



# WCO Secretariat Activity Report

## September 2019

September 24-26, 2019  
Kinshasa DRC

10th National Contact Points Meeting

**Last report presented to 24th Conference of WCA  
Directors of Customs ( Bangui, March 2019)**

**This report focuses on the progress achieved  
since this last conference**



## **WCO Secretariat Activity Report (distributed)**

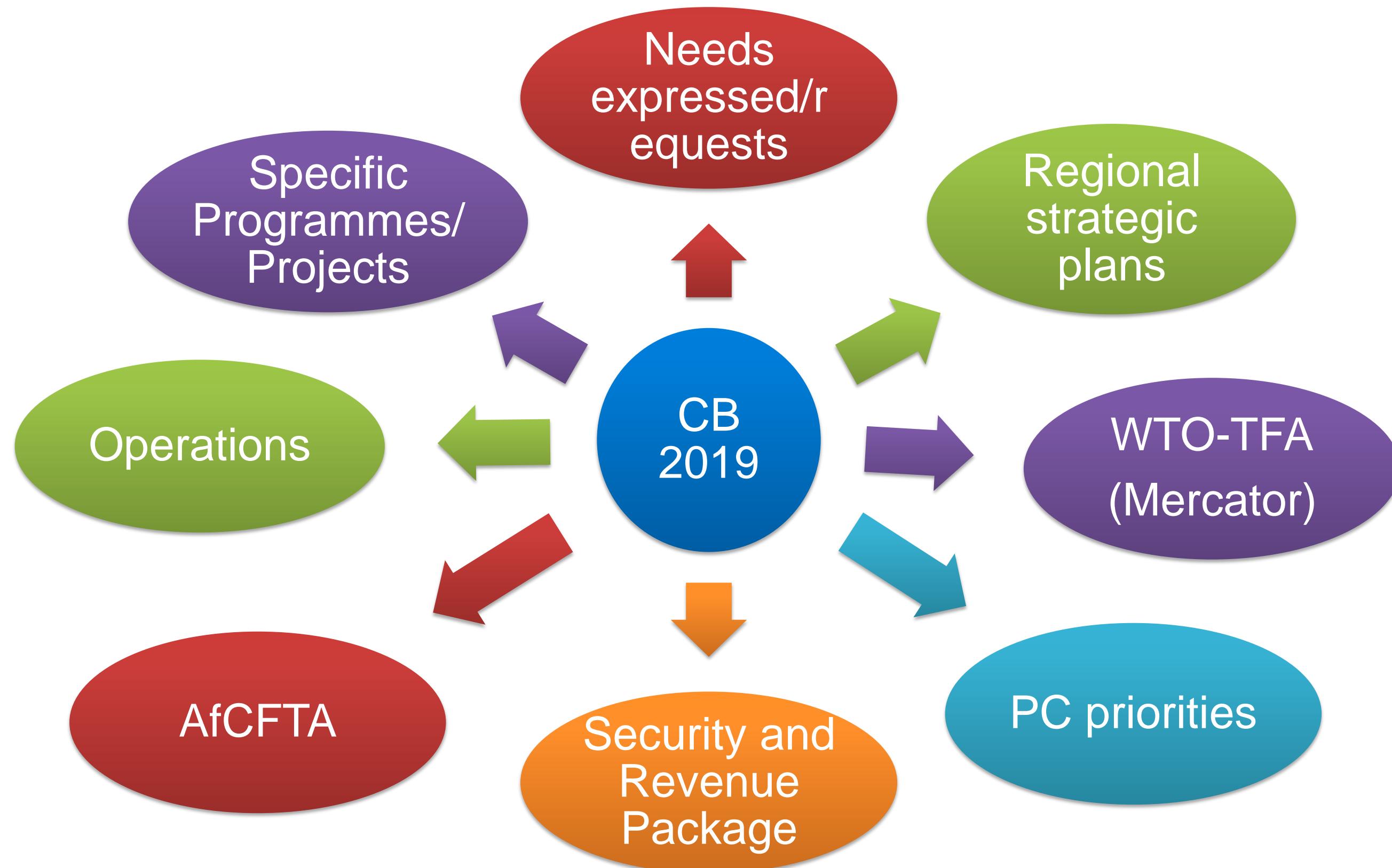
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# Overall capacity building delivery



