



## **DIGITIZING GLOBAL TRADE**

### **CREATING FAST AND SECURE CROSS-BORDER TRADE**

#### **THE CHALLENGE**

Inefficient procedures and bureaucratic barriers can cause unpredictable delays in cross-border trade. On the one hand, trade facilitation measures in developing and emerging countries create

incentives for international companies to invest in new markets. On the other hand, local companies benefit, as they can import and export faster and more cost effectively.

#### **WHAT WE DO**



**The Digitizing Global Trade (DGT) initiative aims to simplify and digitise trade processes in certain countries.**

In line with the central components of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, cross-border trade should become more efficient over a period of three years. In order to reach this goal, companies provide border authorities with digital freight information about goods before they are imported or exported (pre-arrival or pre-departure processing). In this way, the data can be used to carry out a risk assessment at the earliest possible stage. Thus, the goods can be controlled more efficiently and effectively. In addition, targeted trainings help to develop the expertise of exporters in accordance

with the newly defined requirements, processes and technical solutions.

The DGT projects are based on a modular structure. This means that the desired goals can be adapted to each project country individually. The goals base on a needs analysis for the respective country and are defined in close cooperation with the partners.

The DGT initiative is currently being implemented in Cambodia, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda and Côte d'Ivoire.



**Component 1: Strengthening Pre-Arrival Processing (PAP)**

**Component 2: Simplification/Digitisation of Export Procedures and Export Facilitation**

## RELATION TO THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

This project contributes towards the implementation of the following article of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Trade Facilitation.

- Article 7.1: Release and Clearance of Goods: Pre-Arrival Processing
- Article 7.4: Release and Clearance of Goods: Risk Management
- Article 10: Formalities relating to import to export and to transit



## THE BENEFITS

By improving trading environment, the project aims at

- faster and more secure import and export processes,
- increased transparency and compliance in supply chains as well as
- improved conditions for SMEs to access global value chains.

## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

The DGT initiative is open to all interest parties. Whether you are a business active in cross-border trade or a governmental institution interested in learning more about the project and potentially becoming a partner, please reach out to us.



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