











### FIRST INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES

Boosting capacities and partnerships for implementation

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## The Role of the NCTF in the future of Trade Facilitation

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### Reducing cost of Cross-border Trade



#### o Cost:

Time, Money, Resources

 Cross border trade is associated with highcost, redundant, complex regulatory processes.

"a 1% decrease in global trade cost would yield an increased global income of (at least) USD 40bn, where 63% realized in developing country"



## Contribute to the complexity

- Many government agencies present at the border.
- » Have specific function, mandate and expertise.
- » Mostly works in isolation.
- » Non transparent procedures.
- » Redundant/duplication in information / document requirements
- » Redundant/duplication of processes.
- If not properly managed,
- » slow release times,
- » increased costs to Trade and Transport



### CBRA: Should find new way of doing thing

- » TFA Provide framework for enhancing border management approach
  - Publication of regulatory information
  - Interagency Cooperation
  - Single Windows
- » Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) is the blue print for Modern Customs Administration
  - Customs should move from traditional "Gate Keeper" mindset, toward provision of facilitative service
    - Selectivity and Risk Management
    - Transparency and predictability
    - Application of ICT: Digital Customs
    - Coordinated Border Management
    - Partnership with private sector
    - Integrity



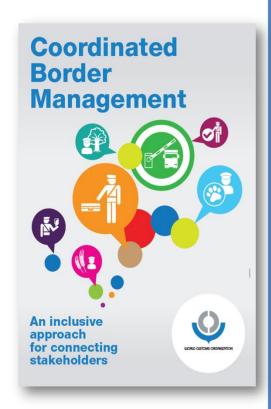






## **Coordinated Border Management**

- An approach to manage border control agencies to achieve a shared goal and a cohesive government response
- A logical way to ensure efficient and effective processes and procedures applicable to travelers, goods and means of conveyance.
- To address complicated procedures, integrity problems, excessive number of controls, poor co-ordination and organization of border control processes, no effective information sharing among border agencies
- Inclusively involve all stakeholders
- » Customs
- » Partner Regulatory Agencies
- Private sectors

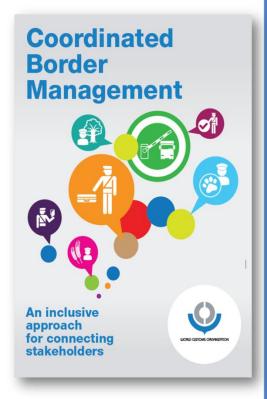




## **Coordinated Border Management**

#### Diagnostic tool for CBM

- Does the national legislation allow for cooperation and coordination between the national border agencies, including the exchange of information?
- Have the details of the cooperation and coordination been laid down in Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)?
- What communication, consultation and cooperation mechanisms does your country have in place with the trade community?
- » Does your country have a steering structure for CBM?
- » Do you have a working structure in place for CBM?
- Have you taken stock of the current situation, where the bottlenecks are and what possible solutions you would like apply?
- » Did you make a project plan to bring about the required changes and implement them?
- Do your plans for CBM include the preparedness to monitor the results, adapt to the ever changing border management environment and continue with further improvements?





## **Coordinated Border Management**

- Benefit for trade
- » Comprehensive government response;
  - Simplified border clearance processes
  - Redundancy/duplication is eliminated
- Ease of doing business specifically those which relate to international trade and transport
- » Lower cost more profit
- What's in it for government agencies:
- » Get things done
- » Optimize resources
- » Business innovation

- » Speed-up border management processes
- Lower the cost of international trade
- » Support Sustained Development Goal
- Benefit for Customs:
- » Fair revenue collection
  - More trade volume to be handled
  - More clarity and transparent of government requirement, easier for the trader to comply with
- » Effective control
- » Efficient facilitation
- » Enhance security



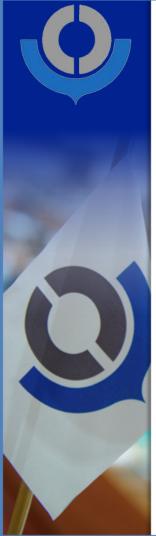
# Priority setup: Customer oriented

- » Guidance on Customs-Business Partnership
  - Published in June 2015
  - to assist Members with the development of a regular consultation/engagement/ partnership mechanism

#### » Benefits:

- Consultation during policy making facilitates implementation and execution of such policies and regulations;
- Proactive, informed policy-making, thereby making regulations more effective and acceptable;
- Enhanced voluntary compliance from business;
- Regular feedback from business about changes in the supply chain, industry practices and trends, etc;
- Reduce negative reactions to future, unforeseen incidents and or impacts because of better understanding and communication

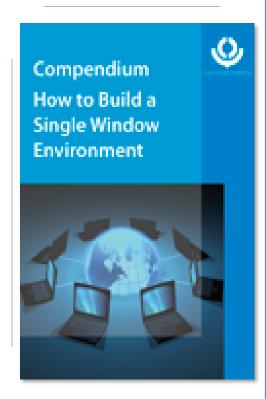




## Single Window Environment

# One instance of CBM implementation:

- » Services re-organized; delivered 'under one roof'
- » Traditional structures of government are transformed
- » New arrangements least inconvenience to citizens and businesses.
- » Government Services to be re-engineered to meet the needs of cross-border regulatory processes
- » Cross-border Single Window is an important measure for trade facilitation
- SW needs to be seen as an "environment" because it is not a monolithic structure, but an ecosystem of inter-dependent facilities and processes