# Recommendations addressed to the WCO Secretariat

- 24th Conference of WCA DG (Bangui, march 2019):
  - Support to RILO=Yaoundé 11/2019
  - Support to Regional Working Group on ICT(Benchmarking)=**Ongoing support on maritime and air cargo manifest**
  - Make available list of accredited experts to the Region = **Sent to RTC's and ROCB's in December 2018.**
  - Accreditation workshops(Transit and Integrity) =**Transit Accreditation WS in March 2019 with 6 WCA Participants / NORAD-AC-IP Program for Ethics.**
- 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Sub-Committee of DG of Customs of the African Union (Kampala, september 2018)
  - 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Contact Points (Yaoundé 2018)
    - Continue initiatives to extend the MADAQ program.
    - Improve coordination with the ROCB-WCA in the processing and analysis of capacity building requests
    - Assist the WCA region in organizing a regional workshop on Key Performance Indicators in 2019.

# WCO Programs with WCA involvement

Security Project ++ (Nigeria / WCO)  
-Cameroon, Nigeria, Niger, CAR, Chad)  
-Security Project for AOC PGS (EEI)  
-ALPC  
-10 countries in the zone  
-Training in Benin in June and August.

**Protection of Cultural Heritage**  
-Training manual on the fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural property (PITCH) since the end of 2018.  
-Regional WS in Burkina Faso and Senegal in 2018  
- Seizure in July 2019 in Burkina Faso  
- 2 wooden statues from Cameroon with false documents.



