5th MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WORKING GROUP
ON COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT
OF CUSTOMS OF THE WCO / WCA REGION

ACTIVITY REPORT

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1. PRESENTATION OF THE RWG

2. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

3. DIFFICULTIES

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1st PART

PRESENTATION OF THE RWG ON COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT

• Missions and organization
• Work tools
WHO ARE WE?

The Regional Working Group on IT Development of the 23 member administrations of the WCO-WCA region

Our missions

• Develop initiatives and tools to strengthen members' capacities
• Promote the use of ICT in customs procedures and techniques, as well as in the management of the Region's Customs Administrations.
WHO ARE WE?

Our organization

• Presidency held by the leading country, Côte d'Ivoire
• Secretariat composed of the lead country, Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB) and two member countries
• 3 commissions:
  ▪ The Information Technology Governance Commission;
  ▪ The commission for the development of IT solutions within customs administrations;
  ▪ The Commission for the Development of Systems of Collaboration between Customs Administrations
OUR WORK TOOLS?

Space on the regional website
http://www.omdaoc.org/
Menu «IT RWG»

Forum by commission and free forum
http://www.omdaoc.org/Forum/

Regional Addressing
Tic.pays@omdaoc.org

IT RWG WCO-WCA on the social networks WhatsApp

WhatsApp
WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED OUT?

- Follow-up on the implementation of the RWG's recommendations
- Follow-up of activities related to the appropriation of sydonia in the WCO-WCA region
- Attendance at meetings
Follow-up of the implementation of recommendations

1. To ECOWAS:
Collect the training needs of the region's IT services to be transmitted to the Vice Presidency for consideration by ECOWAS in its 2018-2019 training agenda

- Of the 23 member countries, 8 have transmitted their training needs to the RWG

2. To the RWG on Computer Development
Improve its communication tools by taking into account both focal points and IT managers

- In addition to the forum, creation of a WhatsApp group called "WCO-WCA IT RWG"

3. To UNCTAD
Develop a deposit and auction management module in ASYCUDA

- Contact of the RWG with UNCTAD for the preparation of draft functional specifications for the development of deposit and auction management modules in ASYCUDA to be submitted to all member countries
Follow-up of the implementation of recommendations

4. To the IT Services of Customs Administrations

Provide the RWG with the list of ASYCUDA or other customs clearance system users used, specifying the version of the Framework, the SE, the type of DB, the modules implemented and any adaptations transmitted to the Vice Presidency.

- TOGO is in charge of monitoring the activity.

5. To the WCO Secretariat

To provide support to the RWG for the organisation of a benchmarking mission as part of an IT optimisation of the handling of goods.

- The RWG has developed a draft TOR for validation by its members before transmission to the WCO Secretariat.

6. To the RWG on Computer Development

Implementation of activities related to the ownership of ASYCUDA in the WCO-WCA Region.
Establishment of a Virtual Working Group at the 15th Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Conference of DGs of the WCO-WCA region:

- In charge of conducting a study on the challenges of the WCO-WCA region
- 11 challenges identified including DEPENDENCE ON ASYCUDA AND FUTURE EVOLUTIONS

Recommendation of the 22nd Conference of Directors General in Dakar in 2017
Propose a strategy for a better appropriation of ASYCUDA

Workshop on the future of ASYCUDA in 2016 in Lomé

Adoption of a strategy at the 4th meeting of the RWG in 2018 in Abidjan
Implementation of activities related to the ownership of ASYCUDA in the WCO-WCA Region
MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

Participating in meetings

- 03 Experts meetings (Guinea, Nigeria, RCA)
- 02 meetings of the Conference of Customs Directors General (Guinea in April 2018, CAR in March 2019)
- 01 meeting of the IT Sub-Committee on the WCO Data Model (Brussels)

Recommendations of the 24th Conference of Directors General of Customs of the WCO-WCA Region addressed to the GTR

- Develop a human resources management software model for the region
- Provide technical support to the regional working group on computerization of litigation, risk management and selectivity
3rd PART

DIFFICULTIES

- Participation rate in WCO meetings
- Back to the solicitations
DIFFICULTIES

- Low participation rate in WCO meetings
- Low return on contributions (evaluation questionnaires, request for information, etc.)
4th PART
NEXT ACTIVITIES
• The organisation of a benchmarking mission as part of an IT optimisation of the handling of goods with the support of the WCO Secretariat

• The next RWG meeting will be held in Nigeria in January or February 2020
I THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION