



Addressing LDCs' constraints in using international support measures

Briefing

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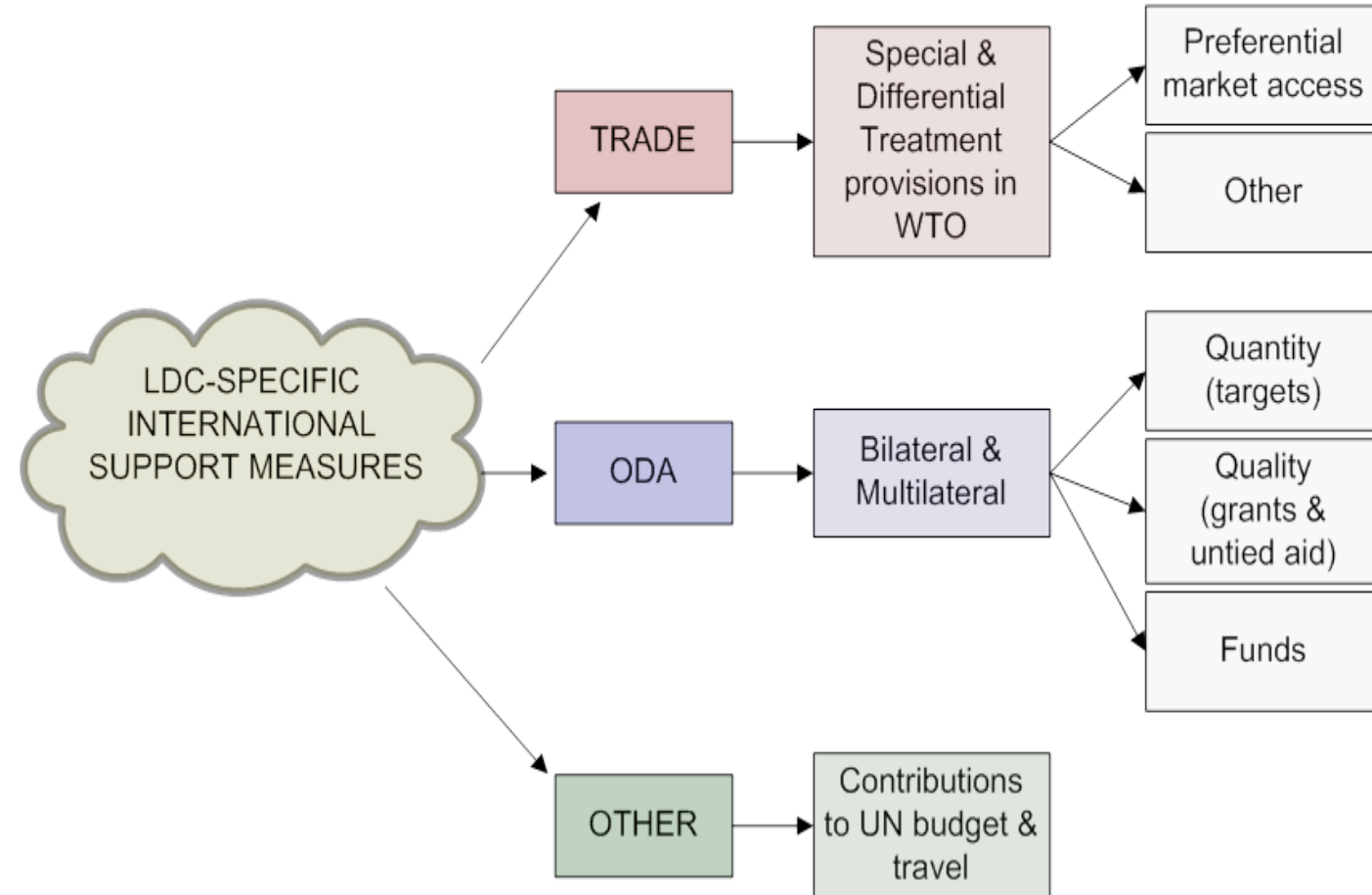
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Background

Background: DESA capacity building activities

- LDCs are low-income countries suffering from structural handicaps to sustainable development
- Category allows for special International Support Measures to tackle specific problems
- However: **limited use**
Why????
Limited awareness!



