

March 27 Break Out Session: Ranking the Major Sources of Non-Tariff Barriers, Obstacles and Institutional, Capacity and Infrastructure Gaps

Group Discussion: In terms of institutional arrangements and activities, what do you think are the institutional capacity, and infrastructure gaps/shortfalls?

Instructions

- Discuss among the group what you think are the capacity gaps in each category provided in the matrix.
- List down the capacity short-falls and obstacles in column b.
- Please rank order of relevance (*0=not relevant; 1= somewhat important; 2= very important*) in column c.
- Give your reasons for the ranking in column d.

a. Category	b. What are the shortfalls and obstacles?	c. Ranking of importance*	d. Reasons for ranking
Dissemination of information on regulatory procedures, documentary requirements and other official information			
Cooperation between government entities: effectiveness and efficiency			
Cooperation with regional and international authorities and entities: effectiveness and efficiency			
Human resources: knowledge and experience of core staff in relevant state agencies			
Operating budgets: in relation to what specifically?			
Facilities: what are the gaps, and what investments in physical infrastructure are needed to fill these gaps?			
Sanitary and phytosanitary: in terms of technical expertise, communication, policies, institutions and facilities			
Technical barriers to trade: in terms of technical expertise, communication, policies, institutions and facilities			
Transit time and automated systems (or lack thereof)			
Public-private sector consultation mechanisms: effectiveness and efficiency			
Others			

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