

The Trade Obstacles Alert Mechanism (Mécanisme d'alerte aux obstacles au commerce [MAO](#) [C](#)), allows traders to report a trade barrier in the UEMOA (*Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine*) Region and to monitor their solving process. UEMOA already developed in 2006 an "Observatory of Abnormal Practices", (Observatoire des Pratiques Anormales) to monitor harassment practices along the main West African corridors.

Now this Regional Economic Community has adopted a full-fledged NTBs-monitoring mechanism similarly to the Tripartite (EAC-COMESA-SADC) and the African Union (read our article [here](#)).

Most of problems reported on the platform refer to regulatory problems and discriminatory practices adopted by border officials.