Quality Management, Environmental, and Food Safety Management Systems.

Teams of trainers were formed to further train and help SMEs implement the said quality management systems.
Kuwait

Training of exporters on **food safety requirements, quality management systems** and tools of quality to improve quality systems to consistently meet buyer’s requirements, reducing costs and improving productivity.

Yemen

Training of Yemeni Seafood Exporters’ Association (YSEA) to develop the capacity of its members to better meet the **commercial requirements of SPS measures** and, thereby, **improve the quality and safety of seafood products** emerging from Yemen.

Egypt:

Training workshops for engineering and agriculture. 26 exporters sensitized on **Export Quality Management**, and also including demonstrations of ITC’s EuroMed portal, ePing, StandardsMap and other non-ITC sources of information.

ITC-PTB collaboration

Joint regional workshop for 6 countries (Egypt, Jordan, Yemen, Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon) of the Middle East on Trade Promotion by Quality Management.
REGIONAL COORDINATION & ADVISORY
Workshops for regional coordination in EQM and SPS/TBT issues

Private Sector perspective on boosting intra-Arab trade: Review issues related to TBT and SPS Measures 18-19 May 2016, Amman

Harmonization of SPS measures in the Arab region 18-21 December 2017, Tunisia

Workshop on regional harmonization of TBT measures in the Arab region 7-10 May, 2018 Morocco
Workshops for regional coordination in EQM and SPS/TBT issues

Agreement on the way forward to better harmonize SPS / TBT requirements in the region.

Agreement on improving access to conformity assessment services that will be recognized in the international markets.

Agreement on strengthening and streamlining inspection services – risk based approach.

Agreement on coordination of SPS and TBT issues at the regional level
Regional coordination in Trade Facilitation

Initiated a basis for the development of an action plan for the implementation of electronic COO and the self-certification

Workshops on coordination of customs valuation and pre-arrival processing
TRADE SUPPORT INSTITUTIONS IN ARAB COUNTRIES

Under the TSIs project 6 Arab countries (Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Kuwait, Oman and Saudi Arabia) benefited from tailored assistance responding to their specific identified needs.

In Lebanon, ITC assessed the trade support intuitional infrastructure.

Creation of an Arab regional TSI network “Arab Countries Trade and Investment Organisation Network” ACTION
All workshop materials will be made available at:

www.ntmsurvey.org/arabregional2018
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More information also available at

ntmsurvey.intracen.org