





Support to an Enabling Business Environment for MSMEs Development & Financial Inclusion



How to Unleash its Potential?

Zoom Webinar, 4 May 2023



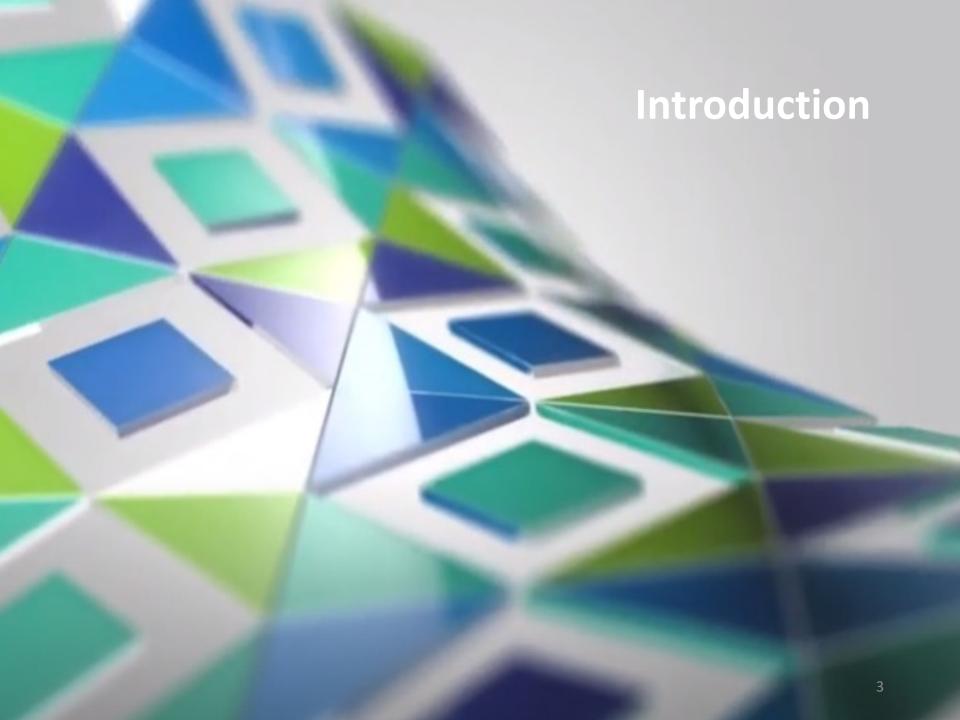






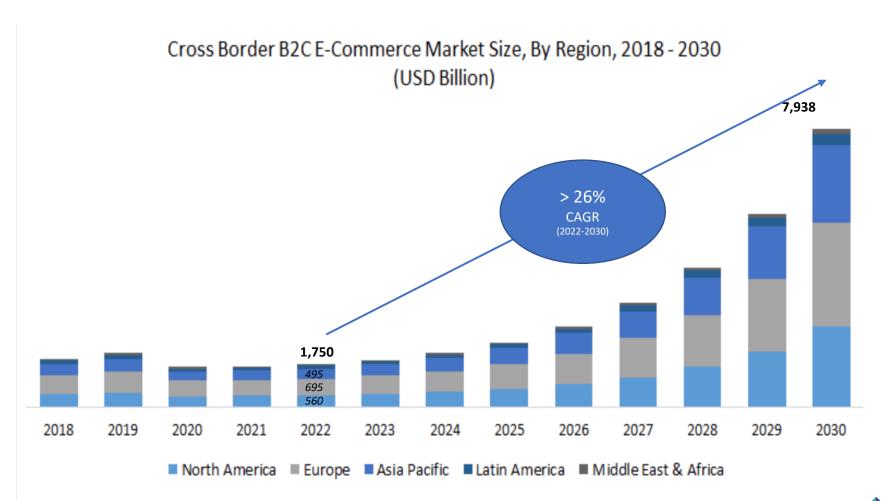
Time	Topic	Speakers
10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	From policies to impact	Christophe Malherbe
10:05 a.m – 10:10 a.m.	Introductory remarks	Giovanni Zazzerini
10:10 a.m – 10:15 a.m.	Definitions	Vincenza Caputo
10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	Trends and developments in cross-border	Julian Lawson Hill
	e-commerce	
	Live poll	
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Challenges for MSMEs, Policymakers and	Julian Lawson Hill
	Business Support Organizations	
	Live poll	
10:45 a.m – 11:00 a.m.	International best practice policies and	Julian Lawson Hill
	programmes	
11:00 a.m - 11:10 a.m.	Discussion	All
11:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Digital export strategies	Vincenza Caputo
	Live poll	
11:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m	International Marketplaces	Vincenza Caputo
11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	E-commerce and digital marketing	Vincenza Caputo
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Cross Border B2C E-commerce



Source: Polaris Market Research Analysis



Key Drivers of Cross Border e-commerce

Infrastructures, rgulations, subsidies, tariff exemptions, creating digital markets (e.g. The EU Digital Single Market Initiative and the China Belt and Road Initiative)



Consumer Behaviours



Growth of Digital Markets







Cross border e-commerce for MSMEs

Support CRM

Accelerate market entry

Reduce psychic distance

Facilitate market analysis

Price opacity

Bottlenecks at customs

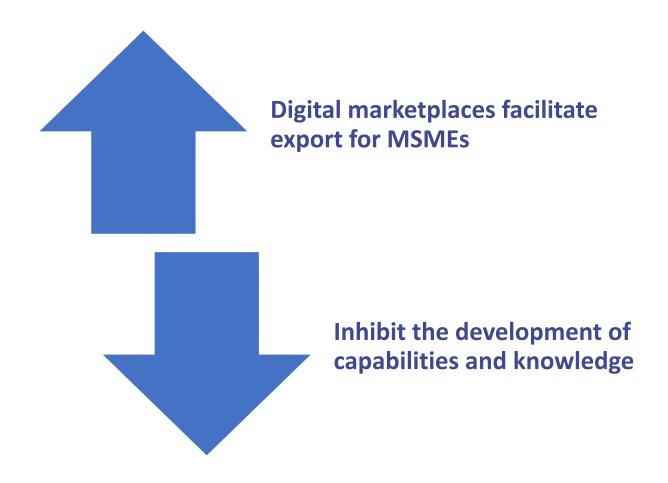
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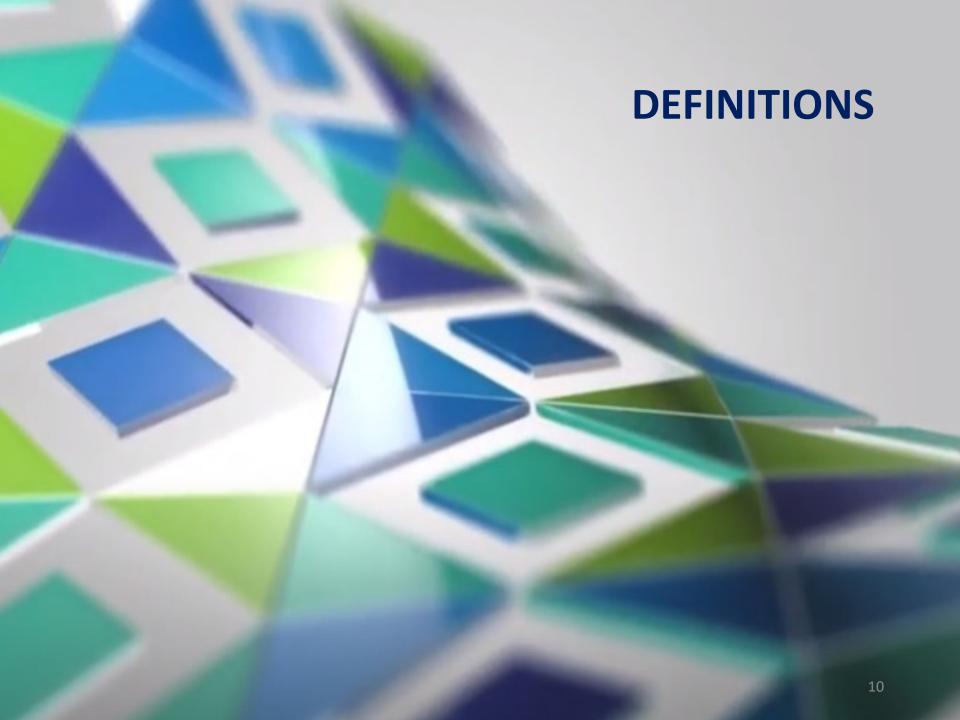