Source: Committee for Development Policy (CDP) Secretariat

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Support Measures Portal for Least Developed Countries

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Improving Access to Support Measures

This Portal gives users access to information about special international support measures (ISMs) adopted by the international development community for countries included in the LDC category. ISMs are meant to assist LDCs in confronting their special development challenges and in achieving progress towards graduation from the category. The measures can be grouped into 3 broad areas of assistance:

- Trade**
International support measures from development partners related to international trade.
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- Development**
Support measures related to the volume and quality of Official Development Assistance.
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Other support measures such as dedicated travel funds and caps on contributions to the UN.
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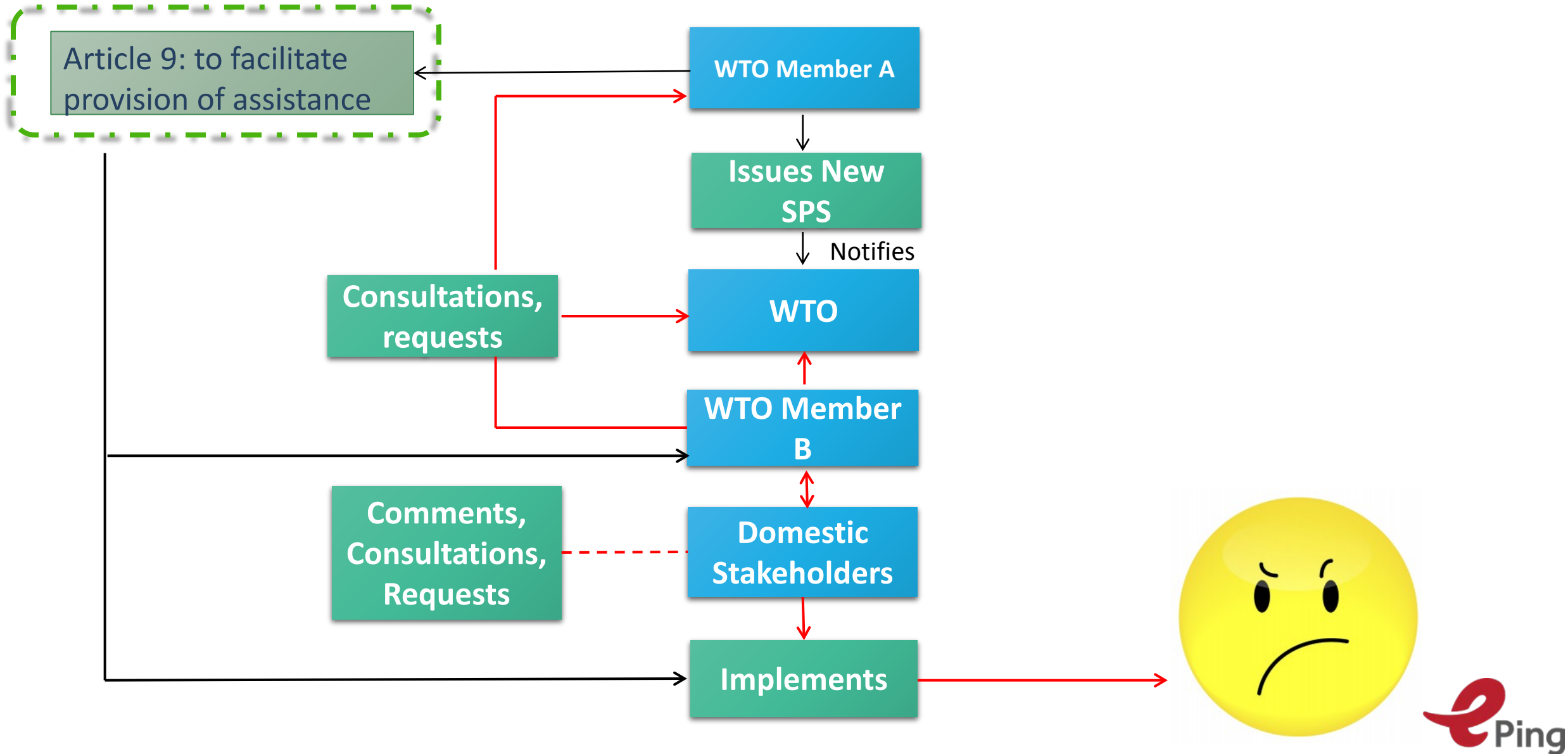
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Bilateral ODA to LDCs in

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Accessing International Support Measures requires more than awareness...



An illustration: SPS Agreement



ISM use requires productive *and* institutional capacity: constraints!

What are institutional constraints?

