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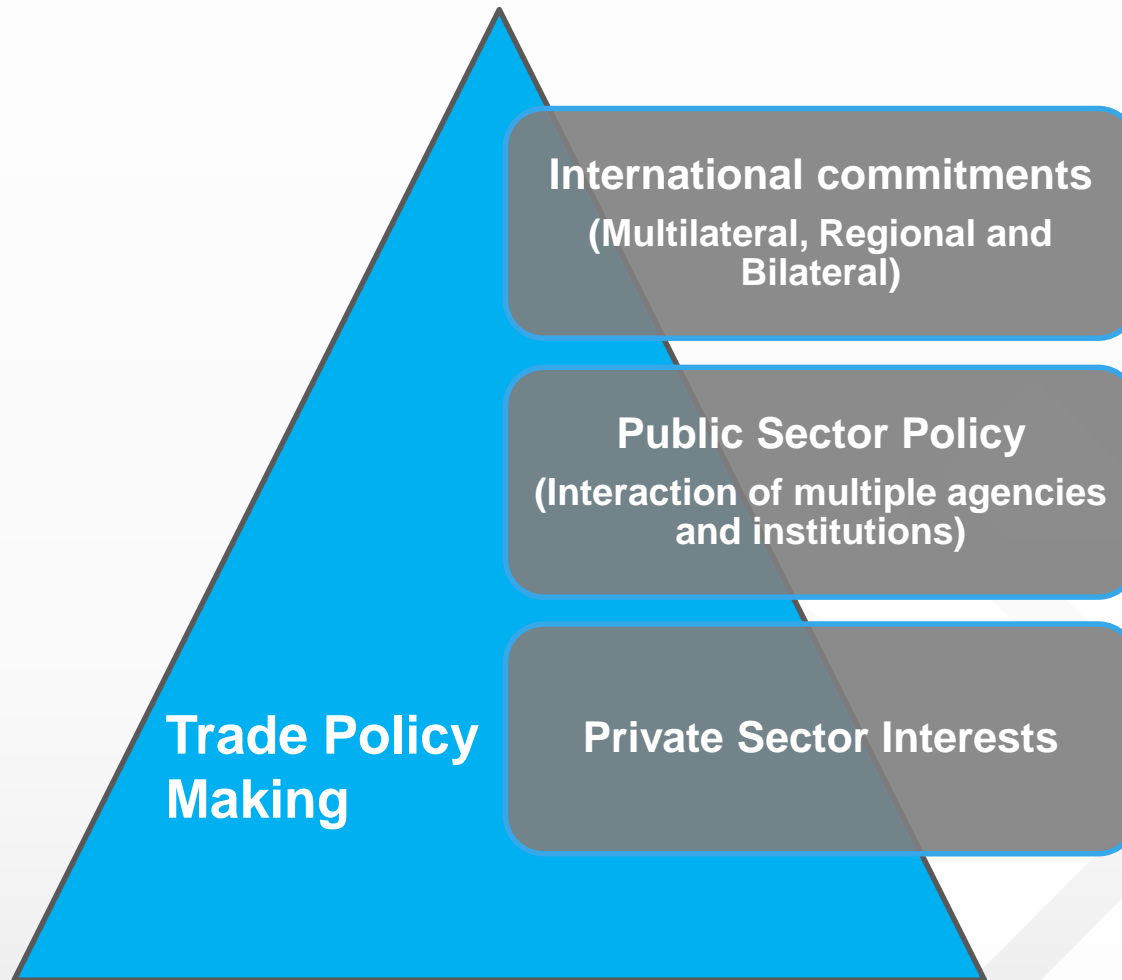
Building Linkages with the Private Sector