Marketplaces for MSMEs

\$3.25 trillion spent globally on marketplaces in 2022 (54%+ of global e-commerce)







E-COMMERCE

▶ E-commerce, in line with the OECD definition (2001, 2009), «is the sale or purchase of goods or services, conducted over computer networks by methods specifically designed for the purpose of receiving or placing orders».

DIGITAL TRADE

◆ While there is no single recognised and accepted definition of <u>digital trade</u>, there is a growing consensus that it encompasses digitally-enabled transactions of trade in goods and services that can either be digitally or physically delivered, and that involve consumers, firms, and governments. (OECD)

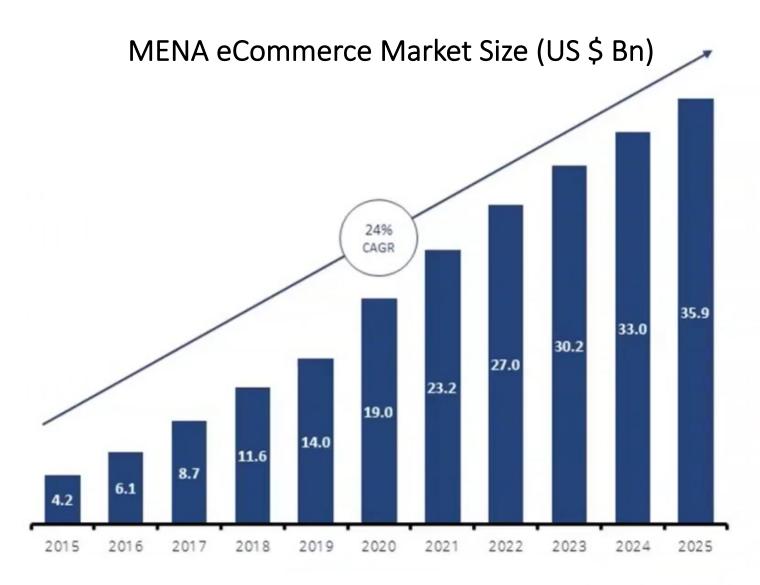
CBEC

◆ Cross-border eCommerce is international eCommerce. It is literally "selling across a border using eCommerce," as opposed to domestic eCommerce transactions.



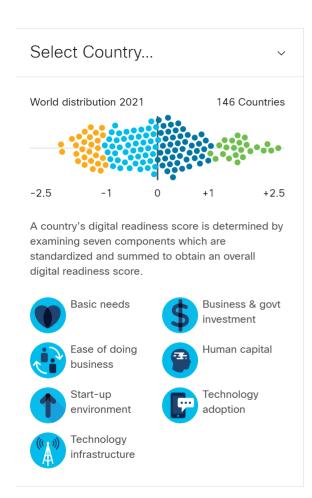








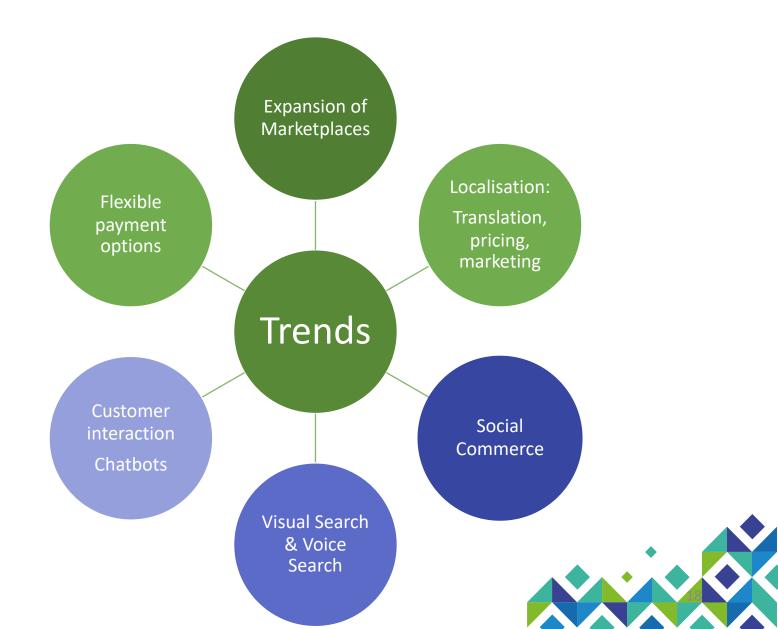
Digital Readiness of South Med Countries







