



WCO Capacity Building Support for Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation

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WCO TFA related CB support

A few examples to start with...



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Art. 3 Advance Rulings

Implementing Advance Tariff Rulings in Liberia

Tariff classification (incl. Advance tariff rulings) support and related infrastructure as part of broad reform and modernization plan

Support by WCO, has so far led to

- ✓ Liberia becoming a Contracting Party to the HS Convention
- ✓ Establishing a new Policy Division unit to deal with tariff classification and work towards a national advance tariff ruling service
- ✓ Draft legislation providing for binding tariff rulings proposed for inclusion in the new Customs Code, relevant procedures already developed

Art. 7.7 TF Measures for Authorized Operators

Regional Authorized Economic Operator scheme in the East Africa Community (EAC)

A regional AEO programme promotes mutual recognition of certain traders among EAC Members (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda), launched in April 2013

Outcomes as at June 2014

- ✓ AEO policy formulation and procedures development in the EAC Secretariat
- ✓ EAC legal AEO framework ratified
- ✓ AEO Standard Operating procedures & Selection Criteria completed and approved by EAC Council
- ✓ AEO benefits agreed (e.g. pre-clearance, guarantee waiver)
- ✓ Trade improvement at 7 cross-border station
- ✓ Release time reduced by up to 90%
- ✓ Compliance costs reduced per consignment by USD \$400.00
- ✓ One Economic Operator has employed an additional 10 staff due to savings

Art. 7.4 Risk Management

Risk Management (RM) in Malawi

WCO CB cooperation with Malawi since 2005

- ✓ Creation of RM policies and resources under the MRA Customs Administration Strategic Plan
- ✓ Establishment of an organizational RM communication plan
- ✓ Structural improvement – RM Steering Committee with oversight responsibilities and setting-up of a RM Unit
- ✓ Procedures of the Unit established, incl. receiving information from national and international sources
- ✓ Benefits reported by MRA: “enhanced TF, better targeting, efficient resource allocation, better decision-making, lower transaction costs, reduced turn-around times, better Customs efficiency and revenue increase”

Art. 7.5 Post Clearance Audit

PCA Project with Oceania Customs Organisation

MoU between WCO and OCO signed in 2008

Joint PCA Project in 2011, for Fiji, PNG, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu

Outcomes as at May 2014 include:

- ✓ Developed PCA Implementation Guidelines approved by the OCO at its annual conference
- ✓ Adoption of a regional train-the-trainer approach, regional expertise created
- ✓ 5 countries have established/restructured their PCA units based on international standards (WCO PCA Guide)
- ✓ 5 countries have implemented PCA incl. legal and organizational infrastructure

Art. 8 Border Agency Cooperation, 12.1 Promoting Compliance and Coop., 13.2 National TF Committee

National Policy Dialogues in support of the initiation and enhancement of co-operation with stakeholders

- Concept developed within a WCO CB project funded by the Finnish Government in support of the East and Southern Africa region
- Individualized approach
- Includes meetings with other governmental agencies e.g. also working at the border
- Includes meetings with the private sector