**Leadership and Management, Top Executive Retreats**

**Latest activities:**

- **Gambia (TER/LMD),**
- **Nigeria (LMD)**

**CITES/Objective: Capacity building for WCA Customs to fight against crime related to endangered species**

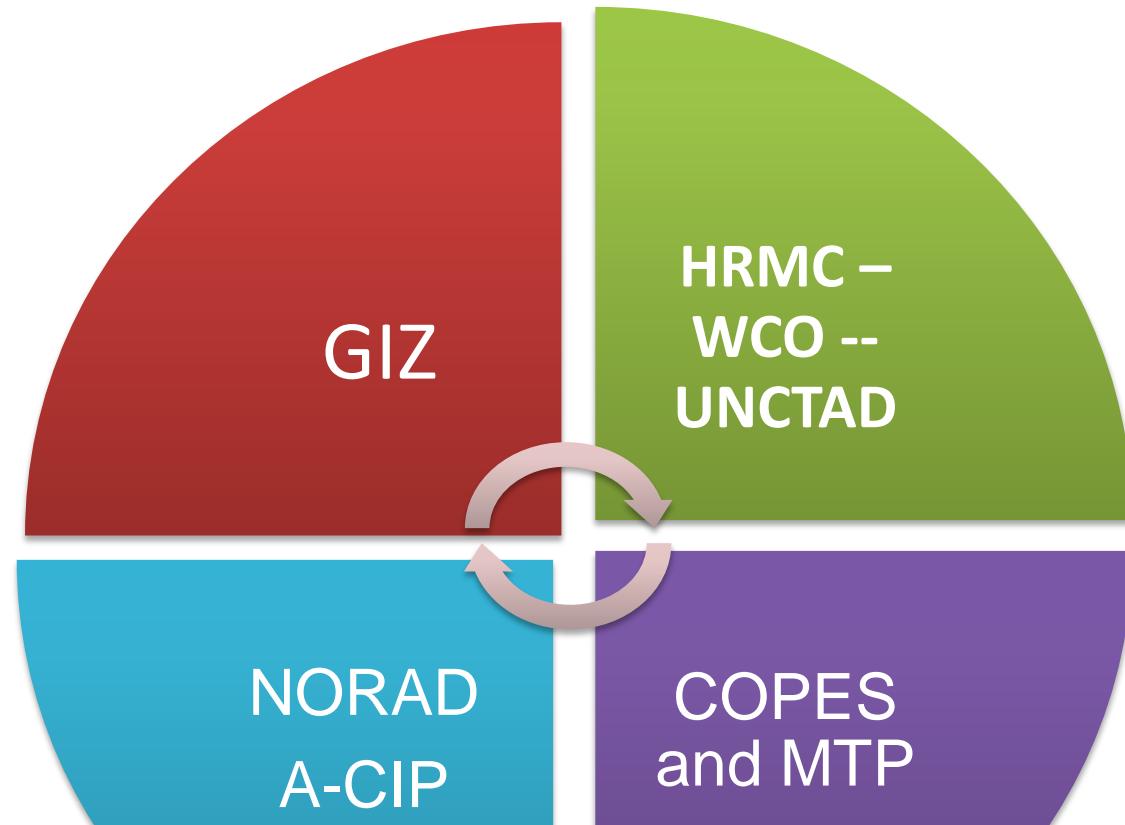
**Latest activities:**

- **Operation Praesidio (march 2019)**
- **Operation Thunderball (july 2019)**
- **Assistance to Cameroun, Togo, Nigeria in July and August 2019**

# WCO Programs with WCA involvement (2)

## Support to Gambia / AFE

- TRS management
- Risk management
- 2 actions in February 2019
- Implementation until March 2020.



- **Promotion of fight against corruption and for ethics:**
- **-Improving governance**
- **-Improvement of customs integrity.**
- **-Mali / Ghana / Liberia / Sierra Leone**

- Technical Cooperation Tool
- JICA funding
- Specialized trainers in intelligence analysis for AOC
- 1st RWS in Abidjan in February 2019.
- 2nd RWS in Ghana in August 2019

TFA support to certain countries, 3 in WCA (Sierra Leone, Ghana, Liberia)

Support using WCO instruments and tools and UNCTAD expertise related to NCTFs..

## Latest activities 2019:

- **Sierra Leone (evaluation of TFA implementation, TRS and PCA)**

Compendium of operational customs procedures in the area of fight against fraud and seizures.

Better integrate the Customs' action in the penal framework and challenges linked to border security

## 2019 Activities:

- **Regional WS April 2019 IVORY COAST**
- **BENIN : Train the Trainee 06 and 08/2019 WCA Security Program**
- **NIGER : Training WS in 06/2019/ AIRCOP Program.**

# WCO Programs with WCA involvement(3)

## EU-SH AFRICA PROGRAM

On 4 October 2018, the WCO signed a € 5 million financing agreement with the European Union for the program "Harmonizing the classification of goods on the basis of WCO standards to strengthen trade in Africa".

Objective is to :

-Offer the African countries benefiting from the program to implement the WCO Harmonized System version 2022 in accordance with the :

*HS Convention, WTO TFA, WCO Revised Kyoto Convention.*

Launch in Addis Abeba in February 2019.

## WCO Programs with WCA involvement (4)

**EU-SH AFRICA PROGRAM** Update on ongoing activities in WCA:

### **NIGER (12/2018): SH Diagnosis**

**Results:** Established work plan + Notification of migration to the 2017 version of the HS.

**Future Actions** = Follow-up mission including advance rulings workshop.

### **GAMBIA (04/2019) Accession to HS Convention and Diagnosis SH (2012 version).**

**Results:** Deposit of the instrument of accession to the HS Convention + Established work plan.

**Future actions** = Technical assistance for migration to SH2017 and implementation of the advance ruling system.

### **ECOWAS / UEMOA + Liberia and Nigeria (07/2019) Consultation on the ECOWAS CET and implementation situation in the member countries / Relationship with UEMOA and mode of cooperation**

**Results:** Definition of roles of RECs / member countries in the migration and application of the CET and Work plan / list of established technical support activities.

**Future actions** = 2 meetings of the ad hoc tariff committee to finalize the TEC 2022 / Establishing migration scheme with responsibilities and deadlines.

## WCO Programs with WCA involvement(4)

EU-SH AFRICA PROGRAM Update on ongoing activities in WCA:

### **NIGERIA (07/2019): Diagnosis SH version 2012.**

**Results:** Finalization of the migration to SH2017 by the end of 2019 Establishment of a migration scheme and application of the CET.

