

The Trade Obstacles Alert Mechanism (Mécanisme d'alerte aux obstacles au commerce [MAO](#)
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allows traders to report a trade barrier in the UEMOA (*Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine*
) Region and to monitor its 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.