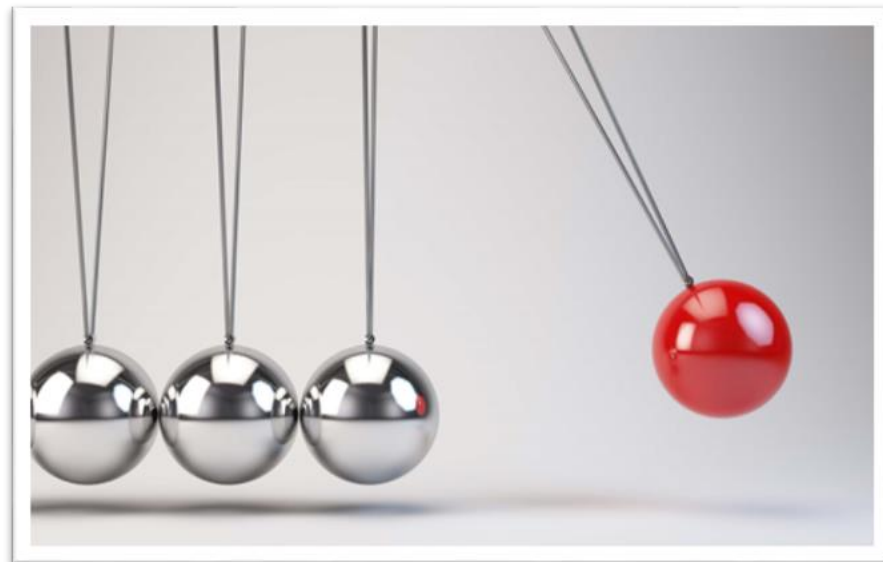


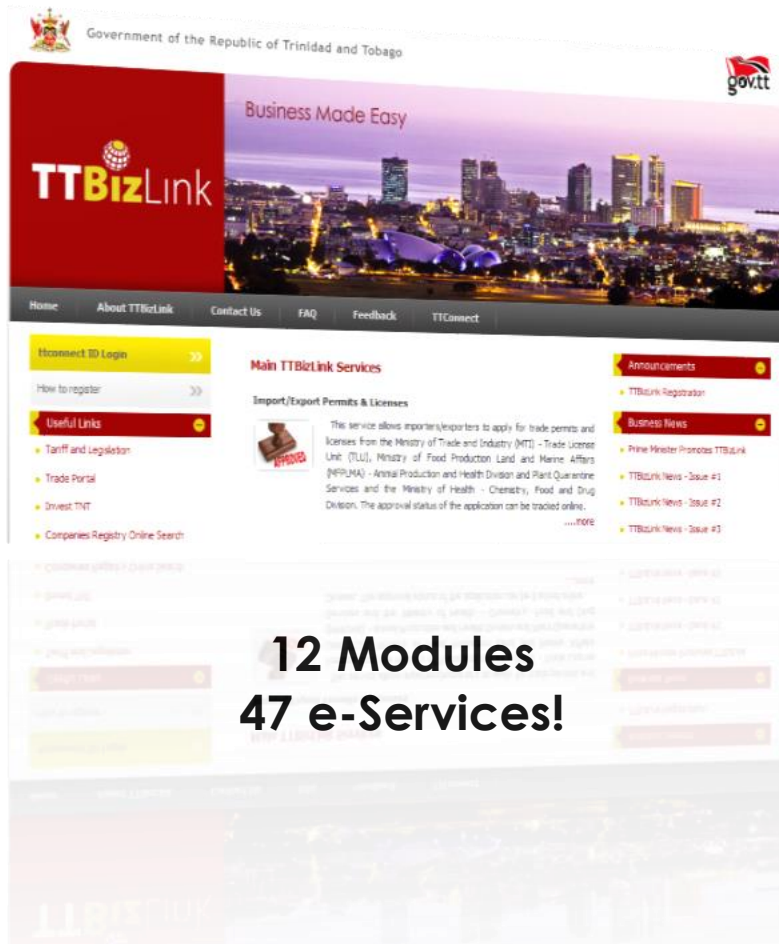
# Regional Interoperability: Cross Border Document Exchange