Six Cross-Border e-Commerce Trends





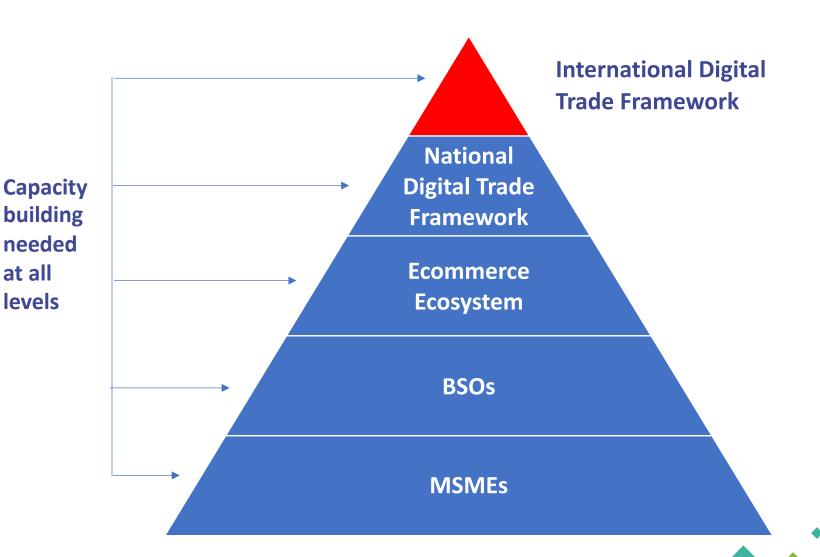








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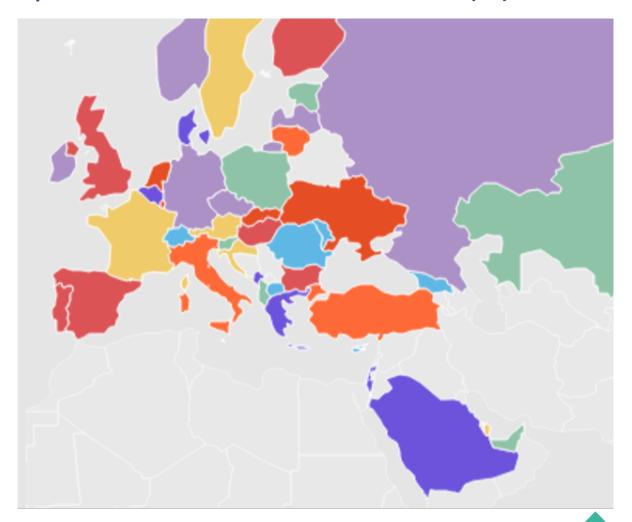
4. Promoting cross-border e-commerce

 Location of computing facilities and cross-border transfer of information by electronic means.



Countries Participating in WTO JSI on e-Commerce

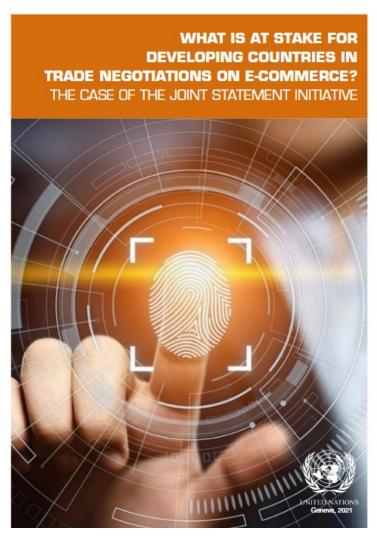
Participants in the WTO Joint Statement Initiative (JSI) on e-commerce





UNCTAD Report on Trade Negotiations





https://unctad.org/publication/what-stake-developing-countriestrade-negotiations-e-commerce



UNCTAD Resources on Digital Trade

UNCTAD resources on trade, e-commerce and the digital economy

Fostering the intergovernmental dialogue and consensus building

- Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy
- Working Group on Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy
- Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
- Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy
- Global and regional eCommerce weeks
- Trade Policy Dialogue

Building the knowledge base through research and analysis

- · Digital Economy Report
- eTrade Readiness Assessments
- Cyberlaw Tracker
- UNCTAD Technical Notes on ICT for Development

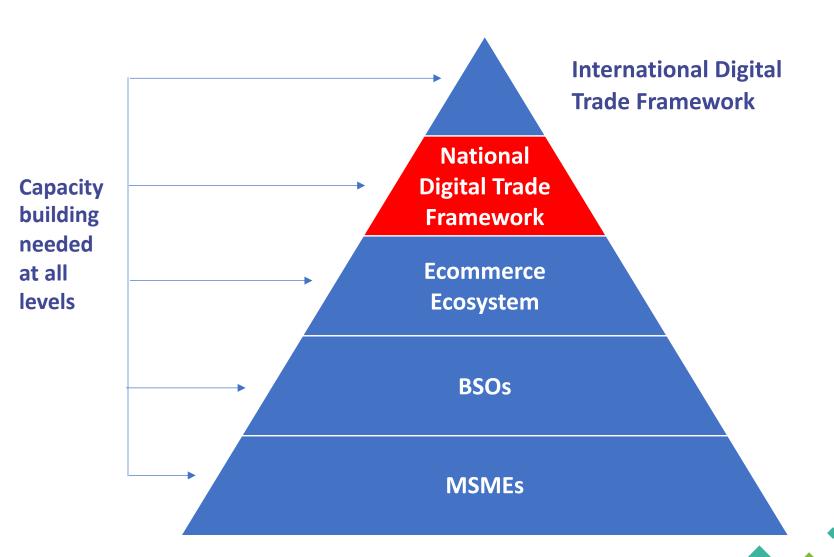
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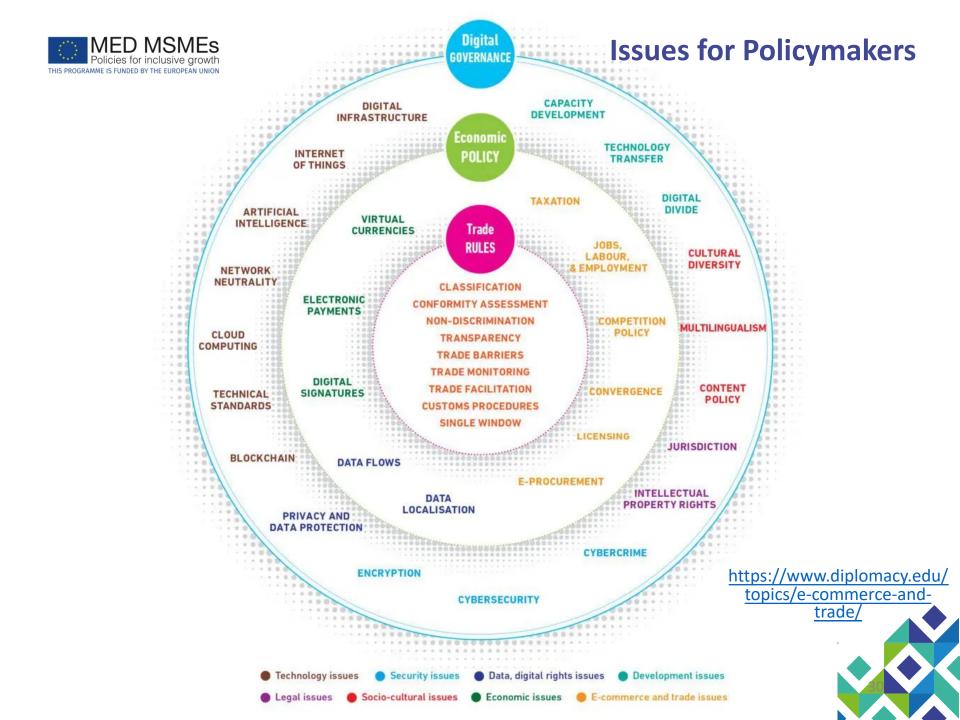
- · E-commerce and Law Reform
- · Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy
- ICT Policy Reviews and E-commerce Strategies
- · Digital ID
- Train For Trade e-commerce course
- Trade Negotiations
- Trade Policy Framework reviews
- Services Trade and Development, including Services Policy Reviews
- Trade facilitation and ASYCUDA
- Competition policy and consumer protection policies and framework
- Intellectual property rights
- South-South cooperation













Legal and Regulatory Challenges for Policymakers

Where, honestly, does your country sit on the following scale with regard to having a legal and regulatory policy framework for e-commerce?

