

# Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2022

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Philippine's Experience in Trade Digitalization*

- The Philippines' journey towards digital transformation and success factors
- Accession to the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific
- Importance of Implementing the Technical and Legal Readiness Assessments
- Challenges in moving towards cross-border paperless trade *(based on the readiness assessment)*
- Key findings and ways forward
- Recommendation for other countries to conduct readiness assessments using the *"ESCAP legal and technical readiness checklists"*, the *"readiness assessment guide"* and the *"cross-border paperless trade toolkit"*