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# TTBizLink Modules



E-FISCAL INCENTIVES

E-IMPORT DUTY  
CONCESSIONS

E-COMPANY  
REGISTRATION

E-WORK PERMIT

E-PERMITS AND LICENCES

E-CERTIFICATE OF  
ORIGIN

E-NATIONAL INSURANCE  
BOARD REGISTRATION

E-  
COMPANY/PARTNERSHIP  
BIR & VAT REGISTRATION

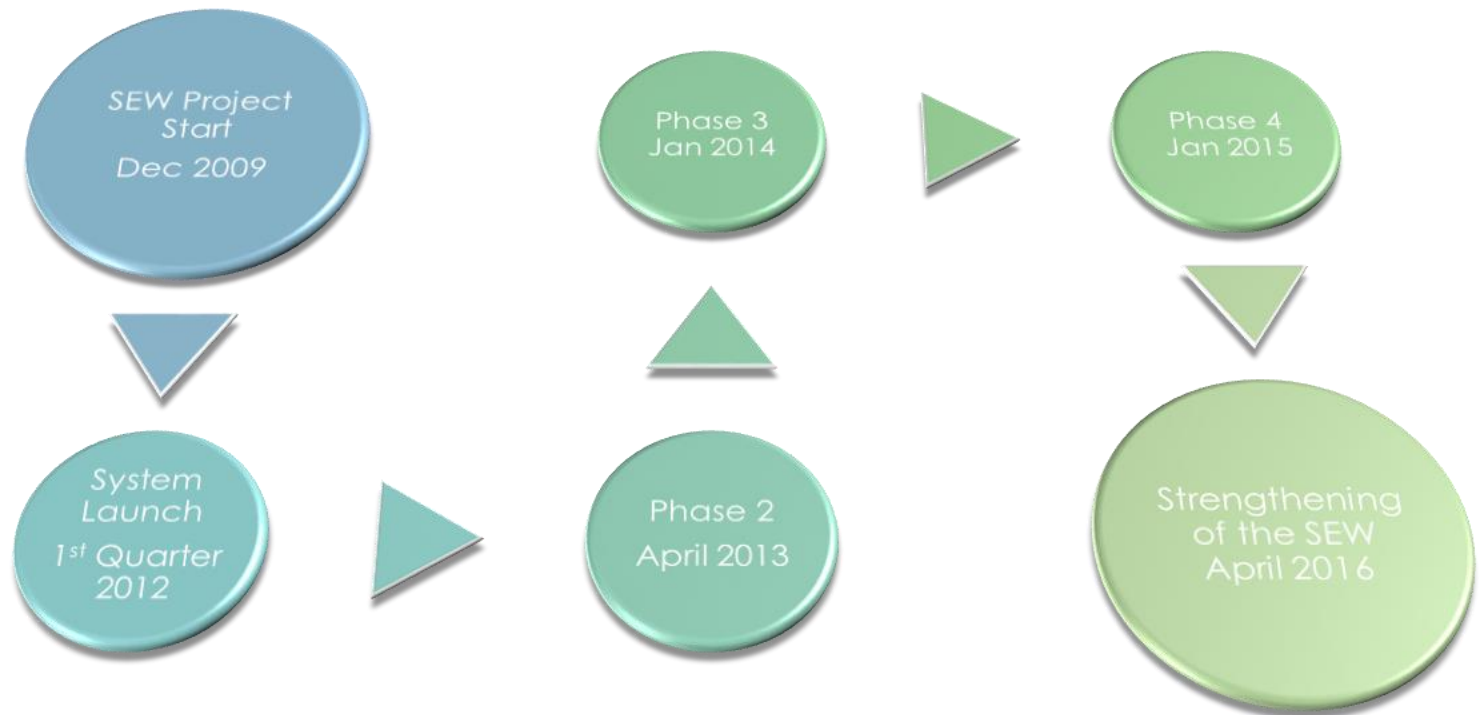
E-GOODS DECLARATION

E-VENDOR REGISTRATION

E-MARITIME SERVICES

E-UTILITIES SERVICE

# Strategic Journey



# Strengthening of the Single Electronic Window for Trade and Business Facilitation Project



# Components

## Strengthening of the SEW for Trade and Business Facilitation (IDB Loan #3575/OC-TT)

**COMPONENT I: Enhancing and expanding the services of the Single Electronic Window**

**COMPONENT II: Enhancing the Interoperability of TTBizLink**

2.1 Build and Enhance Domestic and International Interoperability of SEW

**COMPONENT III: Modernizing the Governance of SEW and the Institutional Framework**

# Regional Integration

According to UN Recommendation Number 36:

