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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
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FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **UPDATES ON THE PHILIPPINE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE**

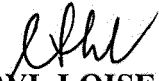
DATE : **28 APR 2023**

This has reference to the conduct of the 6th Philippine Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) Meeting held on 20 April 2023 via Zoom. Below are the updates/discussions on the said meeting:

- **Proposed Resolution on the Creation of the National Time Release Study Technical Working Group (NTRS-TWG).**
 - In preparation for the adoption of the proposed resolution, may we seek your comments/inputs on the draft resolution, particularly on the proposed composition and membership of the NTRS-TWG. Additionally, the DTI, as chair for the Trade Policy Review Technical Working Group (TPR TWG) is also seeking the Department's recommendations on the conduct of border procedures in relation to the release and/or clearance of goods.
 - For reference, attached is the draft Resolution with revisions from the TPR.
- **Report from the Chair of the Compliance Monitoring Technical Working Group (CMTWG), particularly on the implementation of TradeNet.**
 - Please be informed that on 14 April 2023, during a sectoral meeting on improving bureaucratic efficiency, President Marcos approved the use of TradeNet as one of the single operating systems for all government transactions. In this regard, we would like to request your updates on the onboarding to the TradeNet.
- Members particularly the Trade Regulatory Government Agencies (TRGAs) are encouraged to enroll on the UNCTAD E-Learning Platform: <https://forms.office.com/r/dhzFV9ANGe>. Enclosed is the PowerPoint presentation for your reference.

In this regard, we would appreciate receiving an advance copy of your responses on the above-mentioned PTFC-related matters on or before **04 May 2023**, through our email address: psddivision@gmail.com

For your information and appropriate action, please.


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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

PHILIPPINE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
Resolution No. _____
Series of 2023

**CREATION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON NATIONAL TIME
RELEASE STUDY (TWG-NTRS)**

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 136, series of 2021, provides for the creation of the Philippine Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC), which shall streamline and improve customs procedures and facilitate the implementation of rational, efficient, and simple customs rules that will reduce the cost of trade transactions, and enable micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises to participate more actively in international trade;

WHEREAS, under Article 7.6 of the World Trade Organization-Trade Facilitation Agreement (WTO-TFA), "Members are encouraged to measure and publish their average release time of goods periodically and in a consistent manner, using tools such as, inter alia, the Time Release Study of the World Customs Organization (WCO);"

WHEREAS, under Section 2.3 of EO No. 136, the PTFC can call on the assistance of and coordinate with relevant government agencies and stakeholders on various trade and trade-related concerns covered by the WTO-TFA and other trade facilitation commitments;

WHEREAS, the PTFC, in compliance to the above provision of the WTO-TFA, has committed to conduct a National Time Release Study (NTRS) to measure the clearance and release time of goods;

WHEREAS, the PTFC, ~~thru~~ through a meeting of its technical working groups (TWGs) has recommended the creation of a new TWG to conduct and supervise the NTRS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve the creation of the Technical Working Group on National Time Release Study, which shall be composed of the following:

NTRS PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM	
Chairman	Department of Finance (DOF)
Vice-Chairman	Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
Members	Department of Agriculture (DA) Department of Transportation (DOTr) Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

	Department of Energy (DOE)
	NTRS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
Head	Bureau of Customs (BOC)
Members	Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) Tariff Commission (TC) Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Department of Trade and Industry - Bureau of International Trade Relations (DTI-BITR) Department of Trade and Industry - Bureau of Import Service (DTI-BIS) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)
Secretariat	BOC TRS-TWG

BE IT RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the NTRS-TWG shall perform the following functions:

- a. Plan, conduct, and evaluate the result of the NTRS;
- b. Coordinate with and invite the participation of other concerned government agencies and stakeholders on the conduct of the NTRS;
- c. Work in close collaboration with the WCO TRS technical staff and accredited TRS experts nominated by the WCO;
- d. Determine and assess the performance of the government agencies concerned based on the TRS of import and export processes;
- e. Establish a baseline for trade facilitation performance measurement;
- f. Identify the bottlenecks in the supply chain for purposes of instituting possible corrective measures or trade facilitation improvements;
- g. Recommend possible corrective measures for creating a conducive environment for a seamless flow of goods, and opportunities for trade facilitation enhancements; and
- h. Perform such other functions as may be assigned.