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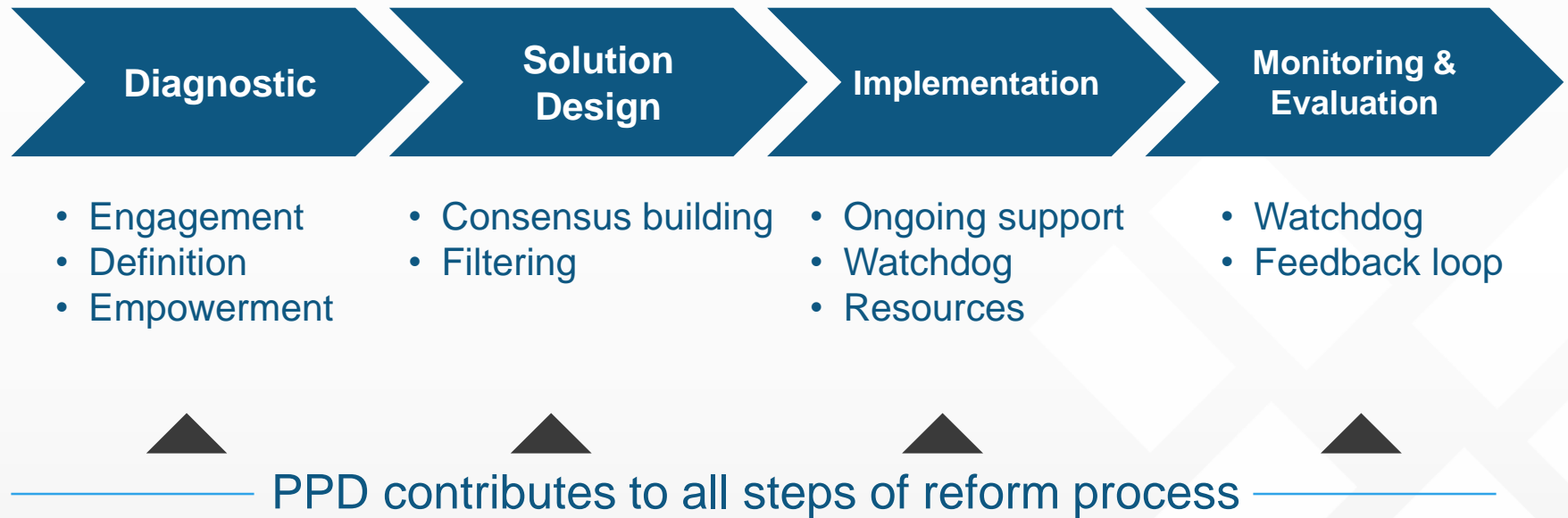


Trade policy reform is the interaction of:



Public – private partnerships are integral throughout the process of trade policy making...

Structured dialogue ► Workable reforms ► Reforms that work



Source: World Bank

ITC's has provided support for Accessions to...



