WCO SUPPORT FOR TRADE FACILITATION REFORMS IN AFRICA: AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

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Summary

- WCO Framework of Support for TF reforms in Africa
  
  **Mercator Programme**
  - Tools [Awareness raising track]
  - Available support [Tailor-made track]

- Engaging with WCO under Mercator for TA/CB Support

- Measuring progress [tailored support]

- CB/TA Support in Africa

- Requesting TA/CB support
- Strategic Initiative to support consistent and effective implementation of Trade facilitation measures including WTO TFA using WCO tools & Instruments
- Launched in 2014
- More than 180 TA/CB missions
- More than 70 beneficiary countries

ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS
- Trade facilitation
- Simplified & Harmonized procedures
- Reduced costs
- International standards

OVERALL TRACK
- Tools & guidelines
- Donor engagement
- Sharing experience

TAILOR-MADE TRACK
- Multi-year implementation plans
- WCO programs (CBM, TRS, etc.)
- Experts
- NCTF
- Results Based Management
Tailor Made Support

International Commitments

National Priorities

Analysis / Scoping

Prioritization / Sequencing / Results Oriented
Single National Development Agenda
## Engaging with the WCO for CB Support – two options

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<td>WCO initiated Annual needs assessment</td>
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<td>WCO CB methodology applied [scoping, planning, implementation, evaluation]</td>
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<td>Agreed multi-year development plan</td>
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<td>Results-oriented with milestones and interim progress reports</td>
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<td>Plan updated as new needs emerge or priorities change</td>
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Progress

- **41** beneficiary Members
- **55%** of missions supported by member experts
- **92** accredited and pre-accredited Mercator Programme Advisors

**Main Topics:**
- Authorized Operators
- Risk Management
- Post-Clearance Audit
- Time Release Study
Measuring Progress in TFA Implementation

Maturity Model for Tailor-made Track

Allows the Member (or if requested - the Secretariat) to analyse the implementation status of specific articles

Provides the WCO and the Customs administration with a methodology to review practices and processes against known standards

Serves as reference to assess the impact of capacity building support provided.
WCO Customs TFA Maturity Model

• 188 statements linked to Customs-related TFA articles
• Person/s conducting the assessment should also refer to WTO TFA Legal Text and WCO Implementation Guidance for Section I:
  

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Several WCO CB projects provide support under the tailor-made track at national level
WCO TF Support in Africa

**WCO-JICA joint Project on TF**
- Master Trainer Programme (MTP) for EAC (valuation & HS)

**As of 2018:**
- New areas: Risk Management, PCA and Security (Global Shield)
- MTP for select Southern and West Africa countries

**WCO-Finland ESAII Project**
- Multiple countries- TFA implementation support

**WCO-Norad Project**
New project starts 2019
Focused on integrity & anti-corruption (A-CIP)

**WCO-EAC CREATE project:**
- Regional AEO Programme
- Regional Risk Management
- Regional approach to PCA

**WCO – WACAM Project**
- Strategic Management
- Stakeholder Engagement
- HRM
- TFA Implementation

**WCO – SACU Connect Project:**
- IT Connectivity
- Customs Legislation Reform
- Trade Partnerships
- Risk Management & Enforcement

**WCO-UNCTAD-HMRC TF Programme**
Multiple countries- TFA implementation support

**WCO-EU Programme on HS for Africa**
New project starts 2019
Focused on supporting countries in Africa to implement the HS to enhance intra-Africa trade

**SWEDEN PROGRAMME**
- HM Revenue & Customs

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Requesting TA/CB...

- Letter from the Director General/Head of customs of the requesting country

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THANK YOU!

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