

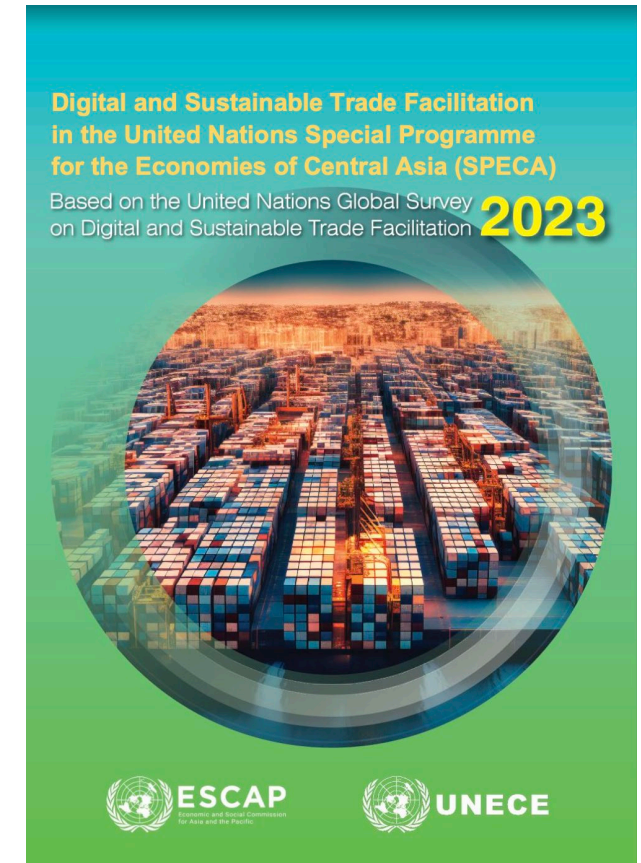
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Item 3: Trade facilitation and non-tariff barriers at a time of multiple crises

Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in SPECA 2023

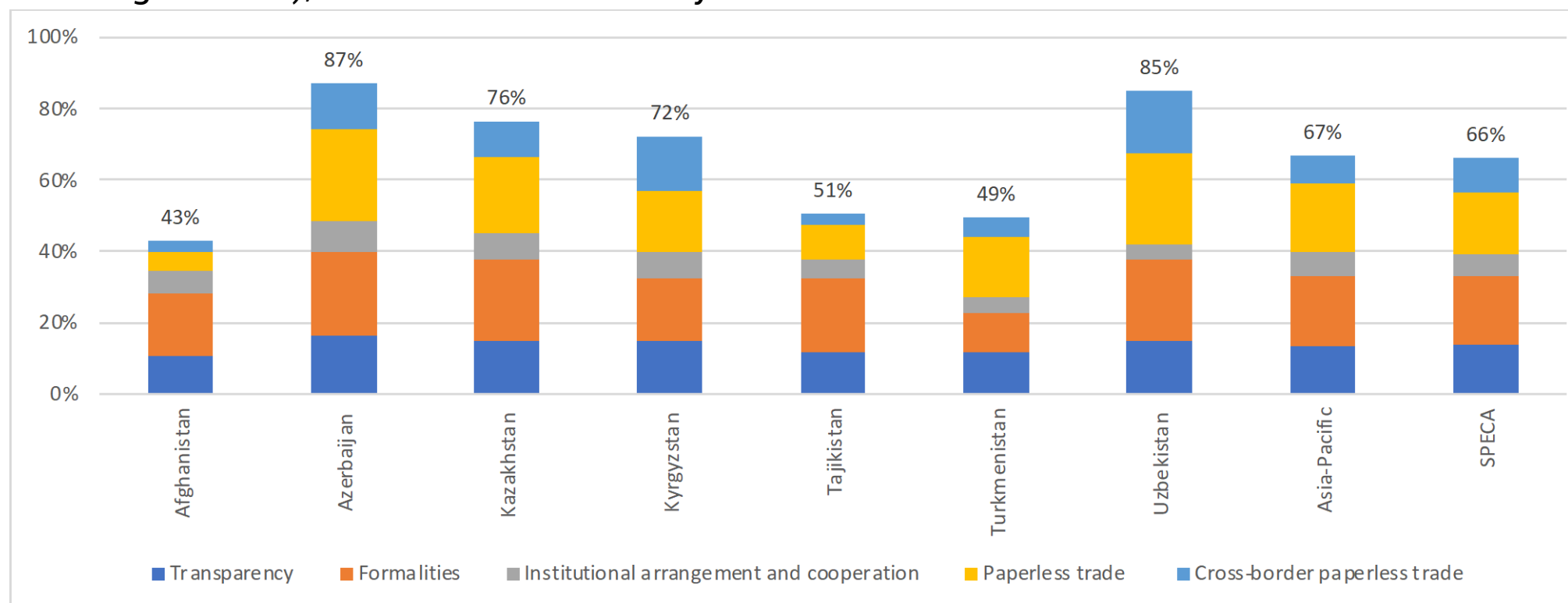
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Trade facilitation implementation in SPECA countries

