

Specialised ITEC Training Programme on WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Implementation

Duration: 01 Week (23-29 September 2026)

Efficient implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) requires modern customs administration, digital systems, coordinated border management and risk-based controls. To provide practical insights into these areas, NACIN proposes an exposure-cum-capacity building programme for Geneva-based delegates and officials engaged in trade, customs, logistics, border management and WTO-related work.

The programme will showcase India's experience in implementing trade facilitation reforms through digital customs platforms such as ICES, ICEGATE, e-Sanchit, SWIFT and the Single Window system. Participants will gain an understanding of the institutional architecture supporting TFA implementation, including the National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF), National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP) and inter-agency coordination mechanisms.

Key themes will include WTO TFA provisions, advance rulings, transparency and predictability in trade procedures, risk management systems, customs targeting, testing and laboratory infrastructure, and trusted trader programmes such as the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) scheme. The programme will also examine logistics and connectivity reforms that contribute to faster, more efficient and predictable cross-border trade.

Interactive lectures, case studies, guided roundtables and peer-learning sessions will enable participants to exchange experiences, discuss implementation challenges and identify good practices relevant to their national contexts. A field visit to Bengaluru Airport Customs and Air Cargo Complex will provide first-hand exposure to import and export clearance processes, risk-based examination systems and stakeholder coordination in operational settings.

The programme is intended for officials working in customs administrations, trade ministries, regulatory agencies, logistics organizations and other institutions involved in trade facilitation and border management. It is designed as an exposure-cum-capacity building programme and not as a certification course.

Tentative Agenda

Day / Theme	09:45-11:00 hrs	11:00-11:15 hrs	11:15-12:30 hrs	12:30-13:45 hrs	13:45-15:00 hrs	15:00-15:15 hrs	15:15-16:30 hrs
Day 1 23 Sep 2026 <i>Programme Orientation & Digital Customs Ecosystem</i>	Registration, Inaugural Session, Group Photograph & High Tea		Programme Orientation & Participant Introductions		India's Digital Customs Ecosystem: ICES, ICEGATE, SWIFT, e-Sanchit, Single Window & PGA Integration		Roundtable: Digital Readiness and Single Window Challenges
Day 2 24 Sep 2026 <i>TFA Architecture & Institutional Coordination</i>	WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement: Structure, Obligations & Capacity Building	Break	Advance Rulings and Predictability in Trade	Lunch	NCTE, NTFAP 3.0, NTRS & Inter-Agency Coordination	Break	Roundtable: Institutional Arrangements for TFA Implementation
Day 3 25 Sep 2026 <i>Risk Management, Targeting & Testing Ecosystem</i>	Risk Management System (RMS) in Customs		National Customs Targeting Centre & Data-led Targeting		Customs Testing & Laboratory Ecosystem (CRCL and Testing Infrastructure)		Case Discussion: Risk Alerts, Testing Referrals & Misdeclaration Detection
Day 4 26 Sep 2026 <i>Cultural / Local Exposure</i>		Cultural / Local Exposure Visit (Subject to Administrative Feasibility)					
Day 5 27 Sep 2026 <i>Free Day</i>		No Formal Academic Sessions					
Day 6 28 Sep 2026 <i>Field Visit: Bengaluru Airport Customs & Air Cargo Complex</i>	Briefing & Import Clearance Process	Break	Export Clearance & Air Cargo Operations	Lunch	Risk-Based Examination & Facilitation Measures	Break	Interaction with Officers, Stakeholders & Debrief
Day 7 29 Sep 2026 <i>AEO implementation, Reflections & Valediction</i>	Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programme, WTO SAFE framework		Trusted Trader Approach, MRAs & EMI Scheme		Country Action Canvas & Feedback Session		Participant Reflections, Valediction & Certificate Distribution