**Future actions** = Technical assistance for the implementation of a system of advance rulings / Study visit to Ghana for share of experiences for the establishment of a customs laboratory.

### **CEMAC / CEEAC + Member countries (07/2019): Consultations on CEMAC CET and implementation situation in member countries / CEMAC / ECCAS relations.**

**Results:** Definition of the roles of RECs / member countries in the migration and application of the CET / Work plan / list of established technical support activities / Definition of the difficulties and needs of the countries / **Gabon** has finalized its migration process and implementation in place of a project team / Confirmation of the migration to the SH2017 version by 2020 / **Equatorial Guinea** will explore the options for acceding to the HS Convention and joining the WCO.

**Future actions** = 2 meetings of the ad hoc tariff committee to finalize the TEC 2022 / Establish a migration scheme with responsibilities and deadlines. - Technical assistance for member countries for migration to SH2017 and implementation of advance ruling system

# WCO Programs with WCA involvement(4)

## PROGRAMME PACIR SIGMAT

**After the presentation to ECOWAS in February 2019 =**

- **SIGMAT Launching (Interconnected System for the Management of Goods in Transit) with operations starting between Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire on March 22, 2019!**
- **March 2019: Sigmat between Togo and Burkina Faso.**
- **June 2019: Sigmat between Benin and Niger.**
- **July 2019: Experience sharing and works with Senegal**
- **September 2019: Sigmat's planned debut between Togo / Burkina Faso / Niger**
- **Currently testing in Mali**
- **Mission to Guinea in October**

# WCA event

**Customs Conference of WCO West and Central Africa Region and Development Partners on the theme.....**

*Challenges and Opportunities of SMART Borders in WCA.*

**October 16-18. Radisson Blu Hotel Niamey.**

**Registration on website.**

*<http://conference-omdaoc.ne>*

# WCA Event

## Customs Conference of WCO West and Central Africa Region and Development Partners.

### Day 1 High-level and thematic panels:

- *"Better collaboration and coordination to support the effective implementation of SMART borders in WCA"*
- *"SMART Borders and Collaboration between AOC Customs and their Partners for Real Implementation in WCA of Trade Facilitation Standards and Best Practices"*
- *"Fragile Borders, Insecurity and the Cross-Border Economy: Challenges and Opportunities"*

# WCA Event

## Customs Conference of WCO West and Central Africa Region and Development Partners.

### Day 2: 2 topics

- *"Trade facilitation, humanitarian aid and regional integration"*
- *"Safety and Security".*

### Day 3: Presentation of Regional Projects

# WCO opérations with WCA implication

CRIPHARM

- Fight against pharma crime in WCA; organized by WCA region.
- CRIPHARM IV from January 26 to February 23 , 2019.
- 23 countries of the AOC
- UCO in LOME
- 219 seizures whose 152 of pharmaceutical products in 14 AOC countries, about 70%