## **Single Window Steps**

- Single Window Concept
- Collaboration mindset
- Stakeholder consultation

Incubation &

strategic

**Planning** 

- Strategic planning
- Policy Convergence

Strategic Business Case for Single Window Approach Business case for the preferred Single Window Project(s)

- Single Window Initiative
- Political mandate
- Governance structures
- Program Management
- Project Formulation

SW Services Operational
 Change Management

Single Window Environment

Performance management

Project Implementation

Single Window Project Implementation Review & Feedback

Establishment & Consolidation

Development,
Implementation,
Evaluation &

**Feedback** 

Compendium How to Build a Single Window Environment





## **Single Window**

"Within the context of this Recommendation, a Single Window is defined as a facility that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardized information and documents with a single entry point to fulfill all import, export, and transit-related regulatory requirements. If information is electronic, then individual data elements should only be submitted once."

**UN-CEFACT Recommendation 33** 

WHO?

• Parties involved in trade and transport

WHAT?

Standardized information and documents

WHERE?

• Single entry point

WHEN / WHY

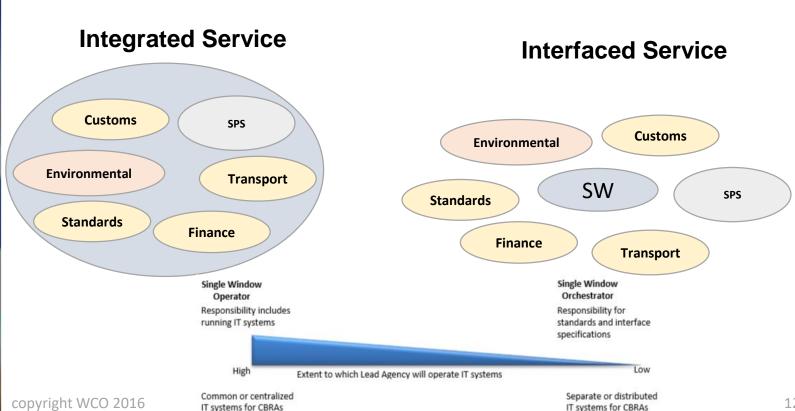
• Fulfill all import, export, and transitrelated regulatory requirements.

HOW?

• Electronic data elements should submitted only once



# Single Window Architecture Model Environment of digital collaboration

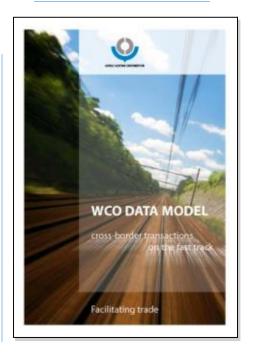




### Single Window Architecture Model

**Environment of digital collaboration** 

- Library of regulatory data requirement that consists of standardized and reusable components, to meet the procedural and legal needs of Customs and its partner cross-border regulatory agencies controlling and facilitating export, import and transit transactions
- Universal language of Cross-border regulatory agencies
- Enable seamless collaboration





## **Single Window Services**

#### Information Services

- » e-forms
- » Data structures
  - Electronic messages/ Snippets
  - Guidelines
- Regulatory information specific to commodities
  - Admissibility,
  - tariff structure

# Operational messaging Services

- » Registering Business entities & Business Collaboration
- » Electronic Messaging Services
  - Parsing, translating, Routing, Delivering, and Audit logging

# Business Computing services

- Declaration and permit Management
  - Lodging (and responding to) main declarations
  - Lodging supporting document
    - E-copies
    - Electronic supporting document
- » Computing duties, taxes, fees, entitlements
- » (Integrated) Payment, accounting & reconciliation
- » Accounts Management
- » (Integrated) Risk Management
- » Join organization of inspection
- » Service Metrics/ business intelligent



# Single Window Implementation Strategy

- Single Window implementation is a journey
- » Avoid Big Bang
- » Incremental development
- » Clear vision
- » Clear roadmap
- » Clear Governance Structure and Mechanism
- » Sustainable and consistent improvements





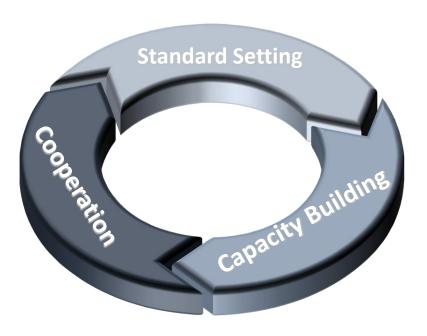
### Priority setup: Understanding where are the bottlenecks

- » No single solution for Single Window;
- » Each Country has its unique needs, requirements and objectives;
- » Time Release Study
  - A unique tool and method for measuring the actual time required from arrival of goods to its release
  - to access the efficiency and effectiveness of each actors in the flow process of cargo
  - To Identify bottleneck processes affecting release of goods
  - To obtain empirical evidence for re-engineering existing procedures.
  - To identify opportunities for border management improvement
  - To establishing baseline for border management performance measurement





#### **WCO Supporting Single Window Initiatives**



#### Standard Settings:

 Development of guidelines and instruments; collecting best practices,

### Capacity Building

- » Training/ Technical Assistance; Awareness Raising
- » Donor engagement;
- » Manage pool of experts

#### Cooperation

» Engagement with different pertinent International Organizations



# WCO Supporting Single Window Initiatives: Key tools



Revised Kyoto Convention



Coordinated Border Management



Single Window Compendium



Data Model



Time Release Study



TFA Implementation Guide



## Thank you

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