Level 4 plus results of monitoring and evaluation inform policy framework design and Level 5 implementation Level 4 Level 3 plus evidence of a concrete record of effective policy implementation A solid framework, addressing the policy area concerned, is in place and officially Level 3 adopted A draft or pilot framework exists, with some signs of government activity to address Level 2 the policy area concerned Level 1 No framework (e.g. law, institution) exists to address the policy topic concerned

Source: OECD Methodology for SBA Assessment





Legal and Regulatory Challenges for Policymakers

Implementing national e-commerce policies and regulatory frameworks

- What is your progress on developing legal and regulatory frameworks?
- Priorities and timescales for implementation of national e-commerce policies?
- Implementation capacities and resources?
- Is there a dedicated institution to oversee e-commerce policies and programmes?
 - Should there be?
 - If not, how is this managed / how should it be managed?





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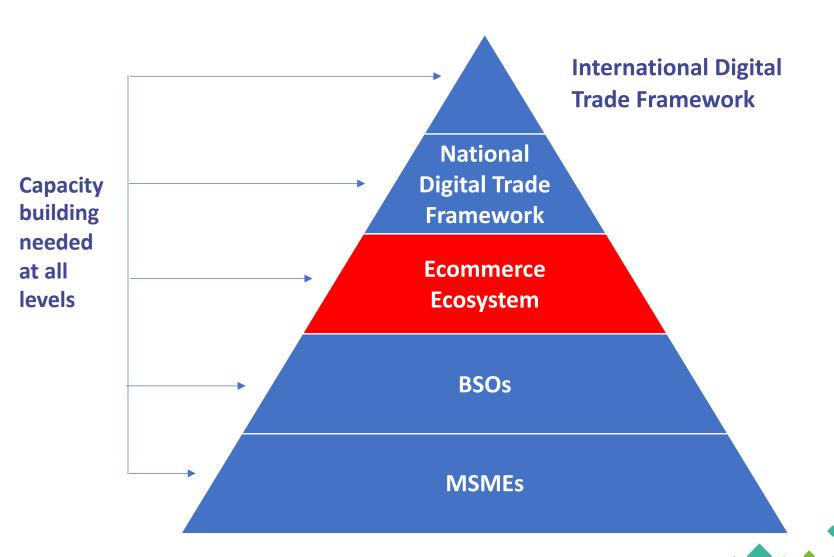
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- 4. Potential for free ports / free trade zones
- Simplifying import / export, streamlinging processes, logistical and infrastructure benefits, support and tax incentives.



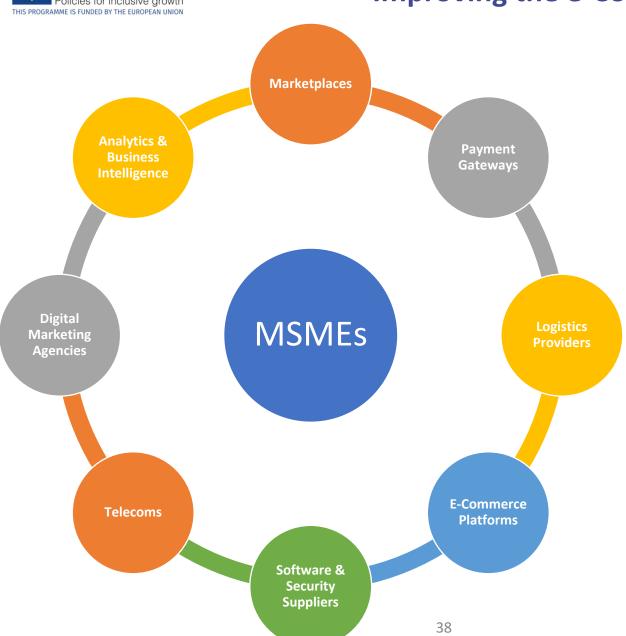






MED MSMEs Policies for inclusive growth

Improving the e-Commerce Ecosystem



<u>Issues</u>

- Improving quality of services and trust
- Improving co-ordination between players
- Increasing awareness of services and support available
- Improving MSME understanding of the ecommerce ecosystem











Questions for Senior Managers within BSOs

- What support do MSMEs need to develop digital exports?
- Have our BSOs got the skills, expertise and capacity to support companies?
- Can existing staff be upskilled with the necessary skills?
- Do we need to hire new staff with the requisite skills?
- Do we outsource and work with private sector e-commerce consultants?
- Does the private sector have the skills needed and will MSMEs trust them?
- How does support for the development of e-commerce and digital exports fit with our existing programmes? (export, business support, finance, marketing etc.)
- Do existing programmes need to be restructured?
- Do we need a dedicated digital export programme?
- What will all of this cost? What can we afford?
- Can we afford not to do this?
- What support can we get from donor organisations?













Question for the poll

- What kind of challenges you think MSMEs face in developing Digital Export?
- 1. Logistics
- 2. Knowledge of foreign markets
- 3. Lack of digital skills
- 4. Contracts and payments
- 5. Lack of resources





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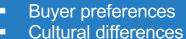


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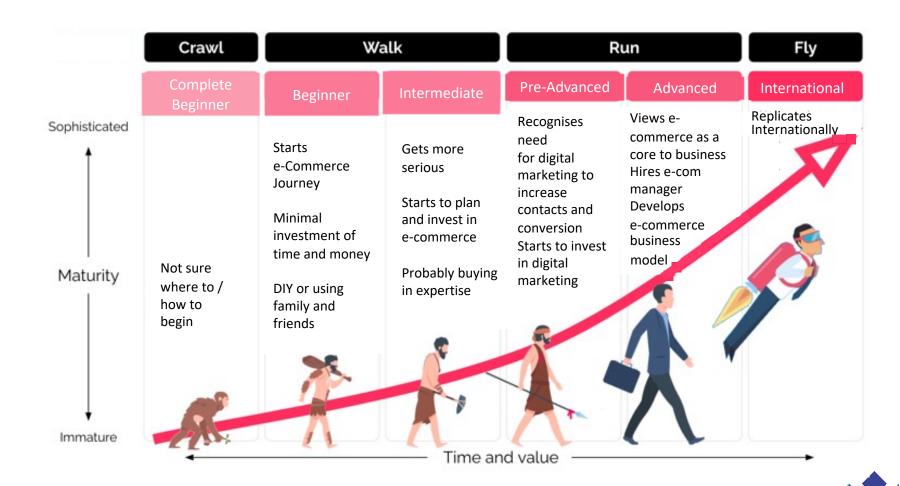
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MSMEs at Different Stages in the Journey