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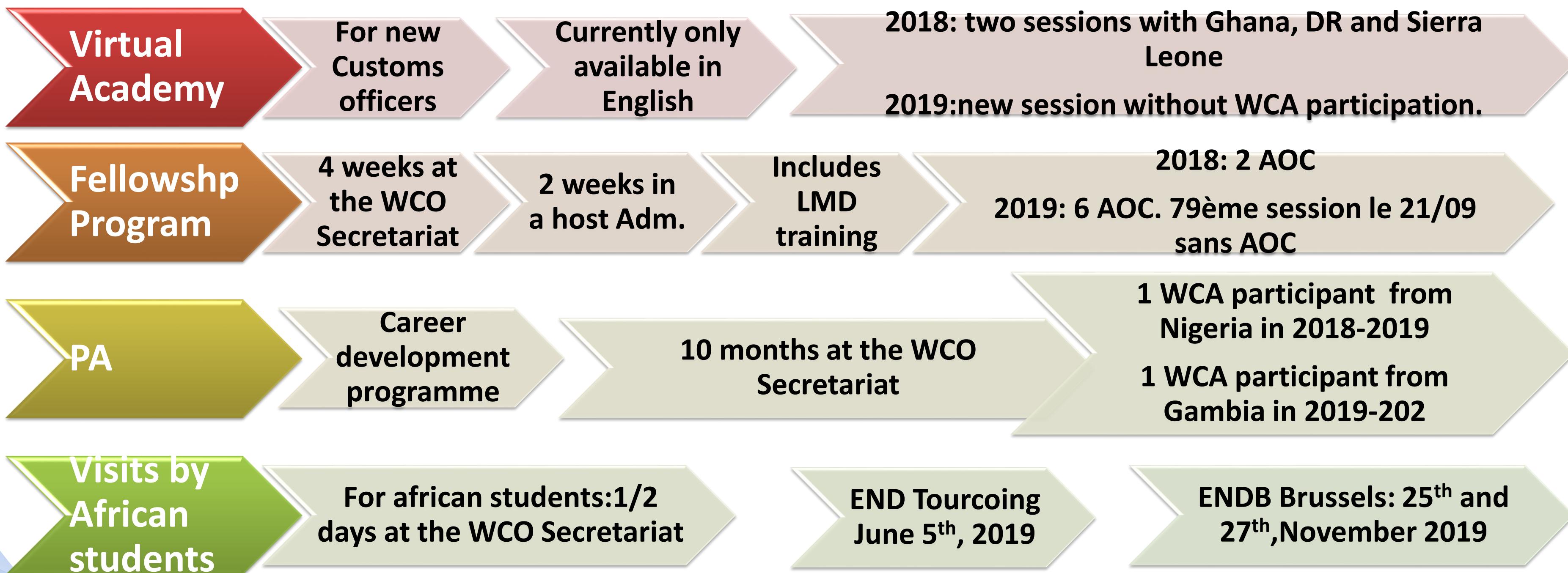
COSMO

- Participation of following WCA countries : Benin, Burkina Faso, Cap Verde, Cameroon, CAR, DR Congo, Congo, Liberia, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania and Togo
- Coordination Office in Brussels
- Cosmo 2: Communication exercice strategic trade control (inspection of goods/detention /identification/contact with industry).

COCAIR

- Cooperation and operational information exchange between airports to intercept cocaine and other illicit products bound for Europe.
- COCAIR 7: December 2018
- 2 training sessions including one in Abidjan
- 26 seizures for AOC area including 184 kg of narcotics, 160112 cigarettes and \$ 314745 in foreign currency
- No COCAIR 8 in 2019 (AW with CenCom using).

# WCO Secretariat Programmes



# WCO accreditations of WCA Experts

OTC in Revenue Package

March:6 pre- accredited (Burkina  
Faso,Benin,CI, Senegal, Togo)

Transit

March 2019

4 Transit pre-  
accredited  
(Mali,RDC,Tog  
o, Benin)

HR

February 2019 : 2  
HR pre-accredited  
in  
HR(Liberia,Gambia)

# WCO skills of WCA Experts

Themes	Accredited	Pre-accredited	Recognized	Total
Customs Modernization (CMA)	3	1		4
Mercator Programme (MPA)	8			8
IPR			1	1
Single Window	1			1
Post clearance audit		4		4
RKC	1			1
Risk Management		2		2
TRS	1			1
Revenue Package	1	8		9
HS	3	4	1	8
Valuation	5	3		8
Integrity			2	2
HR		2		2
Environmental crime			2	2
Revenue mobilization			1	1
E-Learning			1	1
Origin		9		9
Non intrusive Technology (NII )		1		1
LMD		4		4