- Lack of information among stakeholders (country level: trade-related ministries, exporters, producers, standardization bodies, private sector)
- Communication and coordination failures (internal and external)
- Inappropriate institutional arrangements in and among government agencies and/or with partners
- Deficiencies related to human resources



The project



Removing institutional constraints in the utilization of trade-related ISMs

Objective:

- Increase institutional capacity in LDCs to access and effectively use the trade-related ISMs

Expected accomplishments:

- Improved capacity to
 - set priorities for accessing trade-related ISMs
 - tackle institutional constraints in accessing and sharing information on trade-related ISMs
- Feedback to intergovernmental processes

Principles:

- Building up: pilot countries participated in LDC portal initiative
- Staggered: sharing country experiences
- Avoiding duplication: delivering as one

Project implementation

Two phases:

- **Diagnosis and validation:** field studies and background research to detect institutional constraints
- **Intervention:** identification and implementation of measures to address constraints

Pilot countries:

- Uganda, the Gambia, Lesotho and Nepal

- **Country context:** identify priority exports & validation
- **Matching** ISMs with exports (SWOT + interviews)
- **Prioritizing:** surveys; CBA; selection Exports-ISMs combinations & validation
- **Plan** removal of institutional constraints
- **Strengthen** institutional capacity
- **Increased access to ISMs**

Findings: common challenge

→ Communication gaps between public and private sector in SPS and TBT area

Key concepts: SPS and TBT

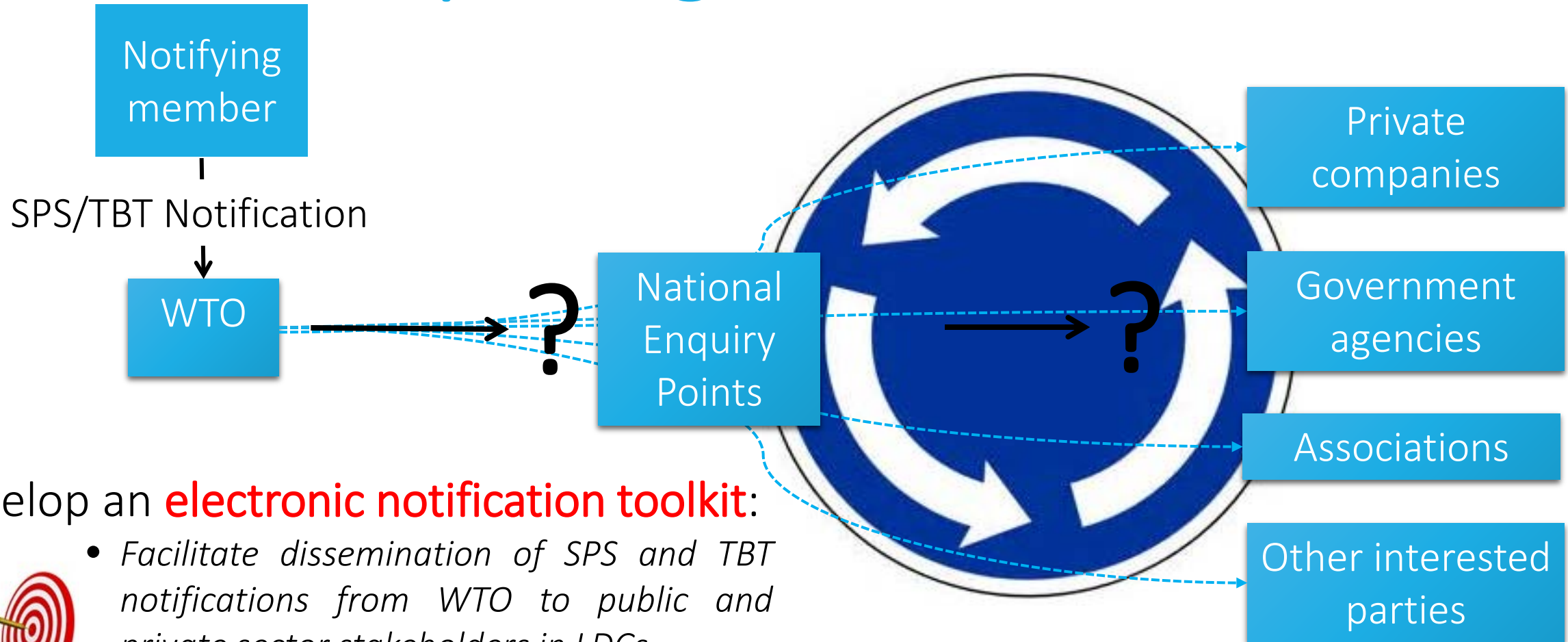
→ SPS and TBT regulations define **product requirements** for imported goods:

- SPS: Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (food, plants, health, etc.)
- TBT: Technical Barriers to Trade (labeling, packaging, etc.)



