





Advancing Women Empowerment through AEO Programmes: Addressing Gender Related Barriers in Global Trade

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"Investing in women means investing in the people who invests in everyone else" ...........Melinda Gates





#### History: Understanding Gender Related Barriers.

**SCOPE** 

• Local and long-distance from the distant past.

**CROSS-BORDER TRADE** 

• Seme, Idiroko, engaging with neighboring countries like Benin, togo, and Cameroon.

**NON- TANGIBLE VALUES** 

• Bringing in their wake resilience, resourcefulness, and ability to navigate complex trading networks.

**GAPS** 

• "low-level entrepreneurship as they are primarily involved in **informal trade**, with **minimum revenue**.







## Plugging the Gaps

- □ Regulatory Environment Gender blind policies Embracing Collaboration
- ☐ Social bias Industrial Training Fund (ITF), National Directorate of Employment (NDE), NGOs
- ☐ Economic structures -





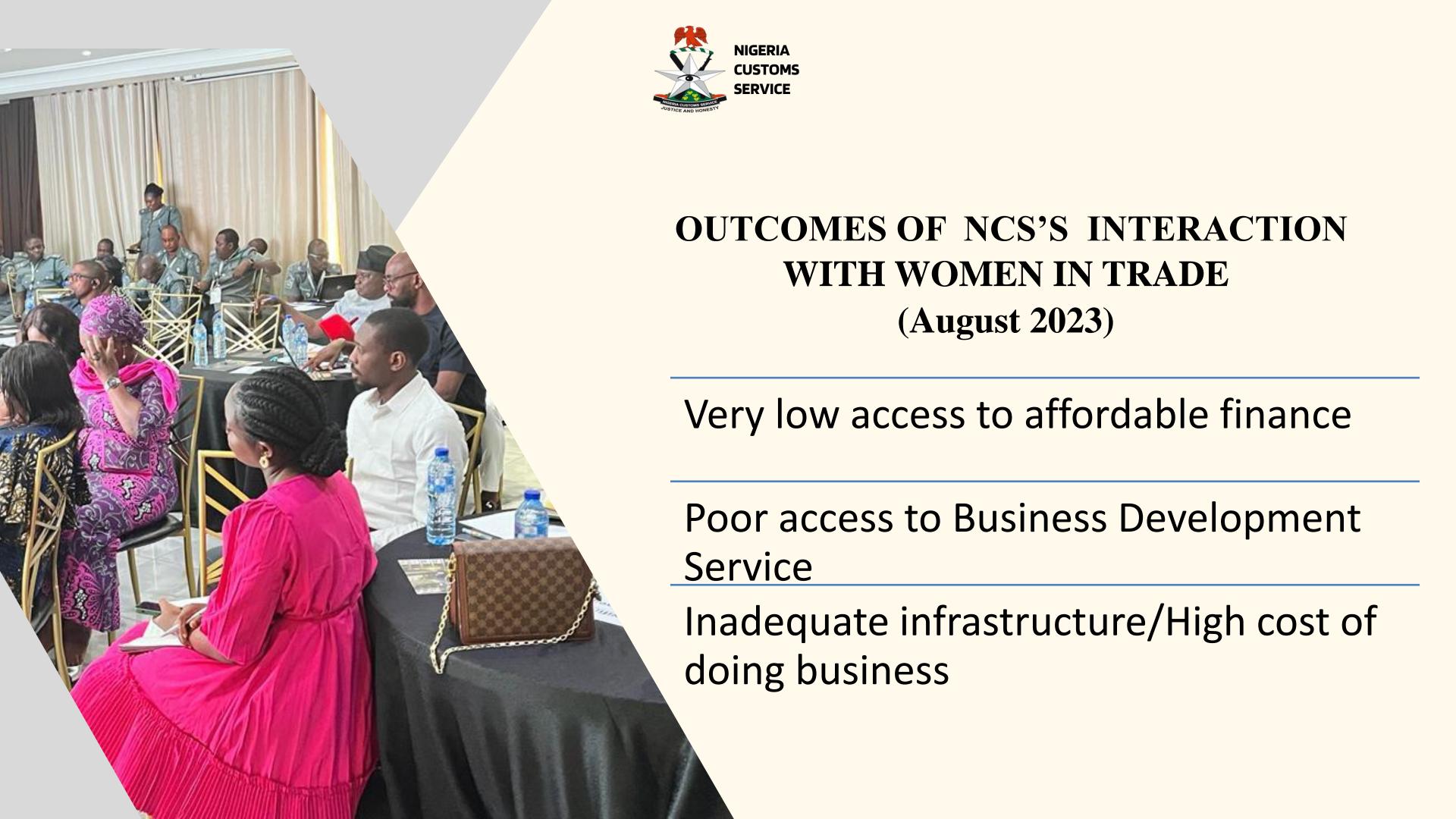
# PROMOTING GENDER INCLUSIVITY THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (OGA's).



Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN).

39,654,385 Registered businesses

About 40% owned by women.







### **Providing Solutions: AEO**

- ✓ Capacity Building.
- ✓ Access to relevant information on Customs Procedures & resources.
- ✓ Gender responsive infrastructure AEO
- ✓ Considerations for women owned businesses in AEO.
- ✓ Match-making/ opportunities for collaboration.







### Thank you for listening!

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