BE IT RESOLVED, FINALLY, that a **NTRS-TWG** be created to conduct a National Time Release Study on the release and clearance of imported and exported goods.

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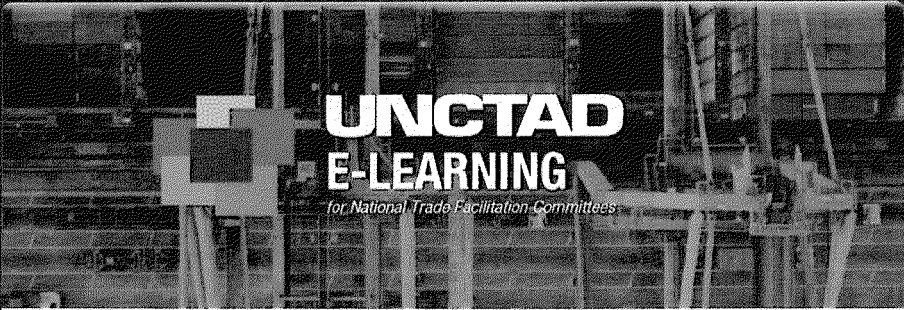
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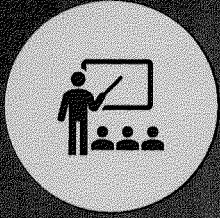


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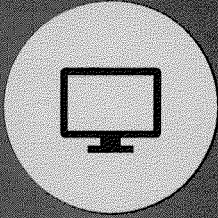


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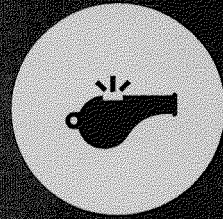
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Explore the most used trade facilitation indexes and Reports and understand the importance of using trade facilitation indexes and reports

National Trade Facilitation Committees

Understand the concept of national trade facilitation committees and identify the key factors that contribute to the success and sustainability of the committee

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Learn about the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and their relationship with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement



Standards and recommendations by UN/CEFACT

Explore various international standards, recommendations and tools designed and published by organizations like the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)



