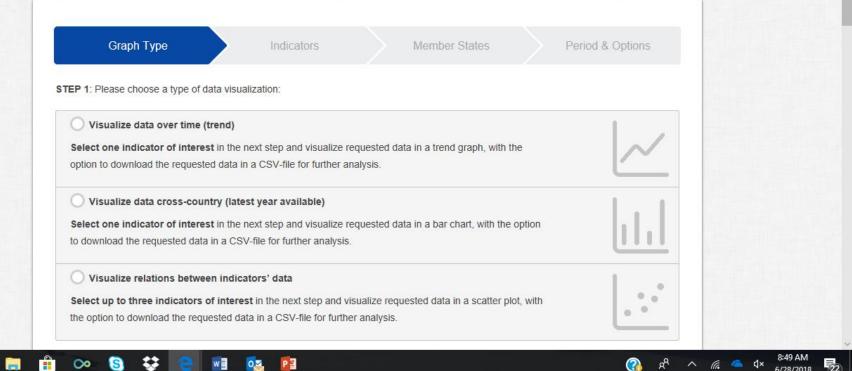
Trade Costs in Central Asia

a quick look at data from the ESCAP-World Bank Trade Cost Database





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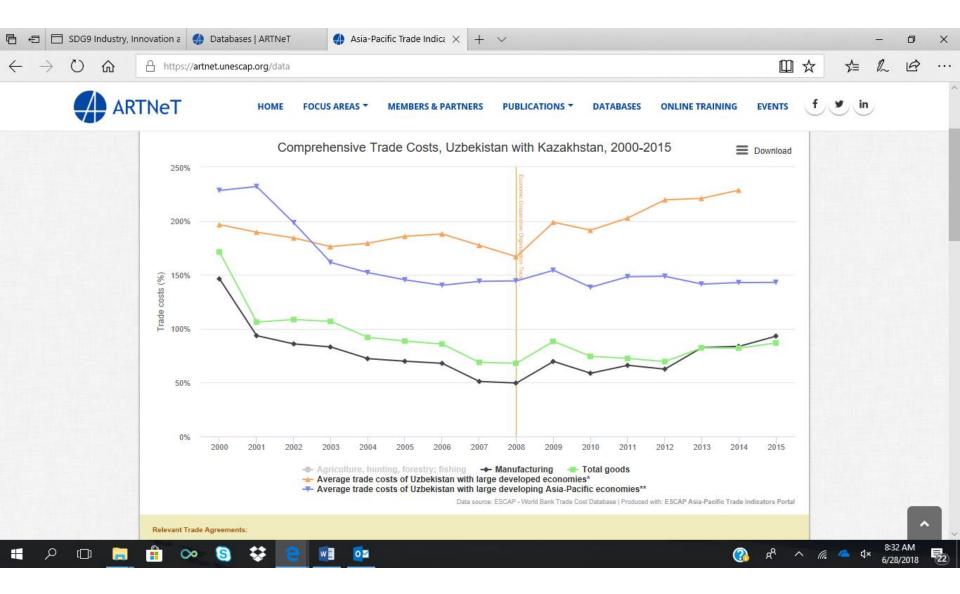
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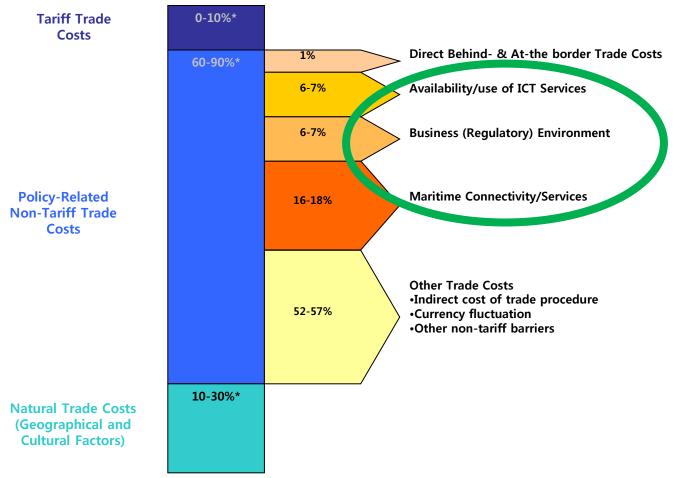




Key factors in lowering trade costs – Asia-Pacific Perspective



Contribution of natural barriers, behind-the border facilitation and trade-related practice to trade costs



* Illustrative based on casual observation of the data only. Natural trade costs for landlocked countries may be outside the range shown for natural trade costs.

Support from ESCAP on Aid for Trade Facilitation



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- Enabling paperless trade (Res. 68/3)
- Interim Intergov. Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation (Res. 70/6)
- Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Crossborder Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

Knowledge

Capacity Building

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- Single Window & Paperless Trade Implementation
- Trade & Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism
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- UNNExT Masterclass

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- Global Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade Implementation Survey
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