- ▶ Single Windows can be seen in a broader context as tools not only to improve national competitiveness but also to promote regional economic growth.
- ▶ The obvious advantage would be the ability to communicate trade-related information easily and quickly, and more cost effectively for both government and the trading community.

# Pilot Project: eCO Exchange

Parallel-track bilateral exchange project envisioned.

- ▶ Between T&T and CARICOM countries:
  - ▶ Guyana
  - ▶ Jamaica
  - ▶ Suriname
  
- ▶ Between T&T and Latin American Countries:
  - ▶ Chile
  - ▶ Panama



# Roadmap

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# Primary Drivers

## Rationale for e-Certificates of Origin (eCOs)

- ▶ Required for preferential treatment in the importing country
- ▶ Issuing Agency reports to the MTI
- ▶ Standardised Document
- ▶ Reduces trade transaction costs to exporters

# Primary Drivers (cont'd)

## Rationale for Potential Partners

- ▶ CARICOM:

- ▶ High volume of eCO transactions with countries identified
- ▶ Progress with trade systems

- ▶ Latin America:

- ▶ Partial Scope Trade Agreement with Panama
- ▶ Trade Negotiations currently ongoing with Chile

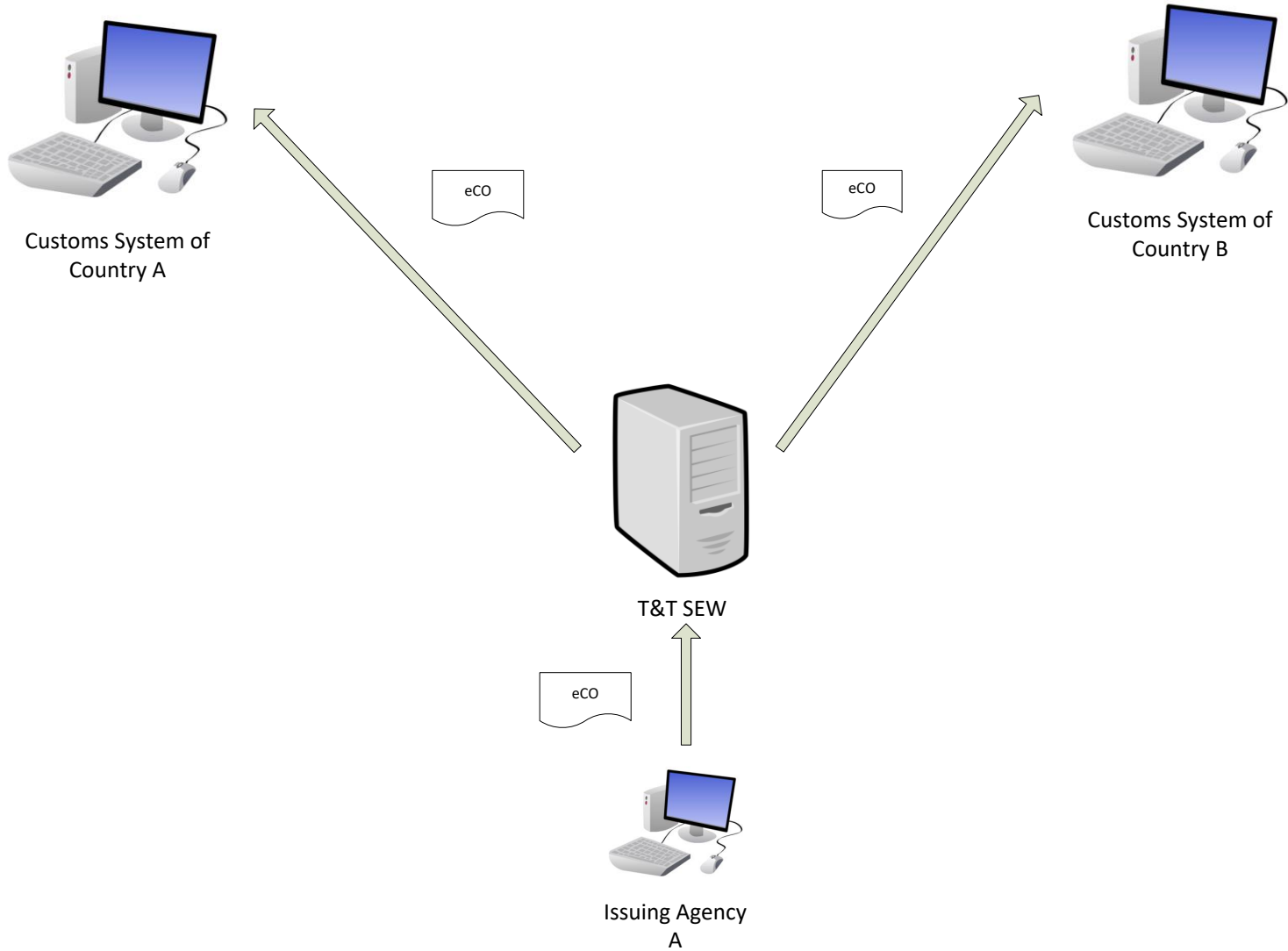
# Mandate

- ▶ Steps for CARICOM:
  - ▶ Proposal will be presented at the next COTED meeting
  - ▶ Seek Approval from CARICOM
  - ▶ Provisions inserted into CARICOM FTA
  
- ▶ Steps for Latin America:
  - ▶ Approach preferred candidates
  - ▶ Garner buy-in at political level
  - ▶ Sort out any legal issues in trade agreement

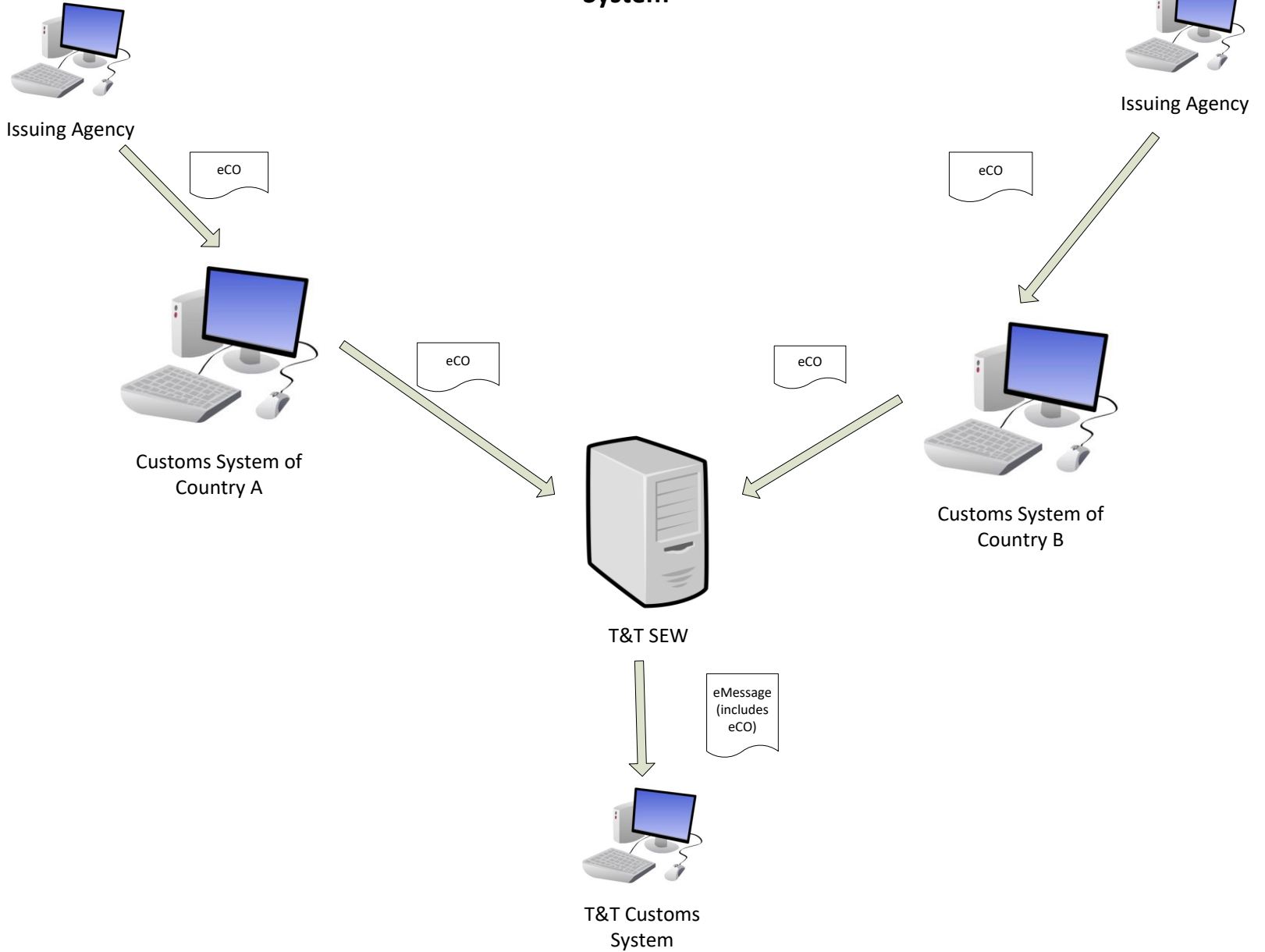


# Model of Exchange