(with different products & different target markets)







Question for the poll

- Which area of support is more useful to help MSMEs to develop digital export?
- 1. Regulatory framework
- 2. FTZs & Incubators
- 3. Financial support
- 4. Training
- 5. Digital transformation





Possible Policies and Support



Develop robust regulatory frameworks



Promote use of technologies to boost supply chains



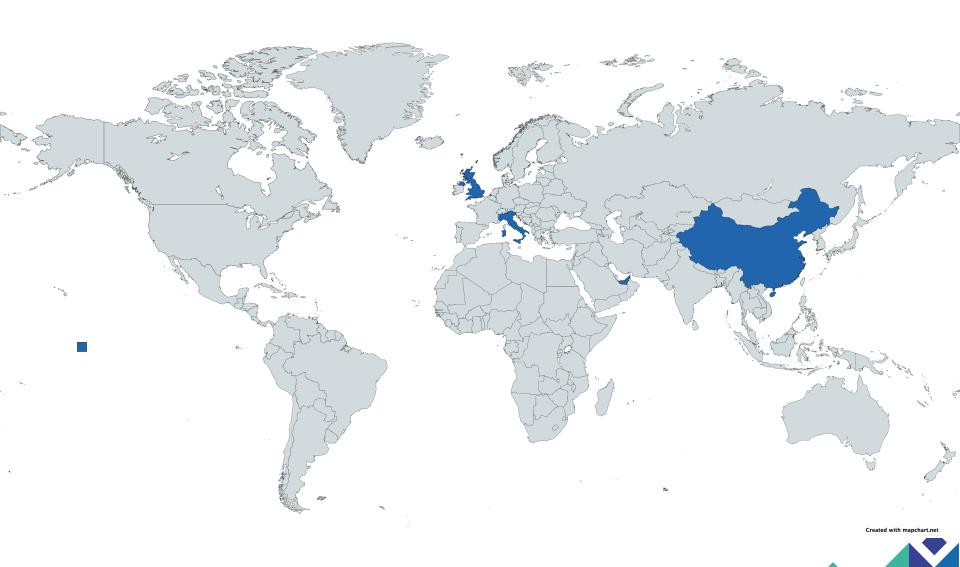
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Case Studies





Scotland









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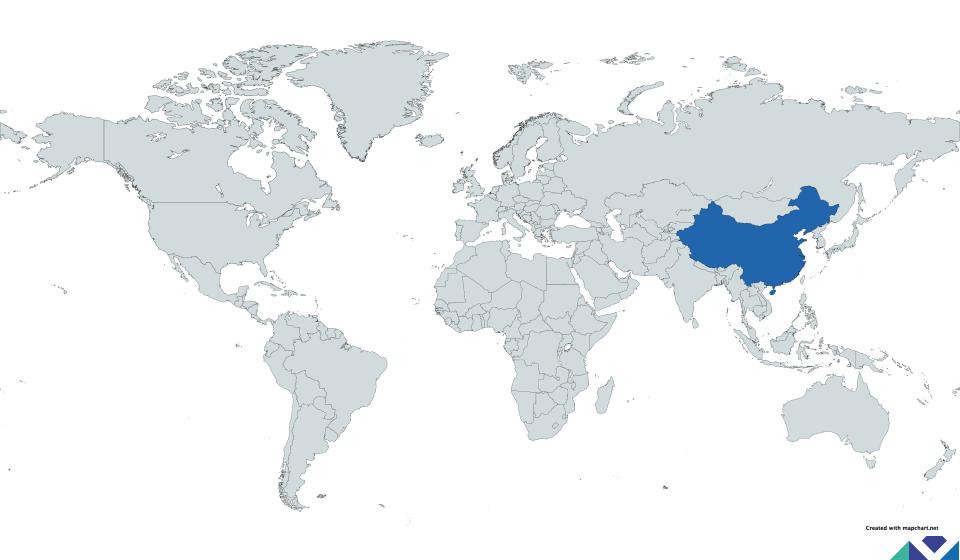


Training MSMEs and Supporting Digital Exports

- Mainstreamed e-commerce support
 - ➤ 1 day events e.g. Selling Online Internationally
 - Events, webinars and masterclasses
 - ➤ International online marketplace guide
 - ➤ Ecommerce Accelerator Programme



China





China's Cross Border E-Commerce

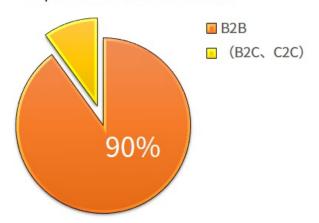
China's cross-border e-commerce market transaction size from 2016 to 2020



The proportion of cross-border e-commerce in foreign trade imports and exports in 2019-2020

■ 跨境电商
■ 其他

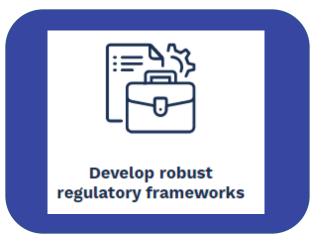
Proportion of Chinese cross-border e-commerce operation models in 2019-2020



Source: Iimedia Research



China's Policies and Support



- 'Guiding Opinions on Promoting the Healthy and Rapid Development of Cross-border E-commerce', 2015
- ➤ First principal Customs regulation on cross-border e-commerce by GACC, 2016



- CBEC pilot zones
- Favorable tax policies



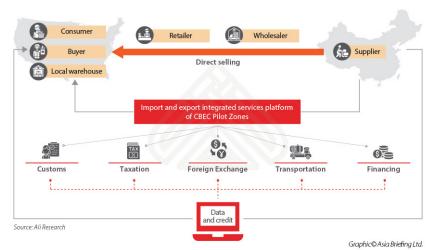


China's Policies and Support



- Innovative breakthroughs in the management of customs clearance, tax collection and management, foreign exchange supervision, crossborder financial services, and logistics.
- Comination of online integrated service platforms and offline industrial park

Integrated Trade Services in CBEC Pilot Zones

















E-Commerce Strategy including FTZs



Business Incubators

- Dubai e-Commerce Strategy
 - Slashing business cost of e-commerce: costs of storage, customs fees, VAT and transport
- Dubai CommerCity Free Trade Zone
 - Reduced paperwork and fees passing through FTZ
 - Free guidance and individually tailored e-commerce enablement services
- Dubai SME has set up 10 certified business incubators for MSMEs working in ecommerce

