



PRESENTATION

# UNDA COVID-19

Cluster 2 : Seamless **ASYCUDA**



**UNCTAD** / 21 June 2022  
Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL)



**OCHA**



UNITED NATIONS  
**UNCTAD**



**UNECE**

## 1 Context & Scope

2 Outputs delivered

3 Lessons learned

4 What next ?



# Context & Scope

UNCTAD/ASYCUDA (2021)

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**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

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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





# Context & Scope

## UNCTAD/ASYCUDA



- ▶ **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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# Outputs delivered

UNCTAD/ASYCUDA (June 2020)

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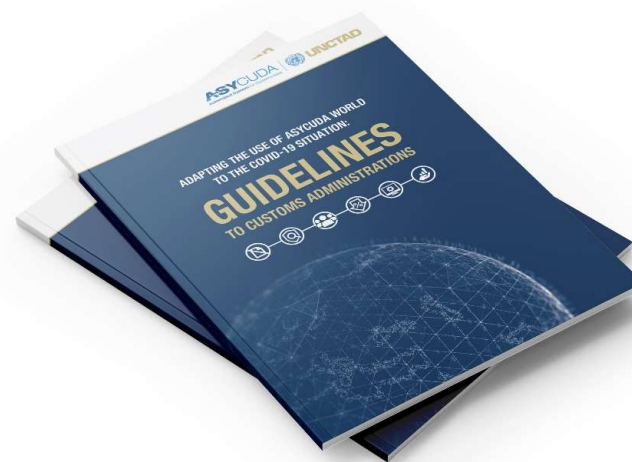


## ► Phase 1 – COVID-19 Guidelines to customs administrations

- Guidelines finalized and submitted to user countries



100 USER COUNTRIES





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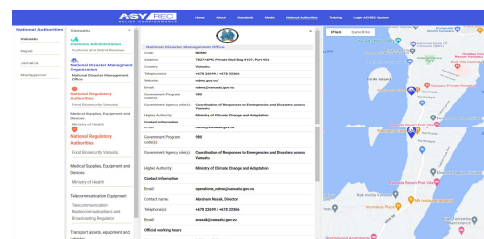
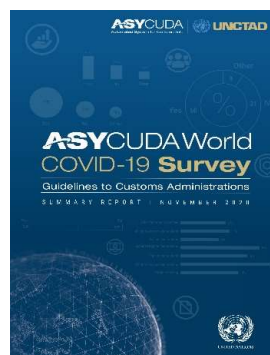
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## ► Phase 2 – Survey on guidelines + ASYCUDA for Relief Consignments (ASYREC)

- 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



# Outputs delivered

## UNCTAD/ASYCUDA (June 2022)

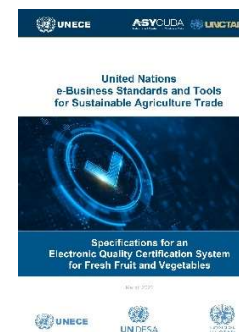
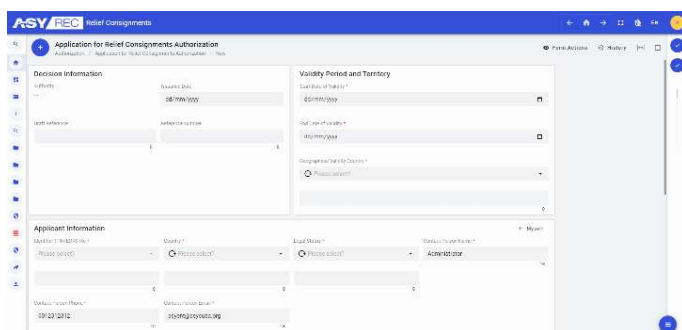


### ► Phase 3 – ASYREC development & piloting

- 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



# Media

## 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)

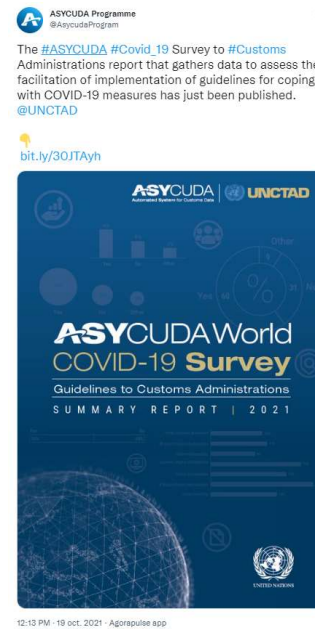


- **20 September 2021** - 2021 ASYCUDA Newsletter deals with ASYREC development



- **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



**Contactless solutions**  
It aims at minimizing physical contact among people in cross-border supply chains by facilitating the flow of goods without spreading the virus.

**Cooperative solutions**  
to strengthen regional and sectoral cooperation to facilitate joint actions and initiatives in responding to the COVID-19 crisis.

**Activities**  
Regional Forum on Connecting to Global Supply Chains through Inter-Regional Land Corridors and Maritime Routes  
22 - 23 Jun 2022

SAVE THE DATE: Transport and trade connectivity in the age of pandemics: Closing project meeting  
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Transforming Asia-Pacific trade and transport agreements and other initiatives to future proof supply chain connectivity in Asia and the Pacific  
24 May 2022

**Seamless connectivity**  
It focuses on eliminating obstacles to cross-border trade and transport operations arising from the COVID-19 crisis.

**Cooperative solutions**  
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**Facilitate humanitarian aid flows through efficient and managed coordination - ASYREC**

National / regional workshops / webinars on humanitarian aid cross-border flows

**Cooperative solutions**  
to strengthen regional and sectoral cooperation to facilitate joint actions and initiatives in responding to the COVID-19 crisis.

**Activities**  
National / regional workshops / webinars on humanitarian aid cross-border flows

ASYREC eLearning Training  
5 Jun 2020 - 31 Mar 2022

ASYREC Portal  
8 Jun 2020 - 31 Mar 2022

**Documents**  
UNCTAD/ASYREC - Saves time, Saves funds, Saves lives  
UNCTAD/ASYREC dealing with COVID-19

ADP/REC Meets the Need for Swift Processing of Humanitarian Aid in Crisis Situations  
Using ASYREC to facilitate and control the importation of medicines and medical equipment in response to the COVID-19

**Specifications for an Electronic Quality Certification System for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**

UNEP UNECE ASYCUDA UNCTAD

Output / Results  
Coverage  
Date  
Partner  
ASYCUDA  
Stream

23 Jun 2022  
The document presents the eQuality Certification system processes and business requirements for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables covered by marketing standards.  
The document provides a high-level functional description of the main business processes to be managed by an Electronic Quality Certification Management System for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. This functional system specification can be used as a template for the technical development and implementation of such systems.

The technical specifications were developed with support of the German Bundesministerium für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung (BLE) and based on the German Quality Management System.  
Preparation eQuality system specification UNECE/UNCTAD



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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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# What next ?

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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!**  
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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