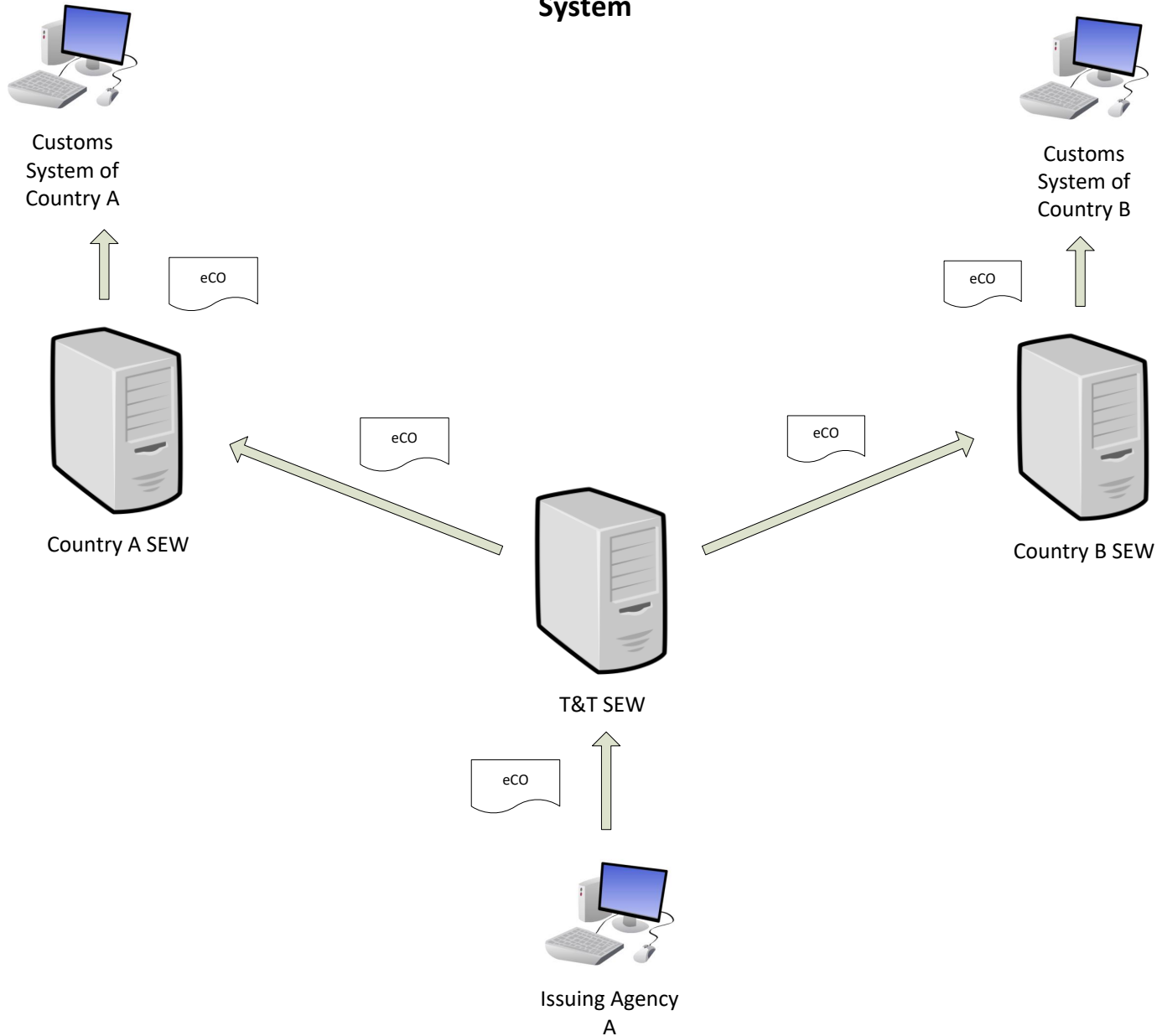
# eCO T&T (Export) and CARICOM Interconnection System



