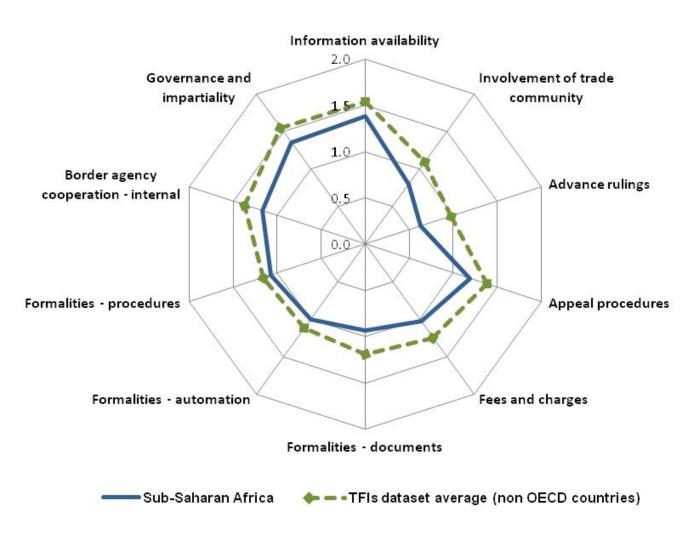


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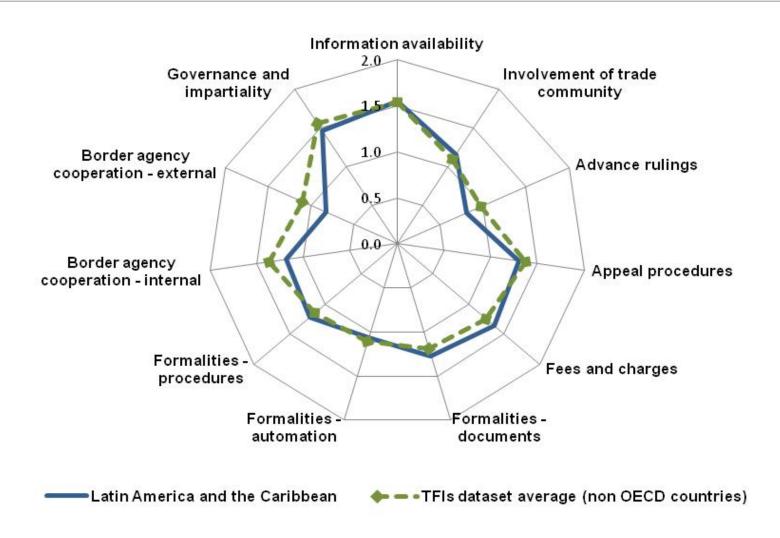


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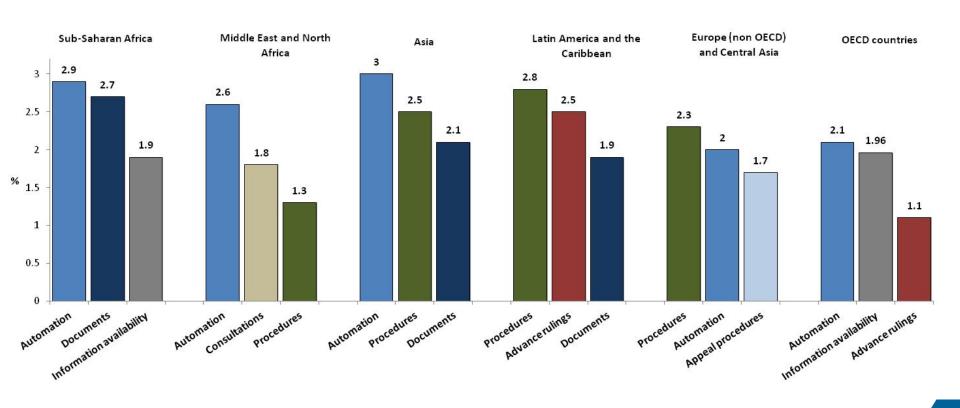


Latin America and the Caribbean





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> Comprehensive trade facilitation reform is more effective than isolated or piecemeal measures.

The potential cost reduction of all the trade facilitation measures combined is greater than the sum of their individual impacts - almost 14.5% for low-income countries, 15.5% for lower-middle-income countries, 13.2% for upper-middle-income countries



How can these findings be put into practice?

- > The use of the indicators in this proposed framework should enable countries sharing similar characteristics to better assess which trade facilitation dimensions deserve priority
- > This empirical evidence provides useful information to guide policymakers, private sector practitioners and other stakeholders on which might be the areas for which resource allocation could bring the highest benefits
- The set of variables identified shows that some measures for which costs are considerably lower than for larger infrastructure projects can bring high benefits (e.g. the simplification and harmonisation of documents, increasing information availability)



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