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At the end of a [five-day meeting](#) in Nairobi ended on 24 August 2021, the Joint Commission on Cooperation (JCC), a bilateral organ comprising officials from Kenya and Tanzania established to resolve issues affecting areas of cooperation, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed to strengthen bilateral relations between the respective countries.

In June 2021, a month after the State visit by Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu to Kenya, the JCC identified [64 tariff and non-tariff barriers](#) obstructing trade between the two countries. During the Nairobi meeting, the JCC revealed that progress has been made in addressing 30 of these barriers, and that the remaining 34 issues will be solved before the end of this year.

Tanzania authorities also declared that the Single Window system will be fast tracked so to allow their traders to benefit from a faster clearance of goods.

According to the UNECE (United Nation Economic Commission for Europe) Recommendation No 33, [lastly updated on 2020](#), a Single Window is a facility (in most cases an electronic platform) that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardized information and documents with a single entry point to fulfill all import, export and transit-related regulatory requirements. Its main aim is to simplify regulatory formalities and reduce operating costs for traders, by avoiding them to submit redundant information and data to all the actors involved in cross-border operations.

The Tanzania Electronic Single Window System (TeSWS) was launched in 2014 but encountered a series of delays since its onset, especially because of the migration of Customs, in the same year, from Asycuda to TANCIS (Tanzania Customs Integrated System), the new IT customs management system that is currently used for processing customs declarations. The introduction of TANCIS made necessary to develop some adjustments to the single window in order to be integrated with the new system.

The TeSWS is currently into a pilot phase and therefore is not fully operational, although the interface has already been developed and is [online](#).

The Tanzania Ministry of Industry and Trade has recognized the role that the TeSWS will play in facilitating trade in the nation and included the operationalization of this tool in its [Strategic Plan for the period of 2021/22 – 2025/26](#), adopted in June 2021.