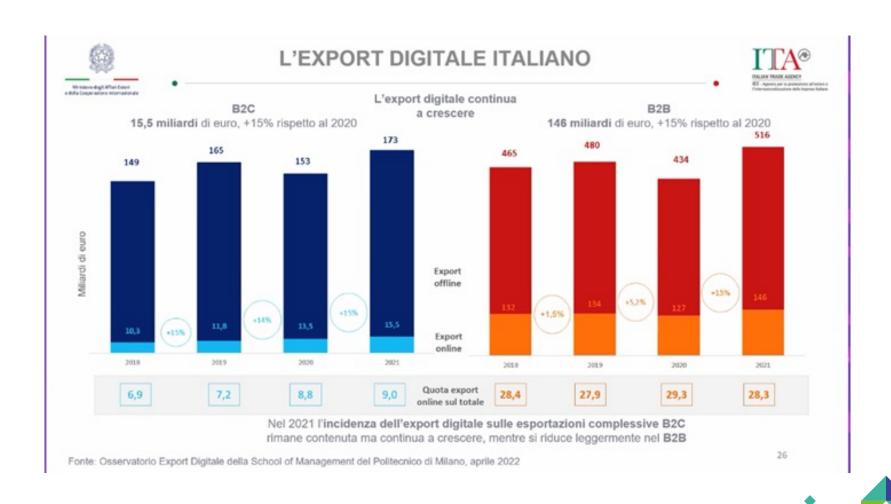














Italy's Policies and Support



Train BSOs & MSMEs in Digital Exports

- « Crescere in Digitale » (Grow in Digital),
 by Unioncamere in collaboration with
 Google, finalist in 2016 of the European
 Digital Skills Award.
- Digital Export Academy by Italian Trade Agency



Support MSME adoption of digital tools

- Online platform DigIT Export by Promos Italia and Chambers of Commerce
- > ITA agreeement with Alibaba
- > Finalcial support for SMEs' digitalization





- 1. Lot of MSMEs don't know what to do, how to start, where to begin
- 2. International e-commerce requires skills and experience, constantly changing
- 3. Require a support e-commerce ecosystem (regulations, payments, logistics etc.)

◆ Level of intervention for governments

- 1. Need to be at the table in international e-commerce trade negotiations
- 2. Need to work on developing conducive environment for e-commerce
- 3. Need to develop capability and skills within Govt and BSOs

Lessons from case studies

- 1. Need to move from policy to action / implementation quickly
- 2. Build digital export skills and case studies of MSMEs: Italy, Scotland
- 3. Create special zones and incubators for CBEC: China, UAE

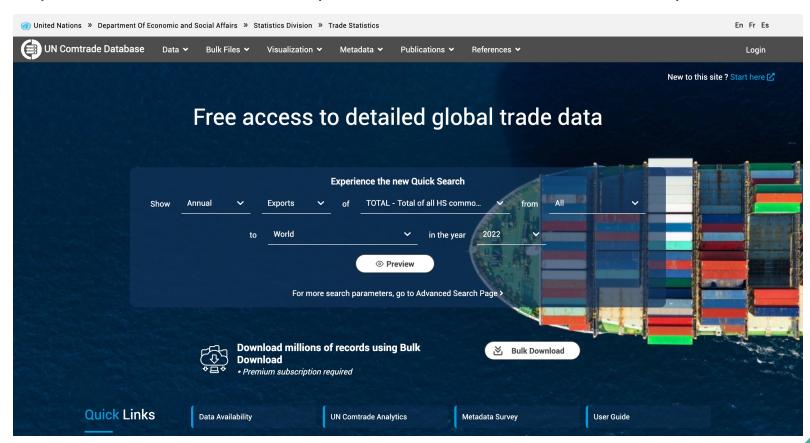






Digital Export Strategy: Identify Target Market

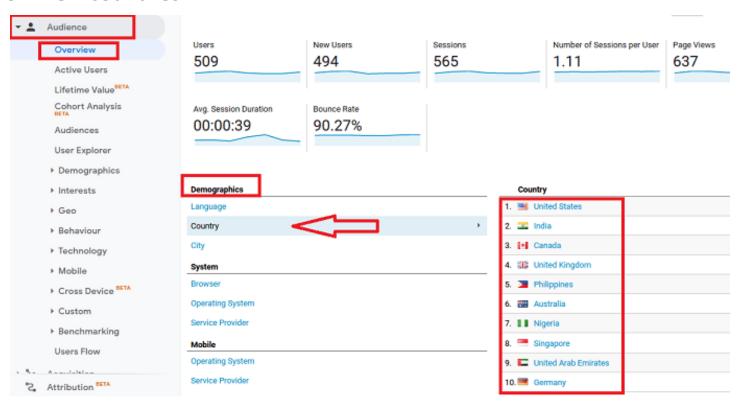
Digital databases, like Comtrade, offer free access to data and analytics that can help MSMEs to understand the potential of new markets for their export.





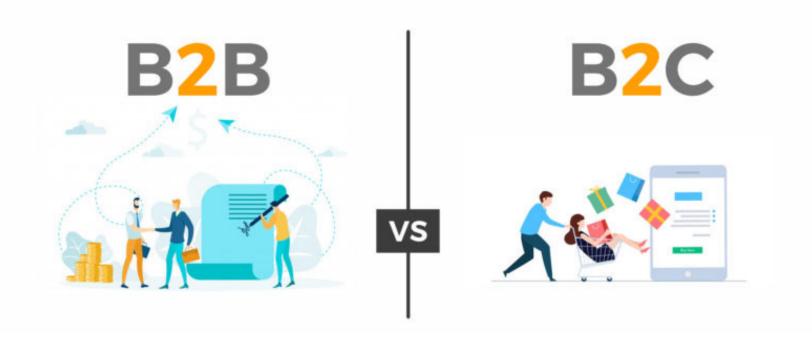
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◆ Google analytics allows to see the origin of traffic on the company website by country, and it can give an immediate view of interest for products/services from new countries.





Digital Export Strategy: Identify Target Audience







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- Buyers are known and identified by login
- Buyer specific pricing, promotions and products
- Optimised for high volume purchases and reorders
- Assisted sales
- Credit Management





- Buyers are often anonymous
- Focused around single product conversion
- Optimised for small orders
- Online marketing driven conversion





Digital Export Strategy: E-commerce

Marketplace vs. Direct eCommerce





Where should you be selling?





E-commerce store vs Market place

E-commerce Store		Online Market-Place
Single seller in one platform	Structure	Multiple sellers in one platform
Driven by the company itself	Traffic	Higher traffic volume due to larger target reach and existing customer base
The company is responsible for the full spectrum	Marketing	In-platform or out-platform
From some weeks to few months	Time to launch	Depending on how many products need to upload
Website hosting fee or a third-party software's subscription fee	Cost	Commission on sales to marketplaces, 2-15%
Challenging and time consuming for the set up	Difficulty	Easy set up just by creating a store and start to sell.





