

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Arab Trade Gateway Platform A set of tools to facilitate Arab global and regional integration

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The Portal

The portal provides a comprehensive and multidimensional overview of key business issues affecting areas such as

- 1. market access problems
- **2.** trade **performance** issues
- 3. trade negotiations
- **4.** and **other** relevant questions

Regarding market access issues

The portal provides tools and information about:

- Trade Agreements: It provides access to the original text of all trade agreements.
- 2. Coverage and analysis of **trade facilitation** issues
- Interactive tools to assess trade costs
- 4. As well as a review of **logistics** information affecting trade

On commercial performance issues

the portal provides dynamic and interactive tools such as

- **1. The trade flow portal**, which provides detailed data on trade flows in the region,
- 2. SIMAEI, provides monitoring and assessing progress towards Arab Global and Regional Economic Integration performance
- **3. ISPAR**, a tool that allows policy makers to track the impact of issues affecting trade on a country's **national ranking** on many dimensions, such as than measured **by international indices**

For trade negotiations

the gateway gives access to

- 1. Arab Economy wide Trade Simulator
- 2. Which allows policy makers to undertake simulations regarding changes in applied tariffs and other trade costs using a large choice of sectors and partners
- 3. Policy makers will also be able to use the gateway to analyze **competition** policies.

These tools and other information on the gateway can be used by policy makers and private companies.

1. For policy makers,

It can help **design** appropriate **export promotion strategies** on markets selected in a way to make **new trade preferences and opportunities known and useful by private operators**.

It can also help the policy makers to **modernize agreements** or/and to implement responses policies to **reduce challenges and increase opportunities**

These tools and other information on the gateway can be used by policymakers and private companies.

2. For private companies,

the gateway represents a **plethora of information and tools** that they can be used to **understand the business issues** in the region and how it **affects their own businesses** but also to **identify opportunities** and markets for their goods and services

Finally,

The Arab Trade Gateway is not only a data provider, but it goes beyond that by

- 1. providing detailed and plausible assessments of trade integration schemas and
- 2. other interactive policy tools

that can lead to the development of effective trade policies and improve trade relations in the region.

