ASYCUDA
Automated System for Customs Data

40 YEARS

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UNCTAD/ASYCUDA (2021)

100 Countries & territories

- 38 LDCs
- 34 SIDS
- 21 LLDCs

69 Ongoing projects
including 13 regional & inter-regional

Transfer of know-how
300+ training sessions
& 3000+ participants

Main Partners

15 MoUs

30 New projects **signed**

11 Single Window projects

- Barbados
- Burundi
- Comoros
- Jamaica
- Kazakhstan
- Rwanda
- Timor-Leste
- Turkmenistan
- Uganda
- Vanuatu
- Zimbabwe

Context & Scope

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- **2014** – MOU signed between UNCTAD and OCHA to develop and implement an IT solution to facilitate the clearance of relief consignments in Member States
- **2016** – First ASYREC proof-of-concept presented during HNPW
- **2017** – ASYREC nominated for UN Secretary-General Award under the category "Innovation and Creativity"
- **2018** – ASYREC for OCEANIA: An initiative of the Working Group on "Customs and Humanitarian Relief" - Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu
- **2019-2021** – UN and WCO instruments, tools and initiatives, UNCTAD/OCHA/IFRC contributions
  - UN/CEFACT Recommendation No. 44: *Cross-Border Facilitation Measures for Disaster Relief*
  - UN/CEFACT Recommendation No. 47: *Pandemic Crisis Trade-Related Response*
  - WCO RKC *Specific Annex J5 revision* (ongoing)

A Leading Edge Programme Event
HNPW
Humanitarian Networks & Partnerships Week

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- **Phase 1** *(April-June 2020)* – COVID-19 guidelines to customs administrations
- **Phase 2** *(July-Dec 2020)* – Survey on guidelines + ASYCUDA for Relief Consignments (ASYREC)
  - COVID-19 : Survey & report
  - ASYREC : Humanitarian portal
  - ASYREC : e-learning platform
  - ASYREC : Modules on conventions & instruments
- **Phase 3** *(Jan-Dec 2021)* – ASYREC development & piloting
  - ASYREC : Development of software
  - ASYREC : Piloting
- **UNECE** – e-certification standard established in cooperation with UNECE and German BLE

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IMPortation And Customs Clearance Together !

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- **Phase 1 – COVID-19 Guidelines to customs administrations**
  - Guidelines finalized and submitted to user countries

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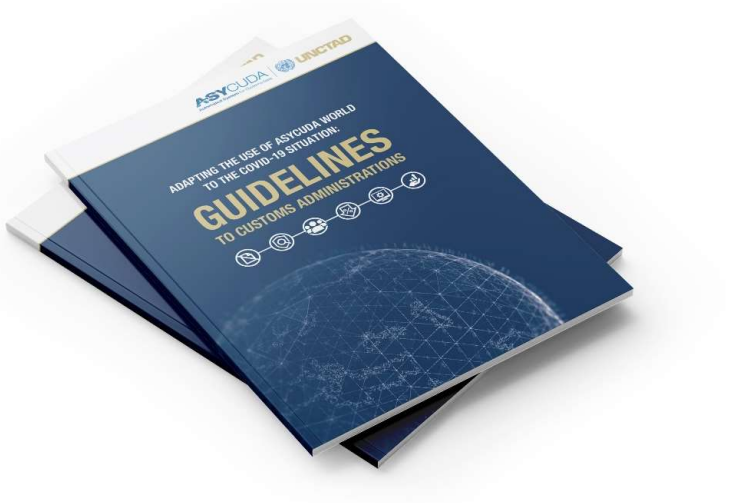
100 USER COUNTRIES



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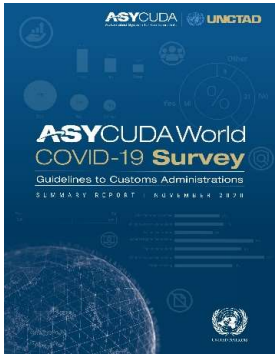
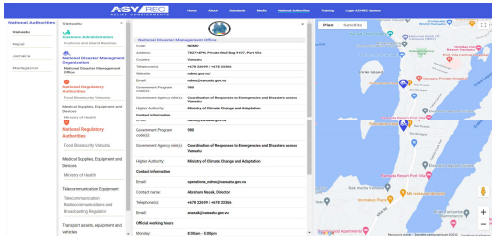
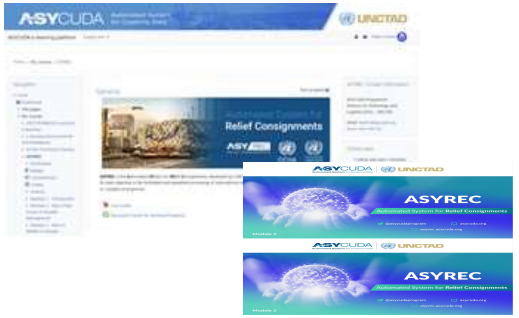
UNCTAD/ASYCUDA (December 2020)