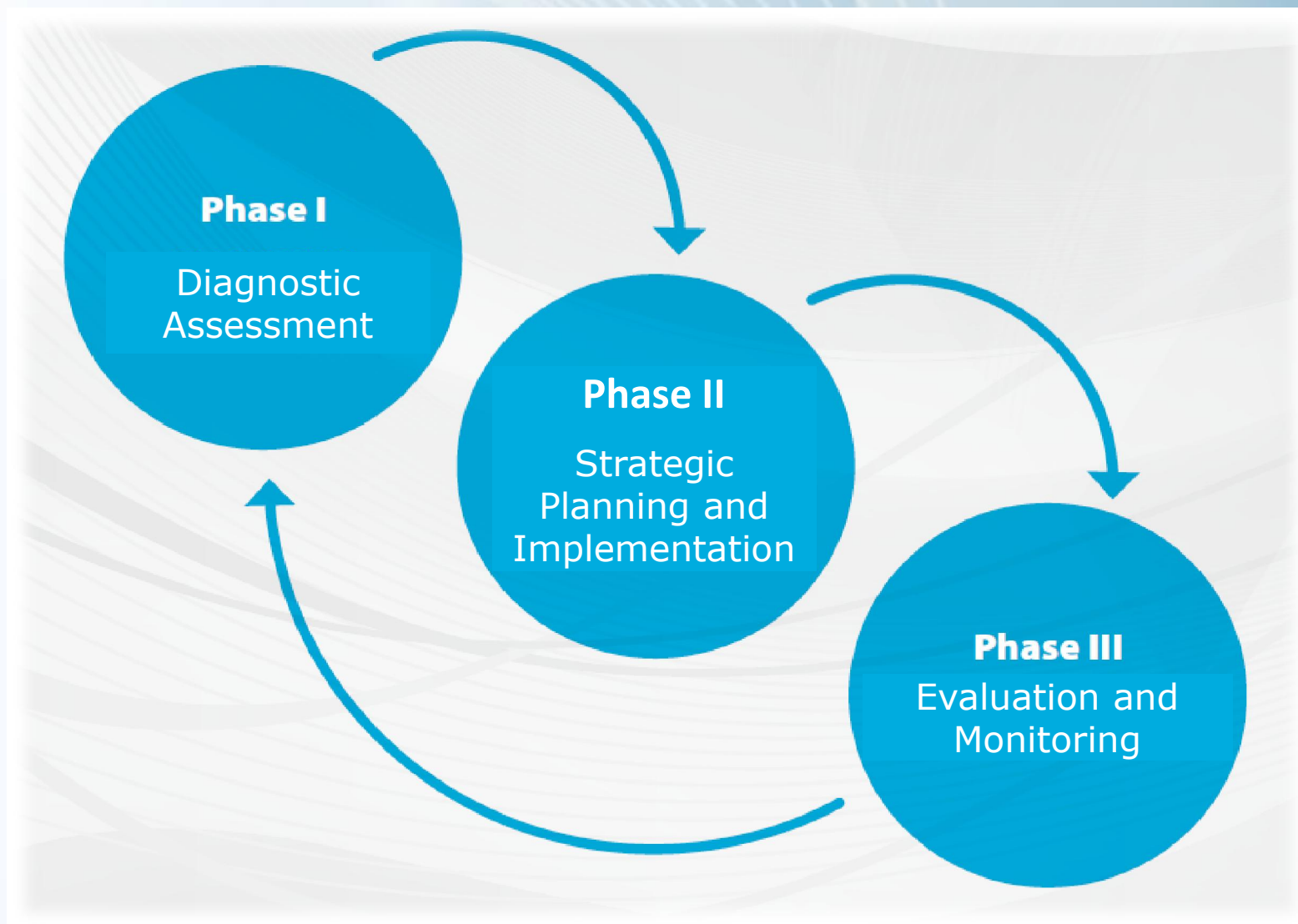
- ✓ Identifies gaps and challenges
- ✓ Contributes to joint solutions
- ✓ A step towards cooperation in National TF Committees

So far: CB support in more than 130 of 179 WCO Members

Long-term approach to organizational development



Areas of support, related to TFA implementation



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Strategic/advisory support for TFA implementation (on national, sub-regional and/or regional level):

- Regional workshops on TFA (to explain/familiarize with implementation tools)
- Needs assessment / diagnostic support
- Programme/Project initiation, development, implementation and management
- Strategic planning support
- Monitoring and evaluation support incl. Performance Measurement
- Support in the initiation and enhancement of co-operation with stakeholders (other governmental agencies; private sector; academia; development partners;...)

Areas of support, related to TFA implementation

The WCO E-learning platform CLiKC!

- 9000 registered users within WCO Members worldwide
- Daily log-ins: 300-400
- 18 different comprehensive modules
- E.g. recently developed under a World Bank-funded WCO CB project: RM, PCA, Coordinated Border Management





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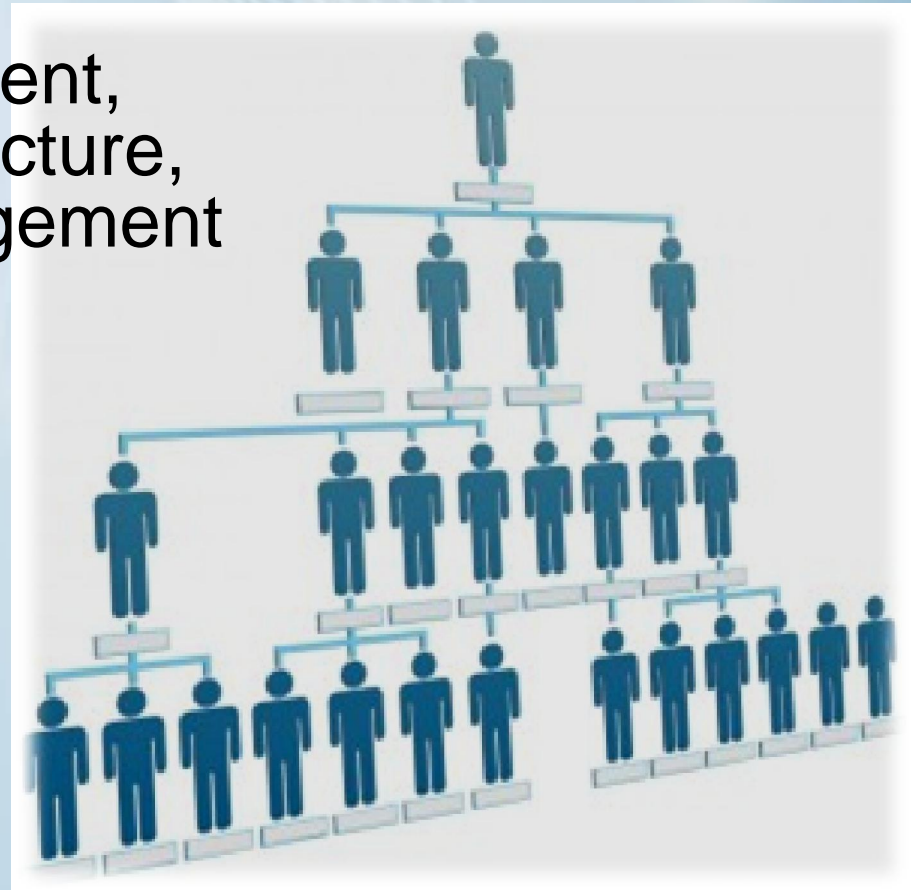
> 430 Customs Experts from Members, accredited by the WCO

