

TFAF PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT (PPG) (TFAF/PPG/AGO/012)

The Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF) provides Project Preparation Grants (PPGs), up to a maximum of US\$30,000 for the following purposes (of a combination thereof):

- to prepare a project proposal, analytical report or diagnostic study that may be used to acquire implementation assistance from a Partner.
- to prepare for an application for a TFAF project implementation grant.

PPG TITLE	Angola Customs Broker
Budget requested from TFAF	USD 30,000
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1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

1.1 What is the purpose of this PPG? Explain whether it is requested to i) prepare a project proposal, ii) an analytical report, iii) or diagnostic study, or iv) TFAF PG application?

ii) Analytical report

1.2 General Objective

The Government of Angola has the necessary information to design and implement a new framework for the optional use of customs brokers.

1.3 Specific Objectives

Investigate the current situation with regards to customs brokers in Angola and identify changes that need to be introduced and activities to be carried out by the Customs Services

of the Angola Revenue Administration as well as the national broker association to support of the transition to the new optional customs broker model.

2. EXPLAIN THE CURRENT SITUATION AND THE PROBLEM TO ACQUIRE IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE FROM A PARTNER

2.1 Explain briefly the current situation with regards, to the implementation of the Article.

The Angolan Customs Code, approved by Decree Law N° 05/06 of 4 October 2006, stipulates that any person with the right to dispose of goods has the right to act as declarant. The declarant is responsible to customs for the truthfulness and accuracy of the information contained in the goods declaration and for the payment of duties and other customs taxes due, thus making the use of Customs Brokers services “optional”.

However, in practice the effective implementation of article 34 of the Customs Code still poses a challenge, hence there is a need for measures to be designed at the level of customs administration and the custom broker association to support the implementation of this article, which would be useful and beneficial to traders, customs brokers and the customs administration.

At the same time, the Presidential Decree no. 126/20, of 5 May, which regulates the administrative procedures to be observed in the licensing of imports and exports, also presents constraints regarding the entities able to issue license import and export processes.

Angola notified the Article 10.6 – Use of Customs Brokers, as category C, and for the purpose of its implementation, technical assistance would be required.

2.2. Explain briefly why a TFAF Grant is needed, i.e. why are other donors unable to support.

In October 2023, Angola requested support from the TFAF to identify a technical assistance partner for the implementation of several TFA provisions, including Article 10.6. The TFAF circulated an Expression of Interest to its network of development partners on 18 November to identify a partner able and willing to respond to this request immediately. No partner came forward.

In April 2024, the TFAF Secretariat met with the delegation of Angola the implementation needs related to the transition to the optional Customs Broker model. The delegation of Angola expressed the need to have better information on the current situation, its shortcomings, possible areas and approaches for improvement.

2.2 Explain how this grant will address the challenge acquiring the notified assistance and capacity building gap support form a partner and thus contribute to the implementation of the Article.

The analytical report will allow the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) to determine the next steps to be implemented to address legal and capacity gaps in view of sustaining the transition to the optional customs broker model. These steps can be implemented

domestically without or with further assistance and capacity building provided by a partner. The report will clearly identify those areas that need to receive additional assistance from development partners.

2. IMPLEMENTATION AND BUDGET

2.1. Provide information on the expected deliverables and beneficiaries.

immediate beneficiary is the Government of Angola, as represented by the Customs Services of the Finance Ministry. The political partner of the activity is the National Trade Facilitation Committee, as represented by its Executive Secretariat.

The expected outputs are:

- Written report covering the current situation and determining next steps;
- Validation workshop with stakeholders in Angola on the analytical findings.

2.2 Provide information on the tasks and responsibilities of the implementing partner and applicant.

Implementing partner

The grant will be implemented by international expert(s) with long-time experience with customs brokerage and different practices and experiences of brokerage models.

The implementing partner is responsible for the following tasks.

- Conduct desk research and compile relevant information regarding the context;
- Conduct interviews – online and in-person – with stakeholders from the private sector and the customs administration to collect information related to the current situation and required interventions with regards to issues such as licensing and responsibilities of customs brokers, knowledge and capacity of brokers, compliance management licensing and the role of the brokers' association;
- Prepare for and facilitate a validation workshop of the findings;
- Prepare for and facilitate a workshop for relevant stakeholders on best practices;
- Draft analytical report that includes the recommendation of the next steps and the determination of technical assistance needs and potential partners .

The Angola NTFC Executive Secretariat is responsible for

- Collecting relevant background documentation and sharing them with the experts.
- Assist the international experts with the conduct of the interviews.
- Invite and prepare for the in-person stakeholder workshop and validation workshop.

- Provide documents on the draft report to the consultant within 2 weeks from submission of the report.
- Provide final comments on the final report to the consultant within 2 weeks from the submission of the updated report.

2.3. Provide a Budget

The budget for implementation is **USD 30,000.00**. The estimated budget breakdown is as follows:

Expenses type	Responsible	Estimated Budget (USD)
Expertise	Fees for international consultants	Up to 26,000 USD
International Travel	The expert(s) is expected to travel to Angola once	
Other expenses	Translation and interpretation service	4,000 USD
TOTAL		30,000 USD

Appendixes

1. Terms of Reference - Lead Expert
2. Terms of Reference – Supporting Expert