# Progress with regard to inspection companies

**Burkina Faso: contract ended in September 2018**  
**Support Mission 09 et 10**

**Côte d'Ivoire: contract ending in March 2019**  
**Support in process**

**Sierra Leone : WCO support continues for a contract ending in 2019 for SL**

**CHAD:Preloading**  
**Inspection contract still in progress. End in 11/2019 without request for assistance**

# CB activities in WCA

Exercice 01/07/2017 - 30/06/2018

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60

Regional

Sub- regional

Accreditations

National

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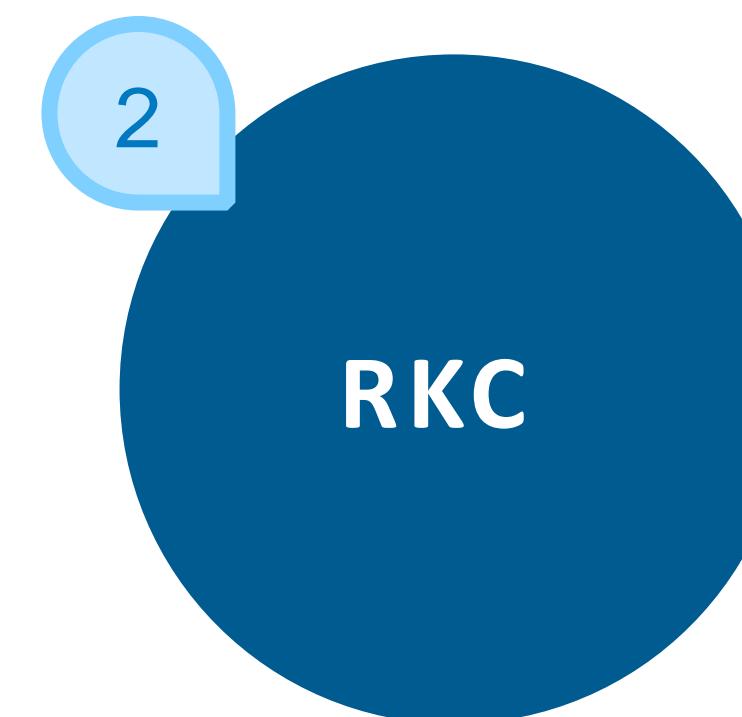
Exercice 01/07/2018 → 30/06/2019