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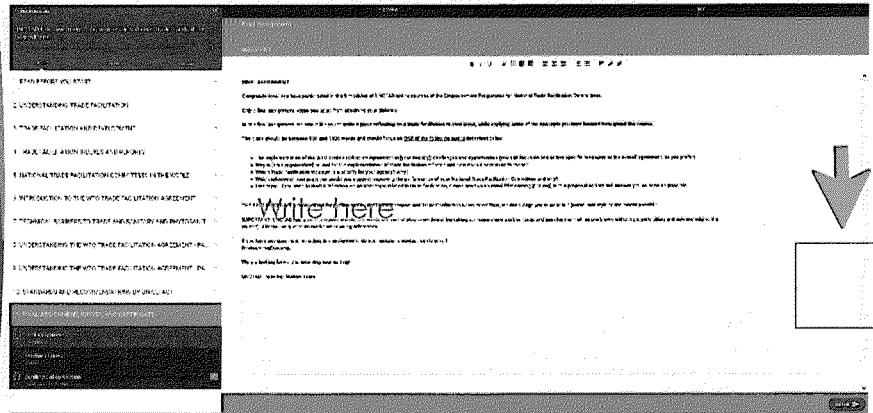
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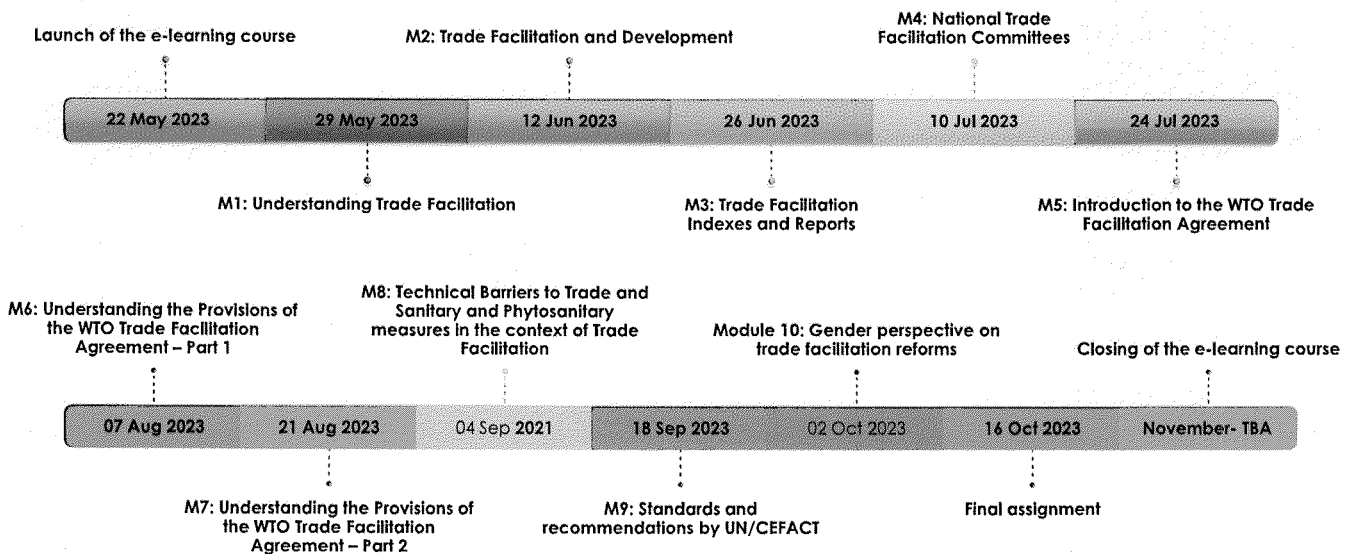
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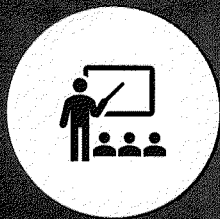
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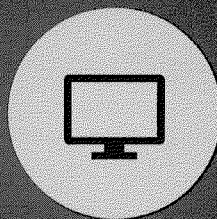
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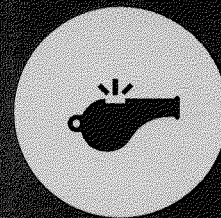
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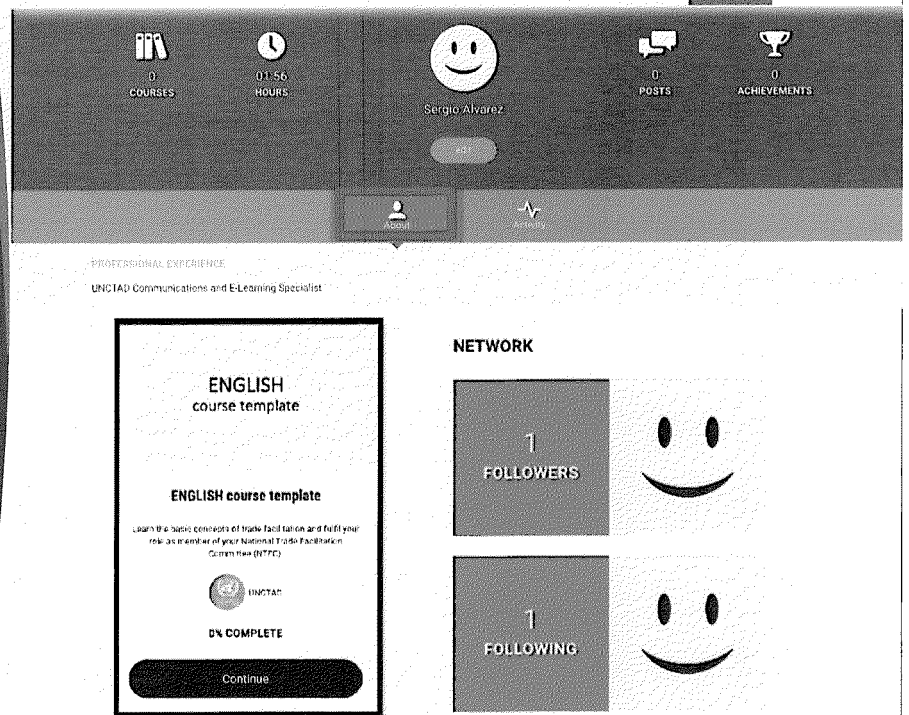