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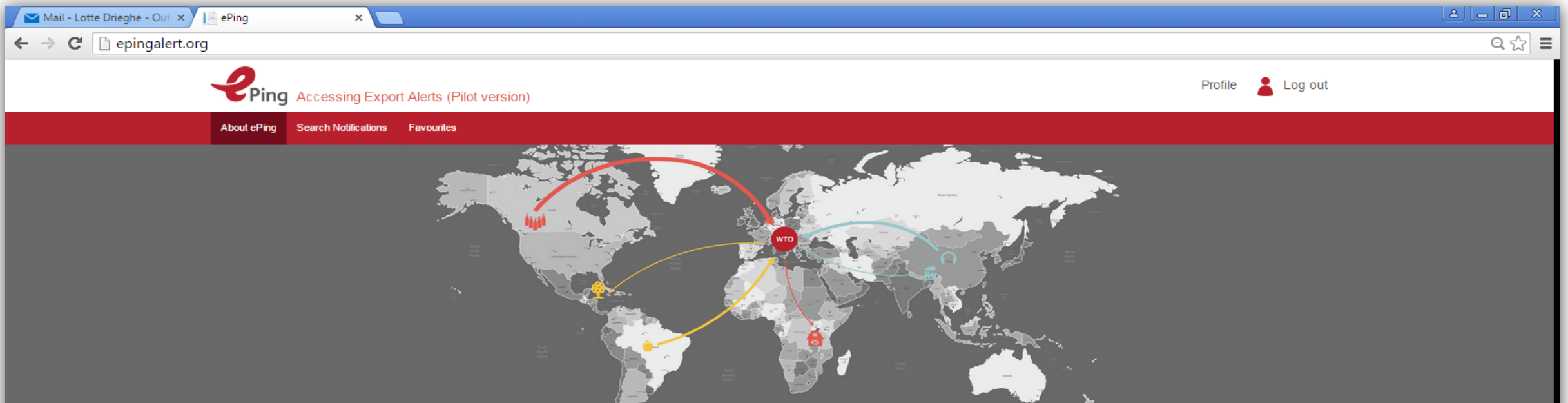
Solving lack of awareness & improving communication flows



→ Develop an **electronic notification toolkit**:

- Facilitate dissemination of SPS and TBT notifications from WTO to public and private sector stakeholders in LDCs
- Increase awareness and understanding of SPS and TBT measures





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Users:

- Public and private sector stakeholders
- National enquiry points (NEP)

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ICS codes

All codes

HS codes

All codes

Subject

All SPS TBT

Notifying members

All countries

Update

The "ePing" is being developed to inform you about changes in SPS and TBT

The alert option allows you to subscribe to user-defined email alerts about new SPS

With the search function, you can search all WTO SPS and TBT notifications using

...ing is developed under the UN DESA project "Building institutional capacity in the use of trade-related International Support

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Products of interest

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Receiving daily/weekly email alerts

ePing Alert - 28/10/2015

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To: Lotte Drieghe; ...

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Registration filter

Notifier	Title, Symbol and Description of content	Products	Comment deadline	Links
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for... G/SPS/N/SAU/184 This draft technical regulation applies to the improvers mixtures used for packaged Arabic coffee.	Prepackaged mixed improvers of Arabic coffee (ICS Code:...	26/12/2015	EN
Singapore	Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2015 G/SPS/N/SGP/56 The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) has completed a review of the Food Regulations and proposes the following amendments: a) To include a requirement that products labelled as "organic" (or similar terms) must be certified as...	Food	26/12/2015	EN
Jordan	Ministry of Agriculture Decision dated 10 September 2015 number 4/4/26247 entitled "Measures recommended by the Plant..." G/SPS/N/JOR/36 The Ministry of Agriculture decided to impose a temporary ban on the importation of onions from the Netherlands. The new decision is based on phytosanitary measures concerning the imports of onions to prevent the introduction of the following...	Onions	Emergency	EN
United Arab Emirates	Lifting of the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat... G/SPS/N/ARE/59 Regarding Follow-up report No. 4 (Final report) of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Ontario/Canada on 8 October 2015, the United Arab Emirates is lifting the ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry...	Live poultry (HS Code: 0105) and poultry products including...	Emergency	EN
Chinese Taipei	G/TBT/N/TPKM/221			EN ES FR
United Arab Emirates	G/TBT/N/ARE/278			EN ES FR
United Arab Emirates	G/TBT/N/ARE/279			EN ES FR

Benefits of ePing



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Moving forward



Tripartite co-operation on notification alert mechanism

- *Build on ePing pilot*
- *Benefit from expertise of participating agencies*
- *Outreach and training*
- ✓ Establish sustainable global notification alert system
- ✓ Work towards more integrated trade information systems





Key dates for 2016

- **June 2016:** Launch at mid-term review of IPOA
- **14 to 16 June 2016:** WTO TBT Committee meeting – presentation by pilot countries
- **8 November 2016:** Presentation during WTO TBT transparency workshop



Thank you!