Phase 2 – Survey on guidelines + ASYCUDA for Relief Consignments (ASYREC)

- COVID-19 : Survey conducted with 46 responses & report published
- ASYREC : Framework for humanitarian portals ready
- ASYREC : e-learning platform developed
- ASYREC : Modules on conventions & instruments, role of key actors, and role of NDMA in disaster management developed and available on e-learning platform







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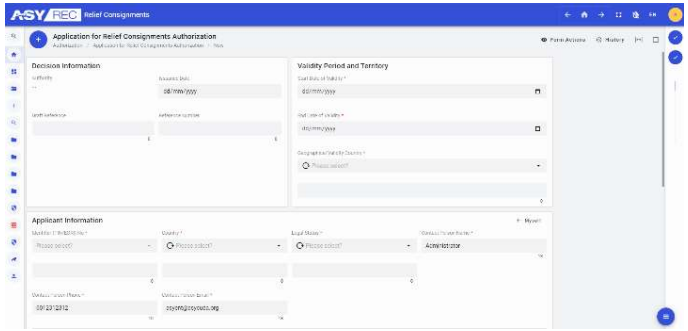
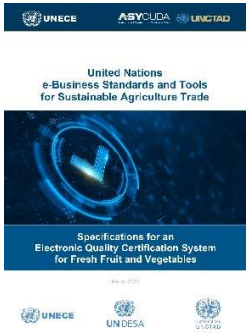
- **Phase 3 – ASYREC development & piloting**
  - Development of software (SaaS developed and ready for first pilot)
  - Piloting (Vanuatu project signed, resource mobilized, and project launched)

- **UNECE – e-certification standard established in cooperation with UNECE and German BLE**
  - e-certification standard documentation validated by WG and available





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Tweets

- **8 April 2020** - publication of ASYCUDA Guidelines on ASYCUDA website

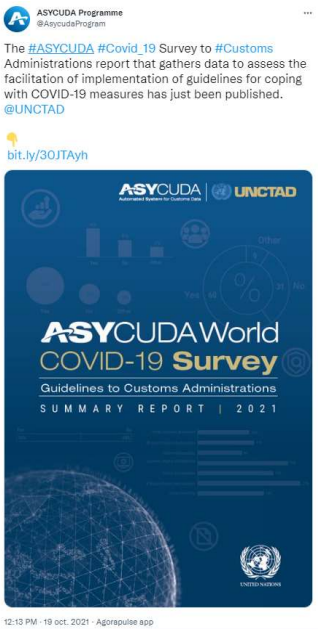
- **13 September 2021** – ASYCUDA Annual Report Section 6 summarizes work done within the context of COVID-19 and UNDA Project)

- **20 September 2021** - 2021 ASYCUDA Newsletter deals with ASYREC development

- **29 September 2021** – International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste)

- **6 October 2021** – Promoting ASYCUDA Guidelines before UNCTAD15

- **19 October 2021** - Summary Report analyzes survey responses and data gathered from 46 user countries)