# Accessions to standards: current situation



**22 WCA  
countries**

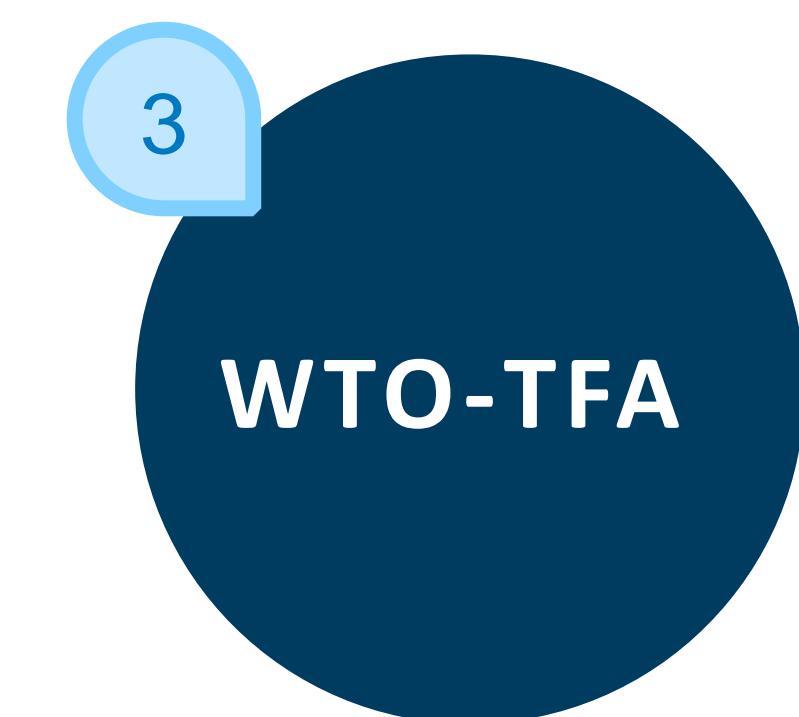
**Only missing  
country:  
Gambia**



**16 WCA countries**

In 2017

Benin  
Burkina Faso  
Republic of Congo  
Sao Tome  
In 2019: Ghana



**16 WCA countries**

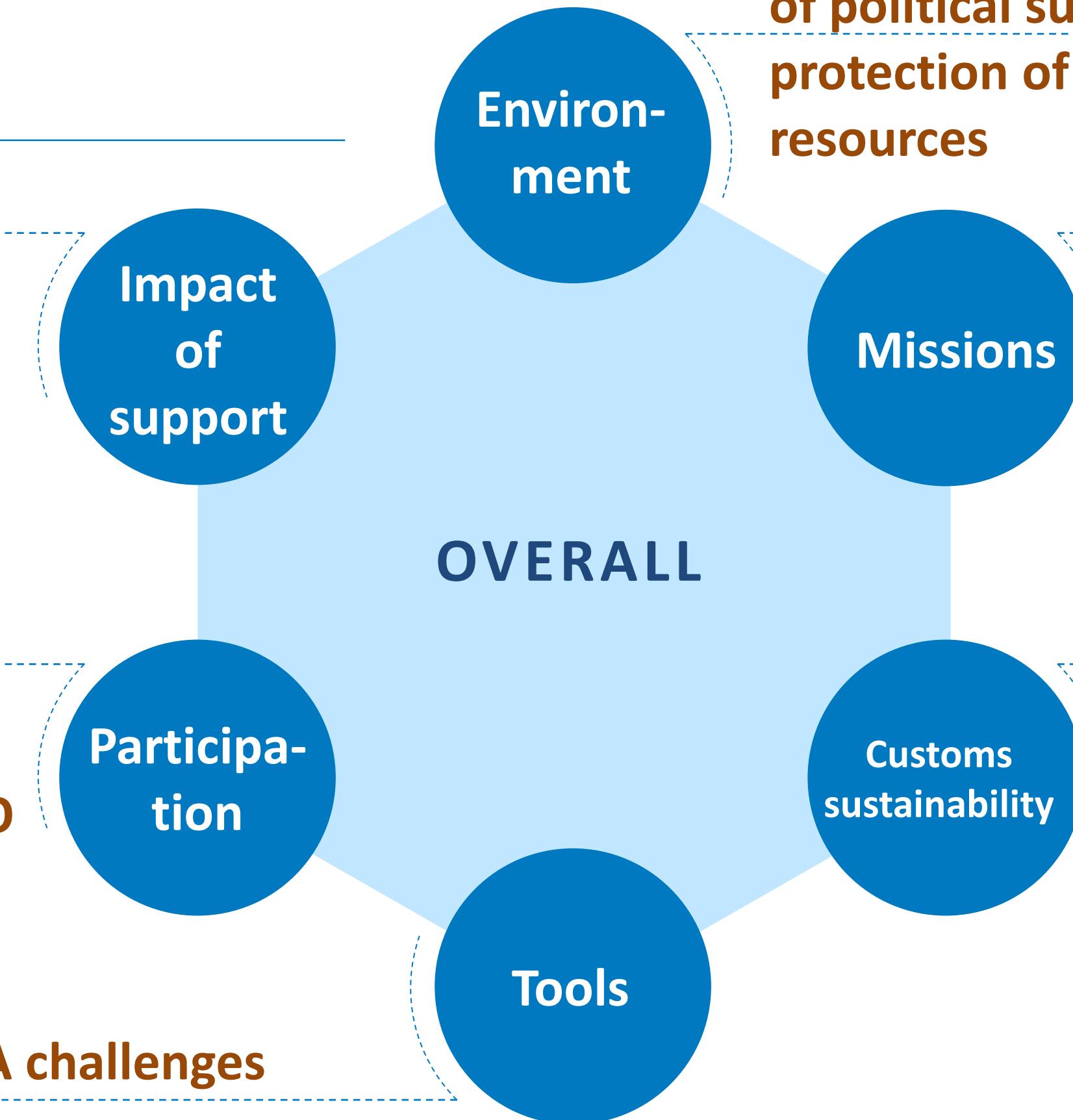
Benin, Burkina  
Faso, Cameroon, Congo  
(Rep.), Côte d'Ivoire,  
Gabon, Gambia, Ghana,  
Mali, Niger, Nigeria, CAR,  
Sierra Leone, Senegal,  
Chad, Togo

# Conclusions I

The capacity to implement strategies and action plans remains insufficient. Difficulties in absorbing and coordinating the support.

In general, participation ok; however some Members participate very little in WCO and the Region's work and activities.

