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Background

• Case Stories of good practice on implementing the WTO TFA measures
• Cases from developing and least developed countries
• In line with SDG 17.9: Enhance international support for implementing effective capacity-building, including South-South Cooperation
Objective

- To share experience with other countries
- At least one case story for each TFA measure, and additional examples will be added over time
- To be published in an online/hard copy Compendium based on a standard structure

Standard structure of case stories

- Implementation Overview
- Detailed Services Provided
- Benefits
- Costs, Fees And Sustainability
- Funding Source
- Legislation Changes Required
- Technology Utilized
- Success Factors And Lessons Learned
- Obstacles Encountered
- Contact Details For Further Information
- Capacity building and technical assistance
Example 1
Rwanda Electronic Single Window

Services Provided

- Processing Custom declaration
- Issuance of licenses
- Electronic Payment
- Integrated Risk Management
- Generation of Statistics using data mining
Rwanda eSW benefits

ReSW
- Reduction of release time by 85%
- Operation with realtime response 40 to 60%
- Reduction of inspection time from 42 to 15%
- Export clearance hour dropped from 67 to 34

ReSW benefits ctd

- Transport Savings: 6 million USD
- Transaction cost average savings per annum: 1 million USD
- Reduction of Inspection Time: 15-20 minutes
Cost, Fees and Sustainability

Total Cost of Implementing ReSW • 4,501,190 USD
Fee for ordinary declaration • 3.5 USD
Fee for simplified declaration • 0.5 USD

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Example 2
Sri Lankan Electronic Payment
On line customs declaration payment

1993
• Custom declarations ASYCUDA

2011
• Introduction of ASYCUDA World

2014
• Upgrade of ASYCUDA

Service provided
• Allows the traders to settle their taxes and dues straightaway through their online bank accounts
• Available all year round
• This service also automatically updates the Customs Declaration in ASYCUDA
• No need to be present physically to process payments
Benefits derived

• Eliminated delays for Brokers waiting in queues just to make tax payments and to get the payments updated in the ASYCUDA system.
• It functions outside of the routine working hours
• Payments can even be made using mobile phones and apps.

Costs and sustainability

• The facility was implemented with the internal resources of Sri Lanka Customs
• The On-Line Payment facility was designed with the support from UNCTAD/ASYCUDA alongside with M/s Lanka Clear Pvt Ltd
• It charges Rs 50/- per each transaction with regard to Customs Tax payment
• These payments ensure the sustainability of the M/s Lanka Clear Pvt Ltd service
Stake holder engagement, change management and communication

• A number of awareness and training programs targeting the banks, the traders and the brokers were organized
• Change management was also critical to the success

Success factors and lessons learned

Joining hands with a private sector company was the key to the success of the implementation of the On-Line Payment facility for Customs Taxes and Dues
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Publication of compendium

The compendium will be published in the coming months on
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