What the C-19 taught us for the post-pandemic economic recovery – resilient, flexible, contactless interactions, data sharing, change mindsets - accelerate digital transformation

Crippling effect of global bottlenecks.... labour shortages, logistics capacity issues, inflation, shipping delays, fuel costs, depleted inventory levels, and demand peaks - a perfect storm?

What’s needed –

- greater regional interfaces / global cooperation – RCEP, digital economy partnerships, multilateral MRAs of AEOs,
- more leverage of digital tools – AL/ML, IoT, Data analytics, RPA, Regional SWs + SW 2.0 (B2G+B2B), next-gen TF
- more in-built sustainability in greener trade facilitation –
  - encourage decarbonization in transport,
  - discourage trade in goods/services having negative effects on the environment,
  - concerted push to eliminate paper-based requirements

More capability-building and pathfinder projects for sustainable trade facilitation

- Increased fundings for innovation / start-ups for trade facilitation + promote equal opportunities
- More capacity building / industry training for workforce (in customs, mobility, goods control)
- Revamp UNNext for next-gen TF , ensure experts are “experts”.