- **27 December 2021** - International Day of Epidemic Preparedness

- **25 May 2022** - ASYREC project kick-off in Vanuatu

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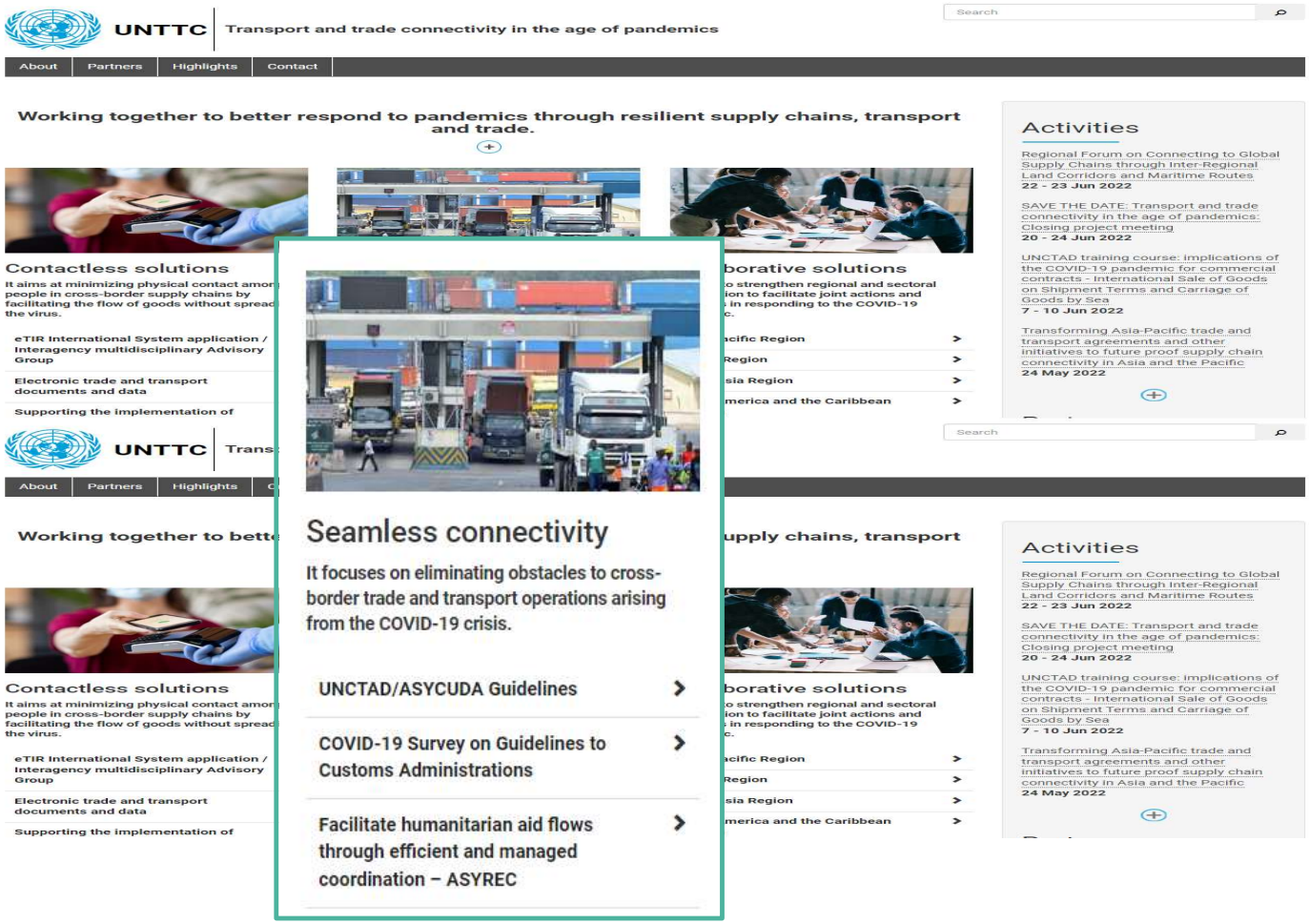

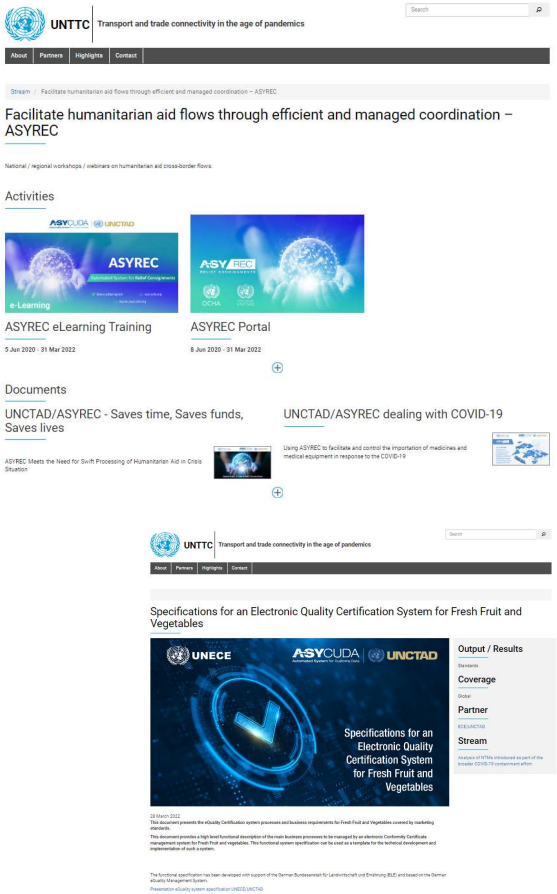

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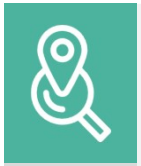