- Identification and training of existing TFA experts ongoing
- Regional approach taken
- Training offer to other organizations regarding WCO standards, tools and CB approaches

Areas of support, related to TFA implementation

Strong people - strong organizations

- HR development:
Career Path development,
training policy and structure,
Leadership and Management
Development
- Integrity



WCO needs assessment process

Needs assessment process for the next WCO financial year 2014/2015

- >740 TA/CB activities requested
- strategic advisory support & technical training



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Needs assessment 2014/2015

Requests related to TFA contents include:

- Risk management (51)
- AEO (47)
- PCA (54)
- Coordinated Border Management / Stakeholder relations (45)
- Time Release Study (17)
- Performance Measurement/Management (15)
- Single Window/Data Model (17)
- IT connectivity (8)
- RKC (15)
- Advance Ruling System (6)
- General TFA awareness raising (14)

Some further requests include:

- Establishment of national TF Committee
- Needs assessment and Action Planning for TFA implementation
- Pre-arriving processing system
- Customs information on the internet



Areas of support, related to TFA implementation

Development partner and donor engagement and co-ordination



- Regional donor events
- The WCO Customs Co-operation Fund
- Project Map Database

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WCO Resource Mobilization support

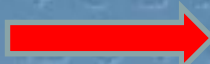
AP and ESA: regional workshops on donor interaction, project management and the development of business cases and project proposals





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	Americas and Asia Pacific Bridge for Commerce	Develop synergies between Americas and AP Region to facilitate trade and fortify connectivity

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	Award to the Good Handling Practices with Dogs	To identify the Customs who consider that the detector dogs are an additional control tool for the Customs operational tasks. To highlight the successful dog training techniques. * To identify the successful trainings for handlers and dogs. * To identify collaborative and cooperative management systems developed with other agencies to make the operational tasks more efficient. * To identify the practices related to the attention and possession of the dog. * To assist with the professionalization and specialization of the detector dogs through modern and effective handling models. * To disseminate good practices experiences and inform about them. * To promote projects related to the implementation of improvements to the handling training of dogs. * To promote the use of dogs as a control tool during the Customs operational tasks. * To promote the successful experiences among different countries.
CB2011-October	Building Trade Capacity through Customs Modernization in the East	To have smooth trade facilitation in the ESA Region by modernizing customs administrations to be efficiently managed, governance and modern working methods, and strict law enforcement. The Customs administrations have improved legal and management and simplified and improved customs procedures and border management practices.



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	País	Number of Projects	Contribution (Dollars)	Contribution (Euros)	Administration Name
	Argentina	1		50000	Administración Federal de Ingresos Públicos (AFIP)
	Botswana	2		20000	Servicio de Impuestos unificados
	Costa Rica	6	1800		MINISTERIO DE HACIENDA
	El Salvador	2			Dirección General de Aduanas
	Ethiopia	1			Ingresos y de Aduanas
	Guatemala	2	0		Intendencia de Administración Tributaria
	Honduras	2			Dirección Ejecutiva de Ingresos,
	Kenya	2		0	Autoridad de Ingresos de Kenia
	Panama	1			Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas
	Saint Lucia	1			Ministerio de Finanzas
	Uruguay	1	225		Dirección Nacional de Aduanas



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564		Interamerican Development Bank (IDB)	3
565		International Monetary Fund (IMF)	1
683		Japan	1
783		Sweden	2
804		United Kingdom	1
829		USAID	3
570		World Bank (WB)	1



A few more examples to end with...

- Implementing Single Window in Chile**
- Implementing the WCO Data Model in Oman**
- South Africa and Swaziland – Implementing Exchange of information**
- WCO Cargo Targeting System as a cargo manifest risk assessment solution**

Many thanks for your attention!



Questions?