Question for the poll

- Which marketplace are you more familiar with?
- 1. Alibaba
- 2. Amazon
- 3. Tradeling
- 4. Noon
- 5. Jumia





Global Online Marketplace Leaders

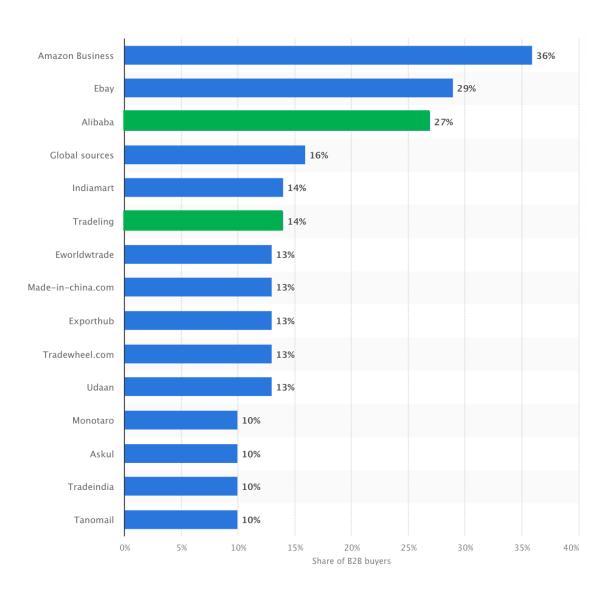


^{*}Total gross merchandise value, or GMV, is the value of all goods sold on the marketplace.

https://www.digitalcommerce360.com/article/infographic-top-online-marketplaces/



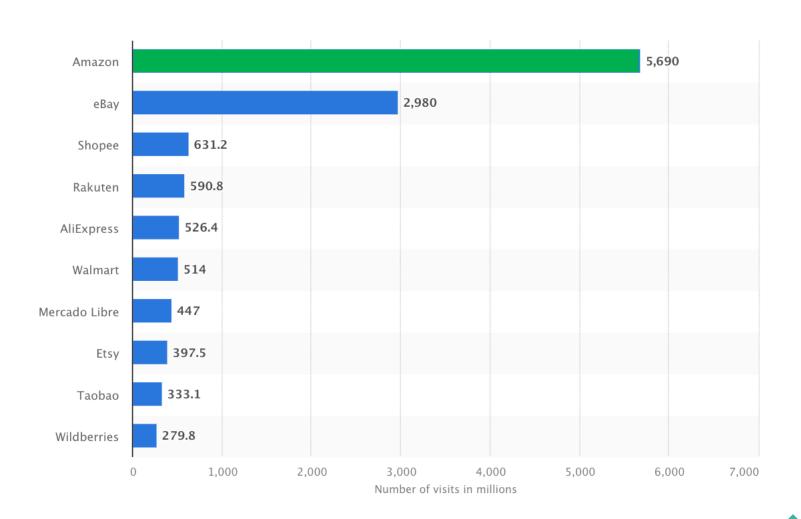
Most popular B2B marketplaces



Source: Statista



Most Popular B2C marketplaces



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Founder: Jack Ma



Founded: 4th April, 1999. China



Headquarters: Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China.



Products: E-commerce, online auction hosting, online money transfers, mobile commerce



Revenue: \$35.92 billion in 2022



Slogan: Global trade starts here



Subsidiaries: Daraz, Tmall.com, Alibaba.com, Cainiao, Alibaba Cloud, Taobao Market.







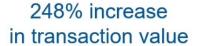


Founded in 1999,

Alibaba.com is the first business segment of Alibaba Group and has now become the **world's leading B2B e-commerce platform** for cross-border trade.

With digital technology and products, digitalization has penetrated into all aspects of traditional foreign trade, and it is imperative for small and medium-sized enterprises to upgrade their international trade!







107% increase in the number of buyers

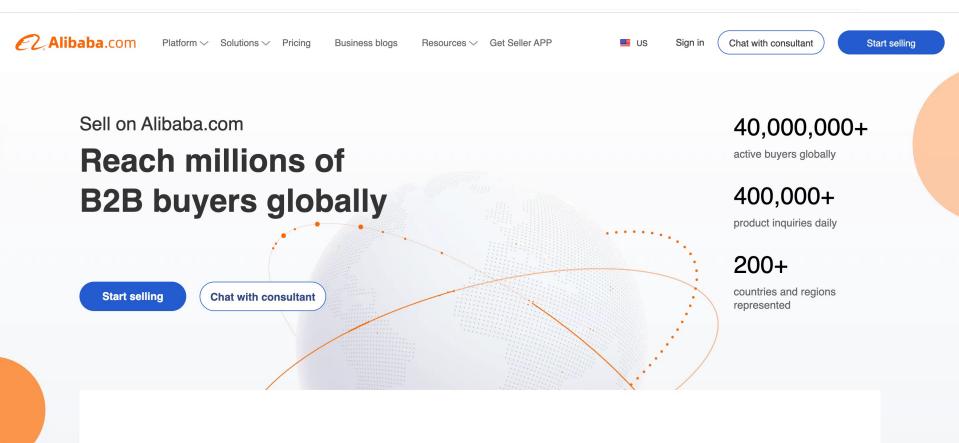


104% increase in the number of orders









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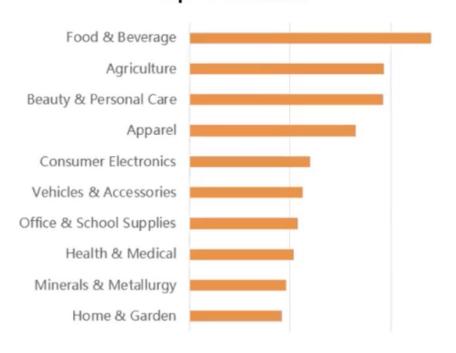




Top 20 Buyer Distribution

Ranking	Country	Ranking	Country	
1	United States	11	Italy	
2	India	12	France	
3	Canada	13	Germany	
4	Australia	14	Indonesia	
5	Brazil	15	Saudi Arabia	
6	United Kingdom	16	Philippines	
7	Russian	17	Spain	
8	Turkey	18	Malaysia	
9	Pakistan	19	Peru	
10	Mexico	20	Thailand	

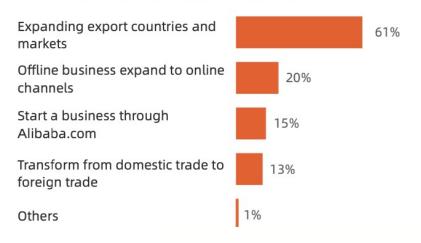
Top 10 Industries



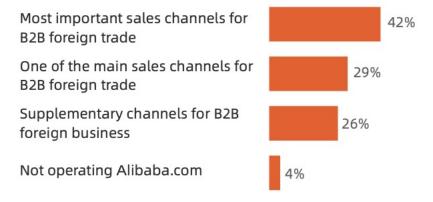




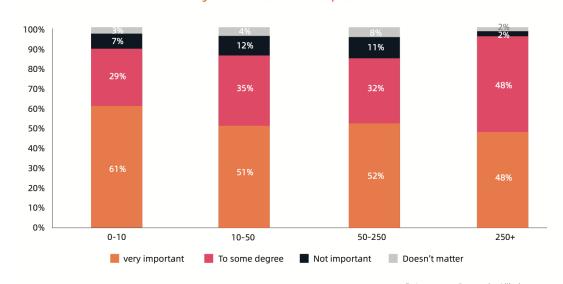
Reasons for joining the Alibaba.com



Positioning of Alibaba.com in B2B foreign trade



Ratings for Alibaba.com from Enterprises of Various Sizes





Data sources: Surveys by Alibaba.com.



