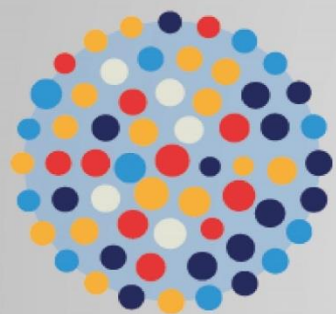


WCO SUPPORT FOR TRADE FACILITATION REFORMS IN AFRICA: AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING



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Summary

📄 WCO Framework of Support for TF reforms in Africa *Mercator Programme*

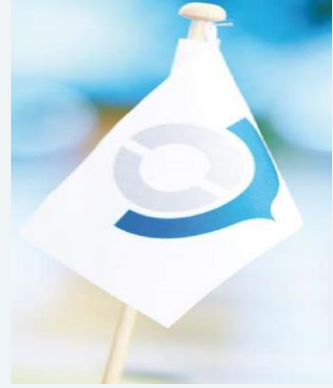
- Tools [Awareness raising track]
- Available support [Tailor-made track]

📄 Engaging with WCO under Mercator for TA/CB Support

📄 Measuring progress [tailored support]

📄 CB/TA Support in Africa

📄 Requesting TA/CB support

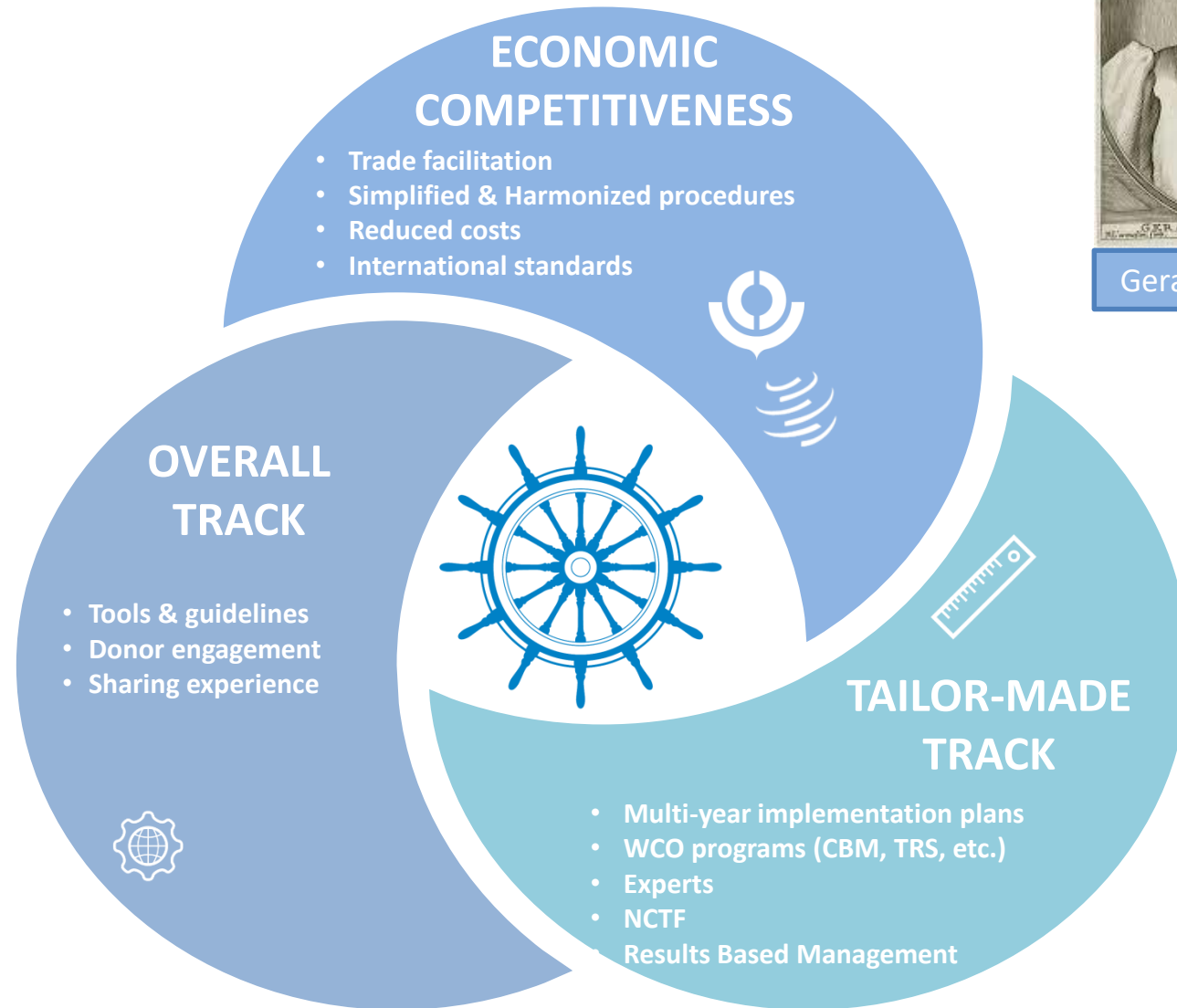




Mercator Programme

A Navigational Map for Trade Facilitation

- **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**



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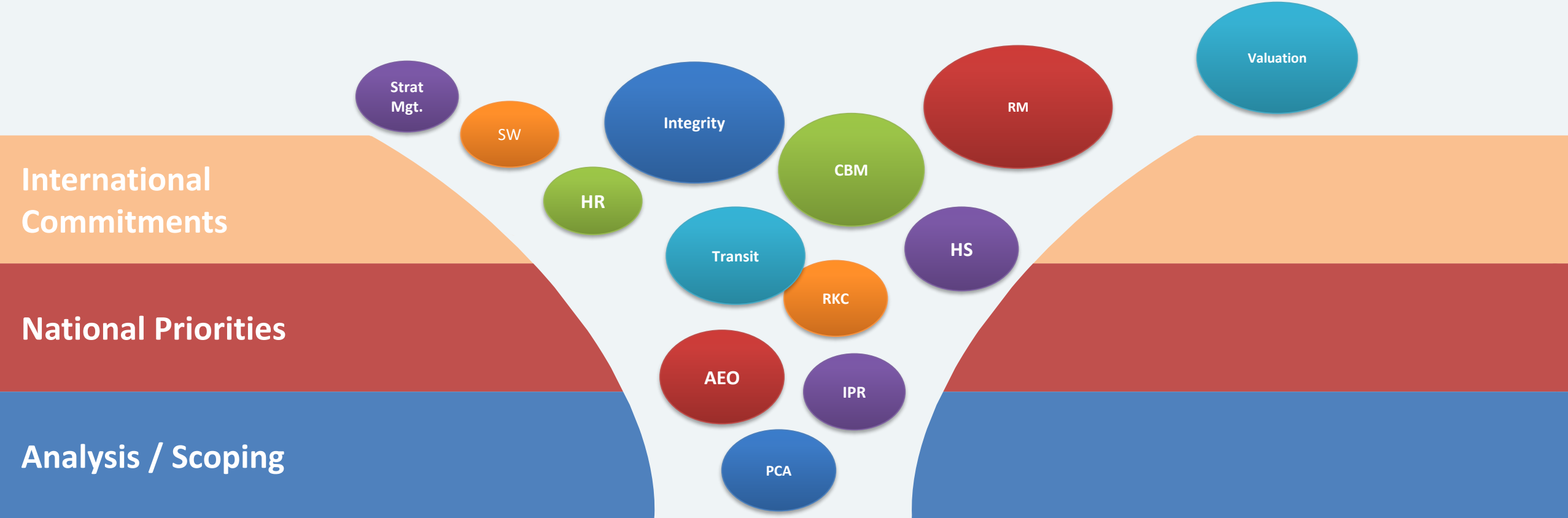
Overall Track



Mercator
Programme



Tailor Made Support



**Prioritization / Sequencing / Results Oriented
Single National Development Agenda**

Engaging with the WCO for CB Support – two options

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- Request/expression of interest
- WCO CB methodology applied [scoping, planning, implementation, evaluation]
- Agreed multi-year development plan
- Project management principles
- Donor cooperation
- Results-oriented with milestones and interim progress reports
- Plan updated as new needs emerge or priorities change
- Dedicated MPA (WCO Accredited Expert)



Training & Support

- WCO initiated Annual needs assessment
- Invitation to Members every January
- On-going support from WCO Regional Development Managers
- Adhoc/Activity based
- Resource Mobilization [Donor & Experts] [Funding more difficult to attract]

Progress



Mercator
Programme



- **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:

<http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/wco-implementing-the-wto-atf/atf.aspx>

EXAMPLE

TFA Article 1: Publication			
Commencement	Augmented	Emergent	Sustained
<p>Publication- 25% or less required information available. Forms not available on Internet .No Enquiry Points established. NTFC not notified to WTO.</p>	<p>Publication- 25-50% of required information available. Some forms available on Internet. Offices act as ad hoc Enquiry Points. NTFC not notified to WTO.</p>	<p>Publication- 50-80% of required information available. Most forms available on Internet. Central Enquiry Point established. NTFC notified to WTO.</p>	<p>All 10 required information sub-items Published. Updates and all forms available on Internet. Enquiry Points established. . NTFC notified to WTO.</p>

