

Aid for Trade through Trade Facilitation in Agricultural Products

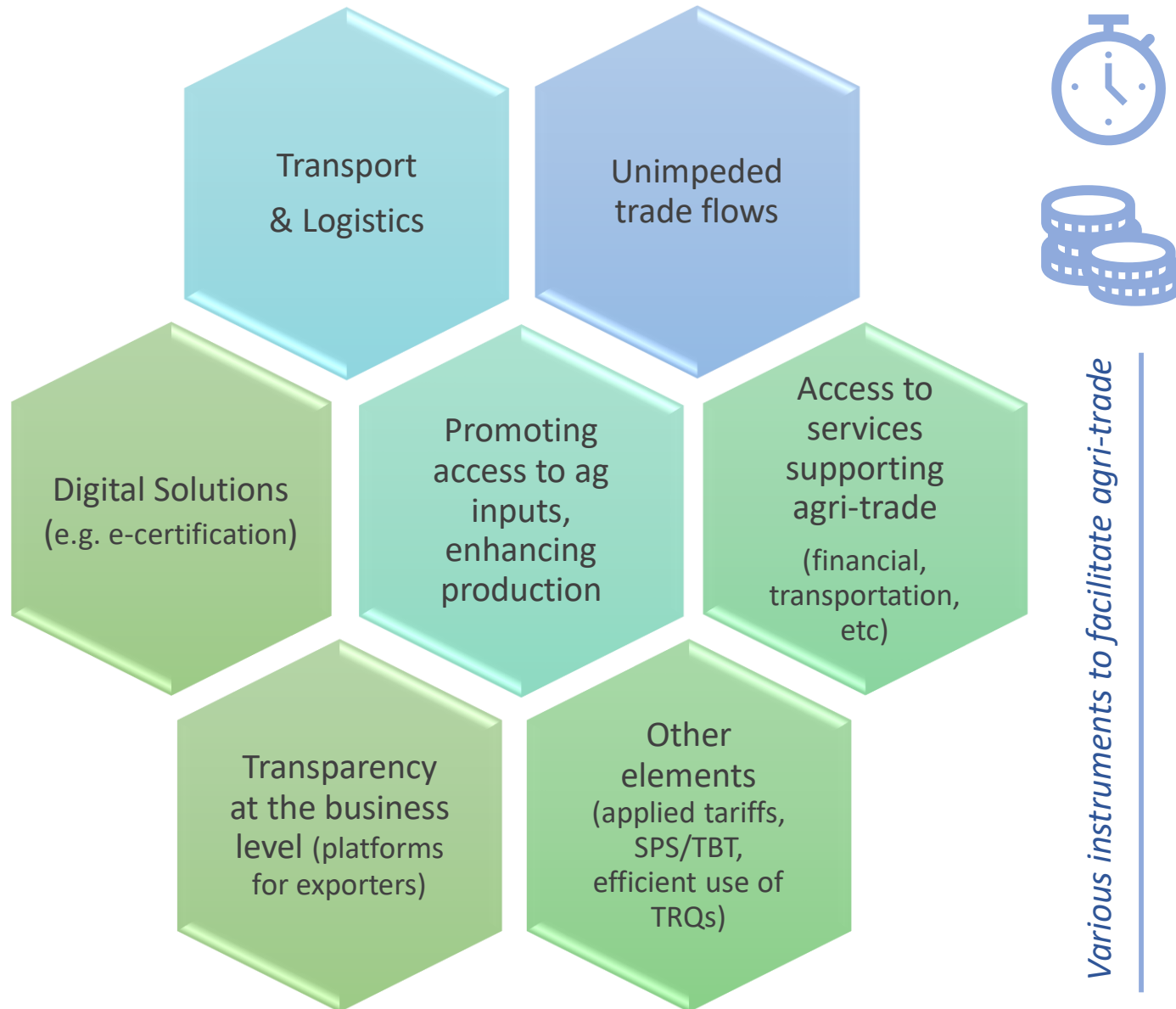
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Obstacles to Agri-Trade (and what to do about them)

Certain obstacles faced by developing countries and LDCs in particular	Various ways and means to address these problems through trade facilitation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Access to food and food insecurity▪ Trade-restrictive measures and other impediments▪ The need to enhance agricultural production and productivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Providing for the smooth movement of ag products→ Ensuring unimpeded trade flows→ Facilitating access to products and services needed for the resilience of the Ag sectors



Facilitating Trade in Agricultural Products to Strengthen Development



- WTO Trade Cost Index: in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – up to **25%** are associated with transport and logistics.
- Digital solutions: their implementation accounts for almost **40%** of the principal actions undertaken to improve SPS approval procedures.
- Supporting services: services sector inputs into the final value of agri-food products account for about **23%** in developing countries.

Major benefits of agricultural trade facilitation for development:

- (1) Promoting stable access to food
- (2) Mitigating food security concerns
- (3) Increasing the resilience of Ag sectors (by promoting access to ag inputs and supporting services), etc.