Samoa



Liberia



Yemen



Sudan



Lao PDR



Tajikistan



Uzbekistan

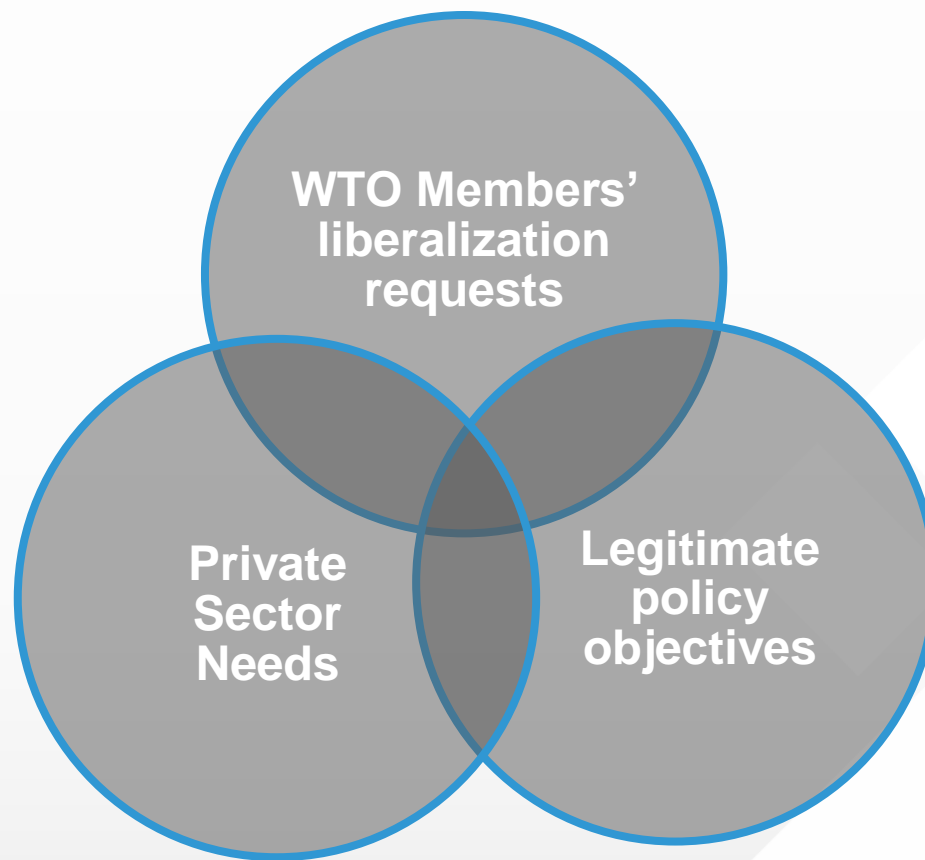
✓ **Currently underway**



Iraq

✓ **Commencing a project to support Accession**

The Accession process involves balancing interests



Accession to WTO brings several benefits to acceding Members

- ✓ **Greater security and predictability of access to markets** of other WTO Members
- ✓ **More business-friendly environment** that helps attract foreign direct investment and increase productivity
- ✓ **Greater protection for the private sector** against harmful trade actions by other countries
- ✓ **Safeguard national interests** by participating actively in international trade negotiations

Accession brings a number of obligations, which pose challenges for public and private sectors

- ✓ Acceding Members are expected to **offer access to their markets in goods and services**
- ✓ They also have to bring their **laws, procedures and institutions into conformity with the WTO**

Integrating the private sector into WTO Accession related reforms

Private sector understands the impact of WTO Accession – Its Benefits, Challenges and Opportunities

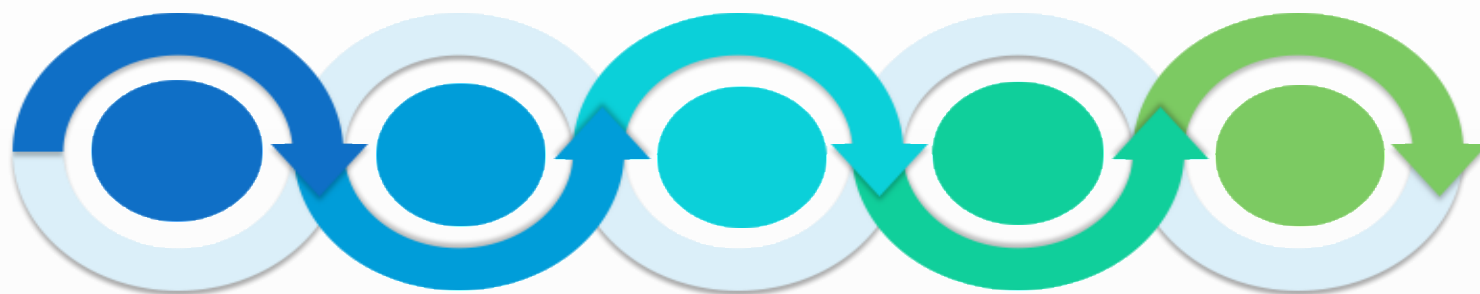


Private sector institutions are enabled to canvass support for and articulate business interests in the WTO Accession process



Government integrates business priorities into negotiating positions and policy/regulatory reforms

ITC Project to Support Iraq's WTO Accession Process – Funded by the European Union



Informed **drafting of documentation & negotiating positions** required for **WTO accession process**



Enhanced capacity for the **development of specific sectoral laws & regulations** to align Iraq's national trade policy with the WTO Rules



Increased policymakers' **understanding of WTO accession process & legal framework**



Strengthened **national institutional capacity for SPS/TBT & Trade Facilitation compliance** in line with WTO obligations



Enhanced **awareness of stakeholders**, including women's associations, **about WTO accession**

Thank you for your attention