# eCO T&T (Import) and CARICOM Interconnection System



# eCO T&T (Export) and Latin America Interconnection System





# eCO T&T (Import) and Latin America Interconnection System



Issuing Agency



Issuing Agency

eCO



Country A SEW

eCO



T&T SEW

eCO



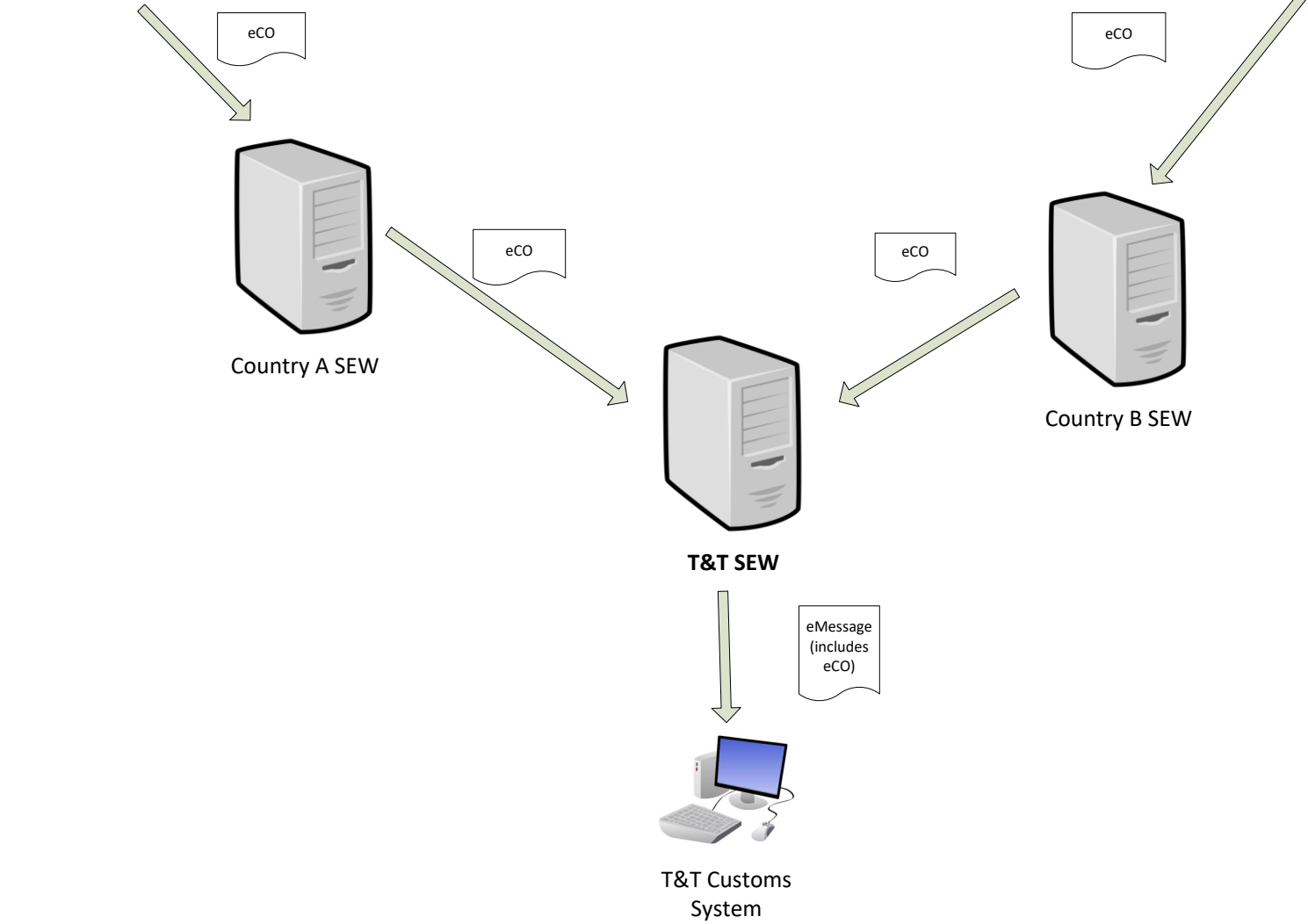
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eCO