Alibaba.com implementation process

ONBOARDING

- Registration
- Account verification
 - Profile Set-up
 - · Post products
- Decorate Mini-site

DEVELOPMENT

- · Request for quotations
- KWA (KeyWord Adv) campaigns
 - · Competitor analysis
 - Analytics

IMPLEMENTATION & STRENGTHENING

- Close orders
- New KWA campaigns
- · Review platform and buyer data
 - Devise a plan for next year
 - · Improve management skills



GROWTH

- Improvement of products presentation, quality and number
 - Responding to inquiries
 - Get star ratings
 - · Ranking analysis

MATURITY

- Participation in online events and expos
 - Negotiate orders
 - Sending sampleas
 - Strategy review
 - Product and Mini-site Upgrade



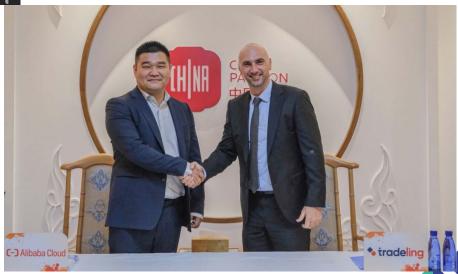


Alibaba & MENA



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Support programs for Alibaba



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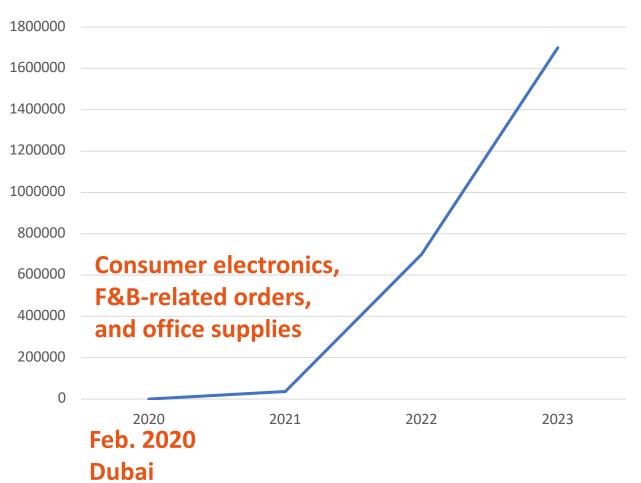


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Transitioned from Souq to Amazon in KSA, UAE and Egypt	Owned by Emaar Properties, developer of The Dubai Mall		
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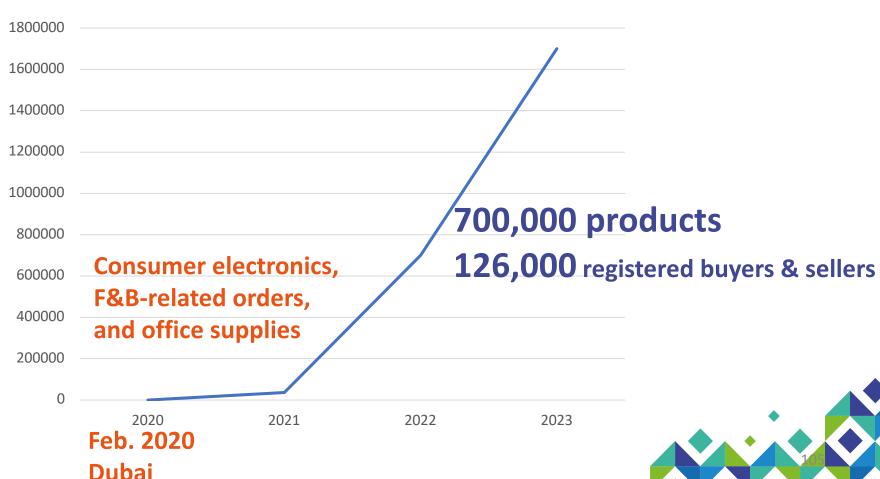






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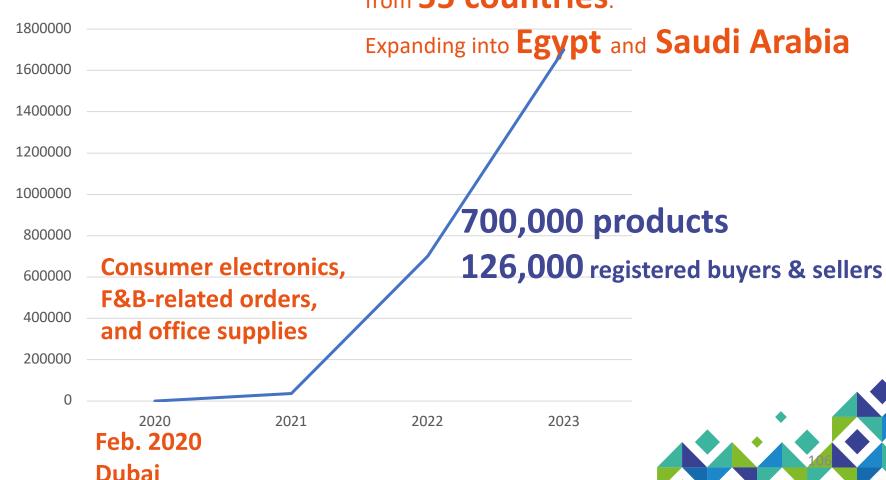
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1.7 million products across 14 categories

More than 200,000 registered buyers & sellers

from 55 countries.





Other Important Regional Online Marketplaces



A German company serving:

- Nigeria
- Morocco
- Egypt
- Kenya
- Tunisia
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Based in the UAE serving:

- UAE
- Saudi Arabia
- Oman
- Kuwait
- Bahrain







Customer Journey: AIDA conversion funnel





Digital Export Competences

Digital trade channels	No E-commerce platform	Domestic E- commerce platform + marketplace	Online retailer + marketplace	International E- commerce platform + online retailer	International E- commerce platform + marketplace	Owned website as display window + marketplace
Marketing & Communication	No digital marketing	Website; SMM; DEM	Website; SMM; DEM; Google Ads	Multi-language website; SMM; DEM; Google Ads; online magazines	Multi-language website; SMM; DEM; Google Ads; virtual reality	Multi-language website; SMM; keywords marketing; influencers
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E-commerce

- Target market
- 2. B2B or B2C
- 3. Direct E-commerce or marketplace

→ Marketplaces

- 1. B2B / B2C main players
- 2. Agreement with biggest marketplaces

→E-marketing

- 1. E-commerce is only the last step of Conversion
- 2. Need for a structured digital presence startegy

E-business

- Skills and abilities
- 2. Management adaptation
- 3. Digital transformation