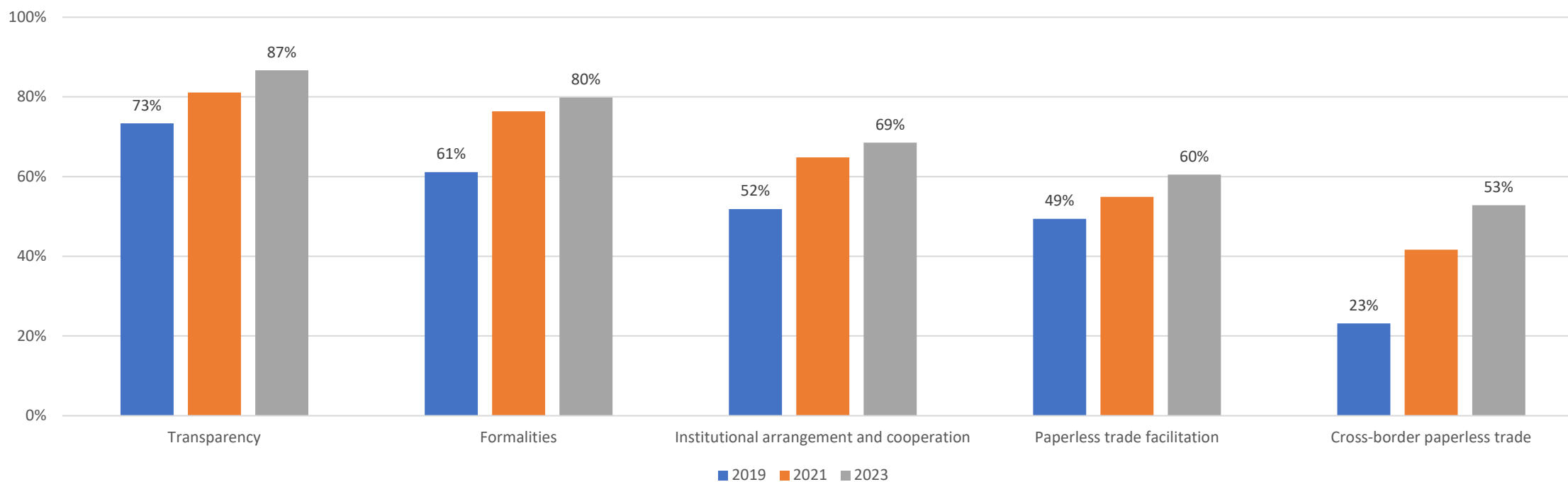
- SPECA achieved subregional implementation rate of 66% (similar level to the Asia-Pacific regional average of 67%), but varies considerably between countries



Source: Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in SPECA 2023

Implementation of different sub-groups of trade facilitation measures by SPECA countries

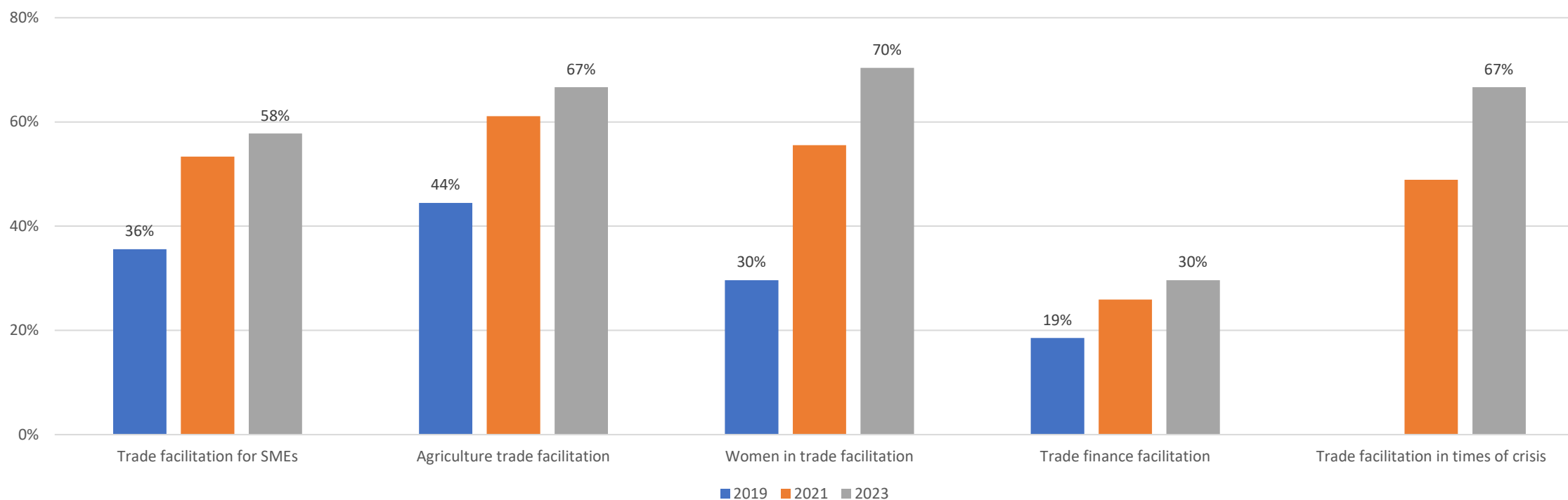
“Digital Trade Facilitation” implementation improved over the years, but still lagging behind.