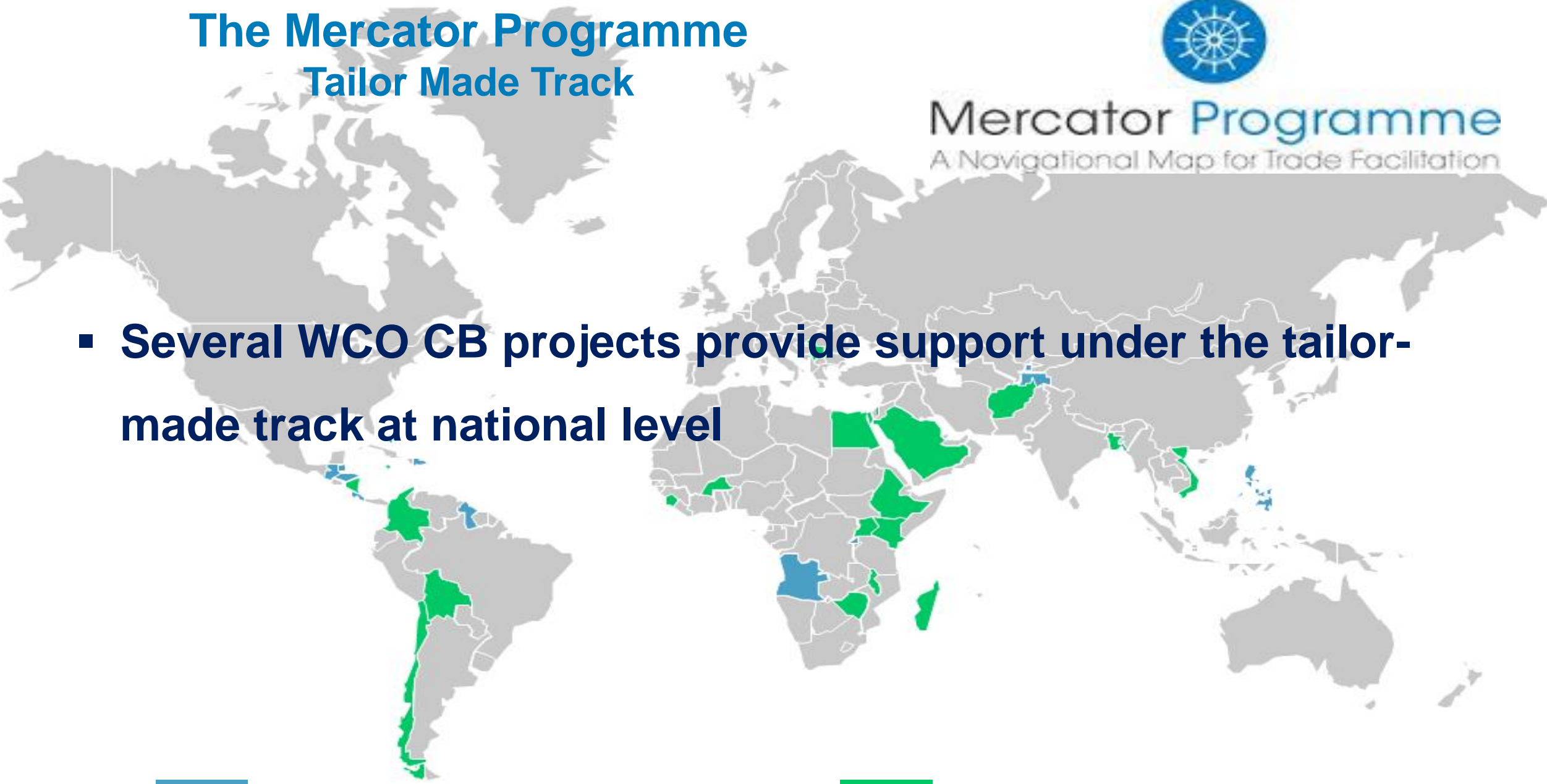
The Mercator Programme

Tailor Made Track



Mercator Programme
A Navigational Map for Trade Facilitation

- **Several WCO CB projects provide support under the tailor-made track at national level**



Scoping/ Diagnostic Phase

Implementation / Strategic Plan Phase

WCO TF Support in Africa



SWEDEN PROGRAMME

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-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 ESAIL Project

- Multiple countries- TFA implementation support



WCO-Norad Project

New project starts 2019
Focused on integrity & and anti-corruption (A-CIP)



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



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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