

# Introduction to ADB's Trade Facilitation TA

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# ADB's support for trade facilitation

- ADB has supported trade facilitation over the years as a means to increase investment and trade
- Trade facilitation as a key component of ADB's subregional programs
- Since 1994, ADB has played been active in the evolution of these regional and subregional initiatives.
- ADB has promoted good practices in trade facilitation through a series of partnerships with other international organizations.

# Examples: Trade Facilitation-related projects

## - Southeast Asia Dept. (SERD), ADB

- REG50172: Regional ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Support Program– Programmatic Approach and PBLs loans2.
- REG50172-002 RCDTA: Support to the AEC
- Trade Strategy for Southeast Asia DMCs
- TA 8707-REG: Strengthening Trade Facilitation in the GMS through Partnerships with the Private Sector.
- TA-8709 REG: Strengthening Institutional Knowledge and Capacity of Customs Administrations for Trade Facilitation within ASEAN.
- TA-8748 REG: Support for Implementing the Action Plan for Transport and Trade Facilitation in the Greater Mekong Subregion.

# TA 9258-REG: Support for Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific

- Output 1: Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forums (APTFF) successfully conducted in 2017 and 2019.
- Output 2: Roundtable meeting successfully conducted in 2018.
- Output 3: Trade negotiation and trade facilitation policy formulation and implementation skills of developing member country officials enhanced.
- **Output 4: Research study report published and disseminated**

# Previous studies about the benefits of trade facilitation

- No universal definition of trade facilitation.
- Reflecting the diversity of its definition, most studies differ in terms of what TF measures they cover.
- The methodology to measure the effects of TF also vary.
- Based on the studies surveyed, reported benefits from TF could be significant but quite varied.
- Going forward, there is a need to come up with a more standardized framework and to develop data sources that could be used to analyze TF benefits

Thank you