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Significant progress in measures related to *'trade facilitation in times of crisis and pandemic'* and *'women in trade facilitation'*



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Expected trade cost reduction from alternative trade facilitation reforms

Trade digitalization can help to significantly *reduce trade costs by over 15%*.

SPECA: trade costs model	WTO TFA (binding only)		WTO TFA (binding + non-binding)		WTO TFA+ (binding + non-binding + other paperless and cross-border paperless trade)	
	Partially implemented	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	Fully implemented
Model 1						
Overall trade facilitation	-1.18%	-4.30%	-1.79%	-6.75%	-7.92%	-15.25%
Model 2						
General trade facilitation measures	-0.98%	-3.26%	-1.13%	-4.33%	-1.43%	-4.86%
Digital trade facilitation measures	-	-	-0.71%	-1.73%	-6.63%	-10.01%

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Supporting the Digital TF: Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA)

❑ A UN Treaty: enabling and action-oriented

- ✓ Open to interested (53) ESCAP member states (voluntary) to become parties

❑ Objective

- ✓ To facilitate cross-border paperless trade (data exchange) among willing ESCAP member states by providing a dedicated intergovernmental framework to develop legal and technical solutions
- ✓ Complementary to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) as well as (sub)regional efforts



SPECA countries already Party:

- Azerbaijan
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan

<https://www.unescap.org/projects/cpta>

Readiness assessment for cross-border paperless trade

18 national readiness assessment studies completed

Central Asia (8)

Armenia (2019)

Azerbaijan (2022)

Georgia (2022)

Kazakhstan (2022)

Tajikistan (2023)

Turkmenistan (2022)

Uzbekistan (2019)

South-East Asia (6)

Cambodia (2020)

Lao PDR (2022)

Myanmar (2019)

Philippines (2022)

Timore Leste (2020)

Viet Nam (2022)

South Asia (2)

Bangladesh (2019)

Nepal (2020)

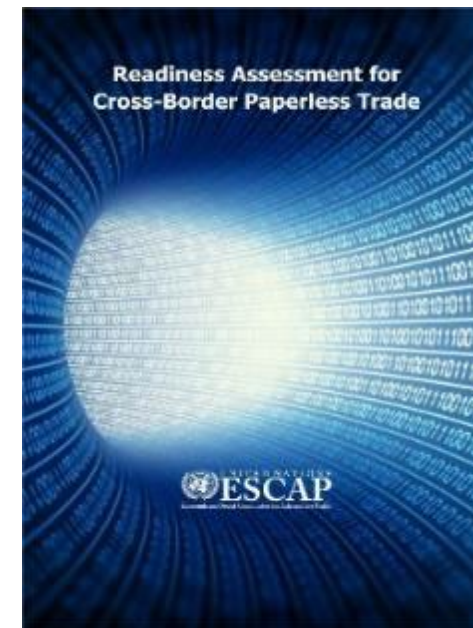
Pacific (2)

Tonga (2022)

Tuvalu (2023)

East & North-East Asia (1)

Mongolia (2019)



1 non Asia-Pacific

Mexico & planned for more

3 Updates

Bangladesh (w ADB), Nepal, Timor-Leste

- *Assessments of legal and technical readiness to identify where the country stands and analyze the gaps*
- *Leading to recommendations and individual action plans*

UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation

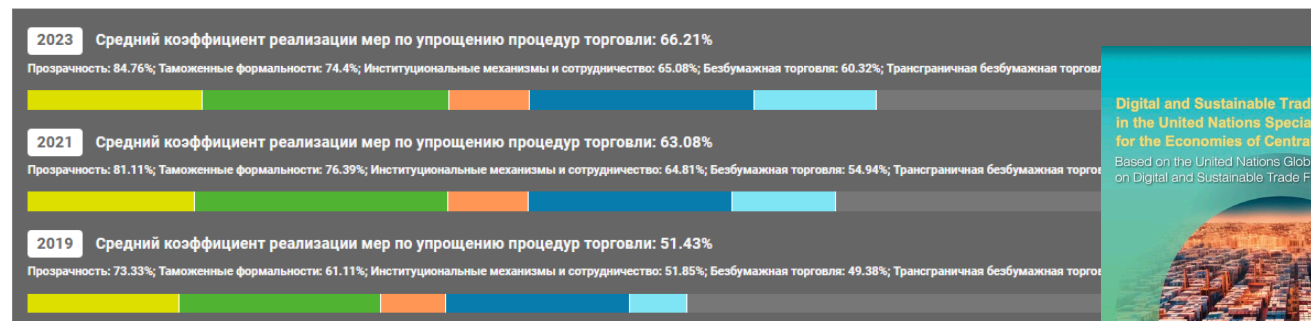
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