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High-Level Plenary

Leveraging Advanced Technologies for Trade Facilitation: Role of Development Partners



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Panel Discussion

Question 1

Why should governments prioritize digital transformation now, and what do you see as the critical elements for successful implementation?



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Question 2

How can developing partners help government agencies accelerate the implementation of policy actions?



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Question 3

How can development partners assist evidence-based decisions? How can development partners fill the gap between policy makers and technicians?



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Question 4

How can development partners ensure that their resources are directed toward the most relevant trade facilitation processes and formalities, while also promoting interoperability and sustainability?



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Question 5

How can development partners play a role to bridge public sector and private sector to implement trade facilitation measures?



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Question 6

Where should development partners put their efforts to have the greatest impact in advancing digital trade facilitation?



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Question 7

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How can development partners ensure their knowledge products and tools are effectively utilized by governments in developing digital trade facilitation measures? How can we bridge this gap between research and implementation?



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Question 8

What are the key principles or fundamental factors that ensure digital trade facilitation initiatives create lasting positive impact? What should development partners and governments keep in mind beyond the technical aspects?



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Discussion with Audience