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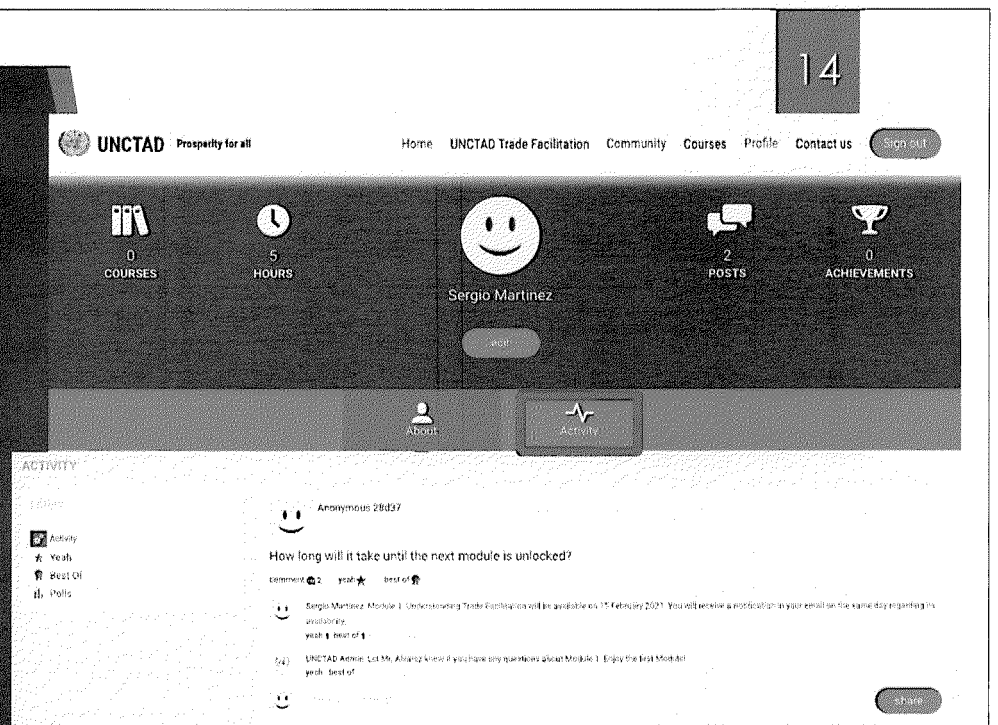
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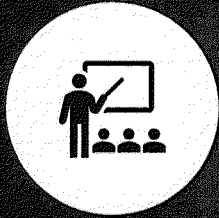
UNCTAD Advis Let Mr Alvarez know if you have any questions about Module 1. Enjoy the first Module! yash Best of

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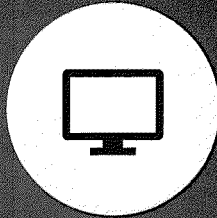
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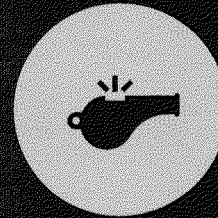
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Focus on empowering NTFC chairpersons to become result-oriented and enthusiastic trade facilitation leaders



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Learn key concepts of communication and how to apply them to draft a communication strategy for the NTFC



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Learn what is a national trade facilitation roadmap, its benefits and how to draft it in an inclusive way



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Learn key concepts of monitoring and evaluation and how to apply those to the work of the NTFC



How to draft a Resource Mobilization Strategy

Learn what is a resource mobilization strategy for trade facilitation, its benefits and how to draft one



How to draft trade facilitation project proposals

Get trained in the process of drafting trade facilitation project proposals



How to draft a knowledge transfer strategy

Learn key concepts of knowledge transfer and how to apply them to draft a knowledge transfer strategy for the NTFC



How to do Business Process Analysis

Learn a specific methodology to undertake Business Process Analysis of trade procedures to be able to better identify bottlenecks and redundancies



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