- Standards (data and processes) are available (IFRC, OCHA, UNECE, WCO)
- Countries readiness mixed, and need for further TA
- Coordination and resources among key actors
- Unpredictable nature of disasters
- Political dimension of response

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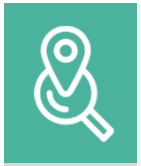
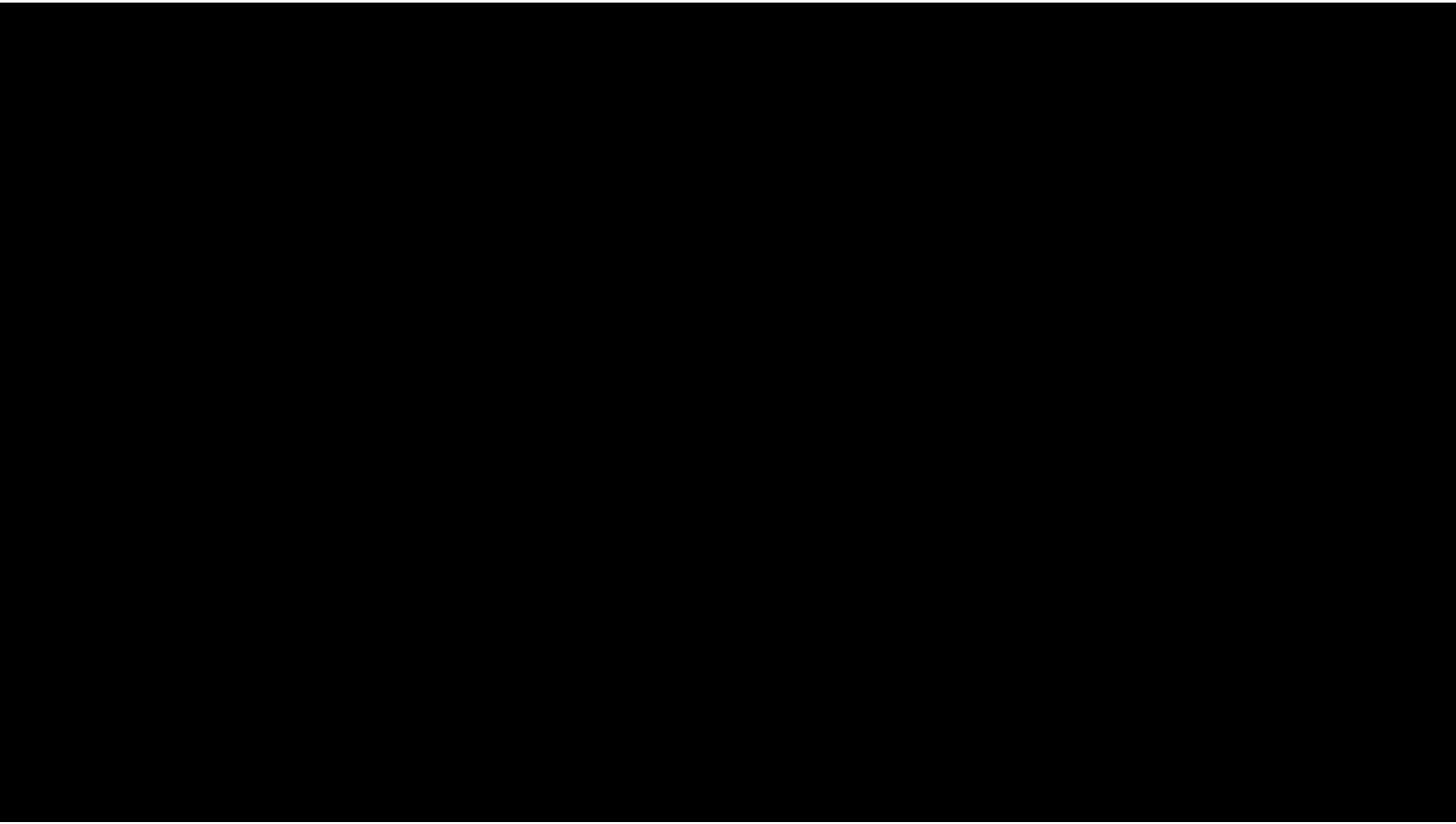


- UNDA proposal to build on Vanuatu pilot for the Pacific region
- Mobilize resource to maintain readiness capacity



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THANK YOU!

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