eMessage  
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T&T Customs  
System

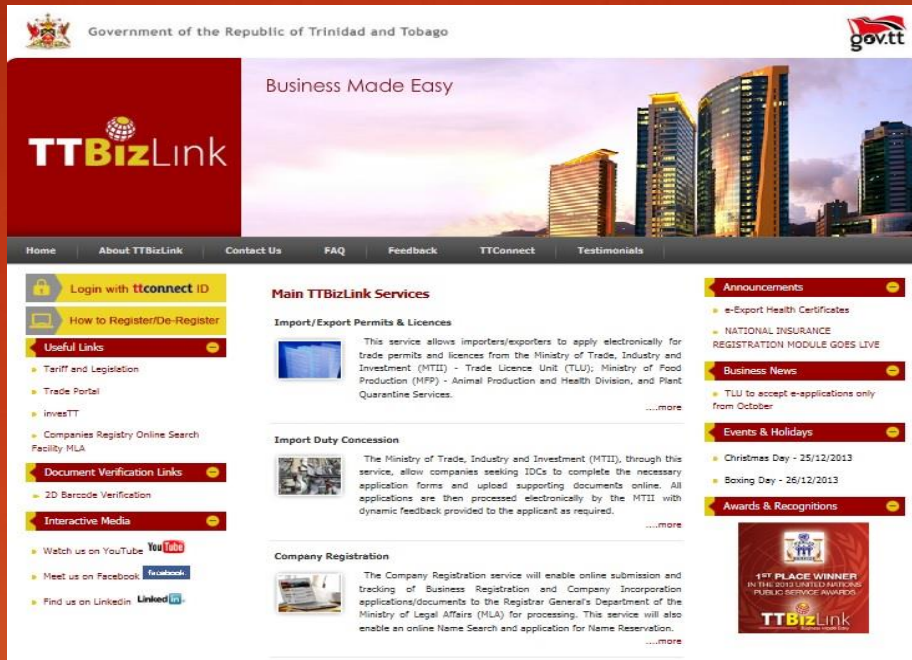


# Message Protocol

- ▶ Mutual Recognition Agreement on Digital Signatures
- ▶ Standardization and harmonization
- ▶ Messaging Standard
- ▶ Data loss and non-repudiation

# Governance

- ▶ Structures
- ▶ Policies
- ▶ Standard Operating Procedures
- ▶ Service Level Agreements



# Thank you!

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