Big number of tools for WCA challenges



Major challenges: terrorism, revenue drop (oil, natural resources, informal trade), lack of political sustainability, cyber-crime, protection of cultural heritage and natural resources

The focus on revenue collection and security remains; Still too little recognition and investment for other missions

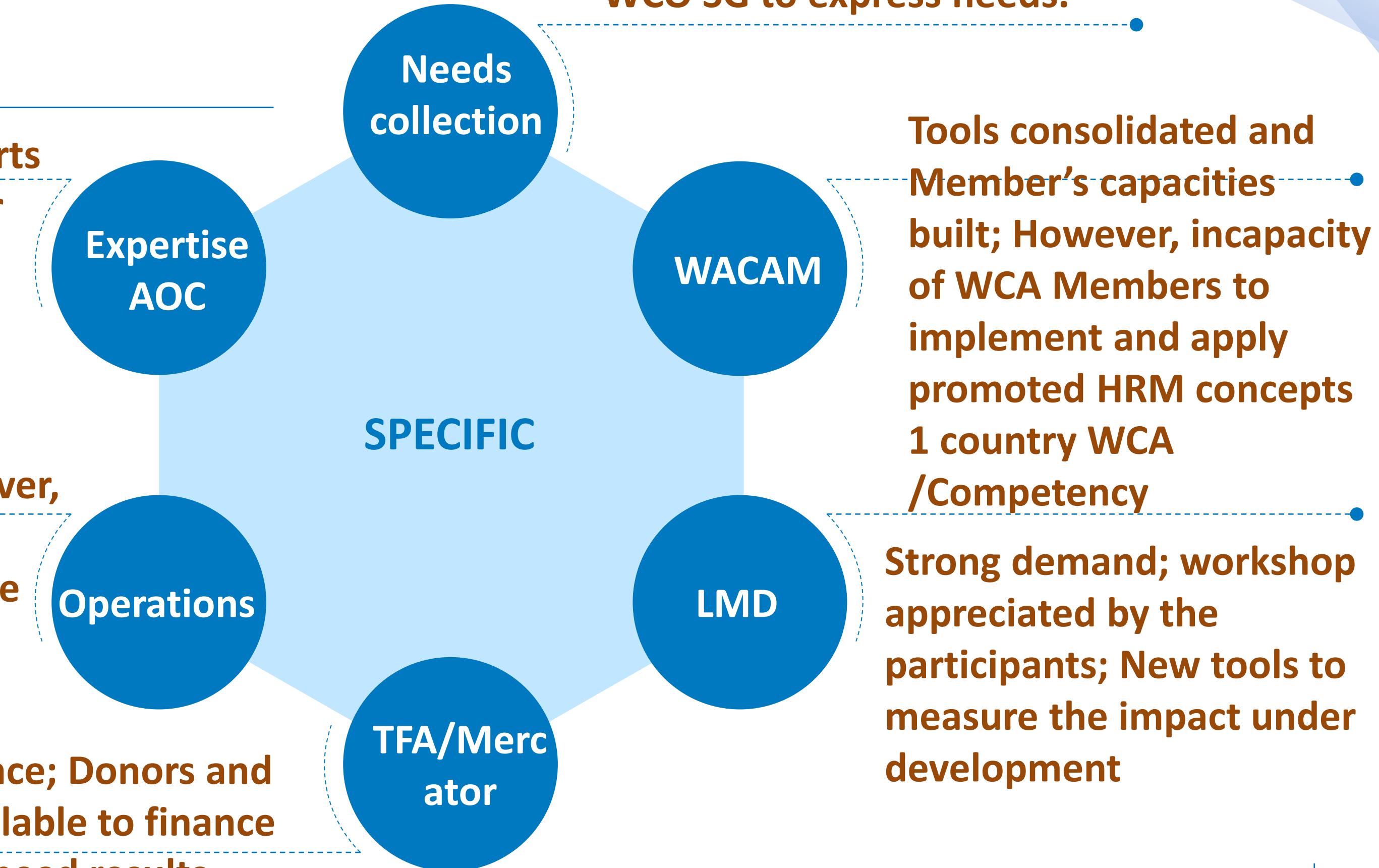
Great lack of stability in certain Administrations (new DGs, staff rotation, lack of transfer of knowledge)

## Conclusions II

More and more WCA Experts available and mobilized for WCO activities.

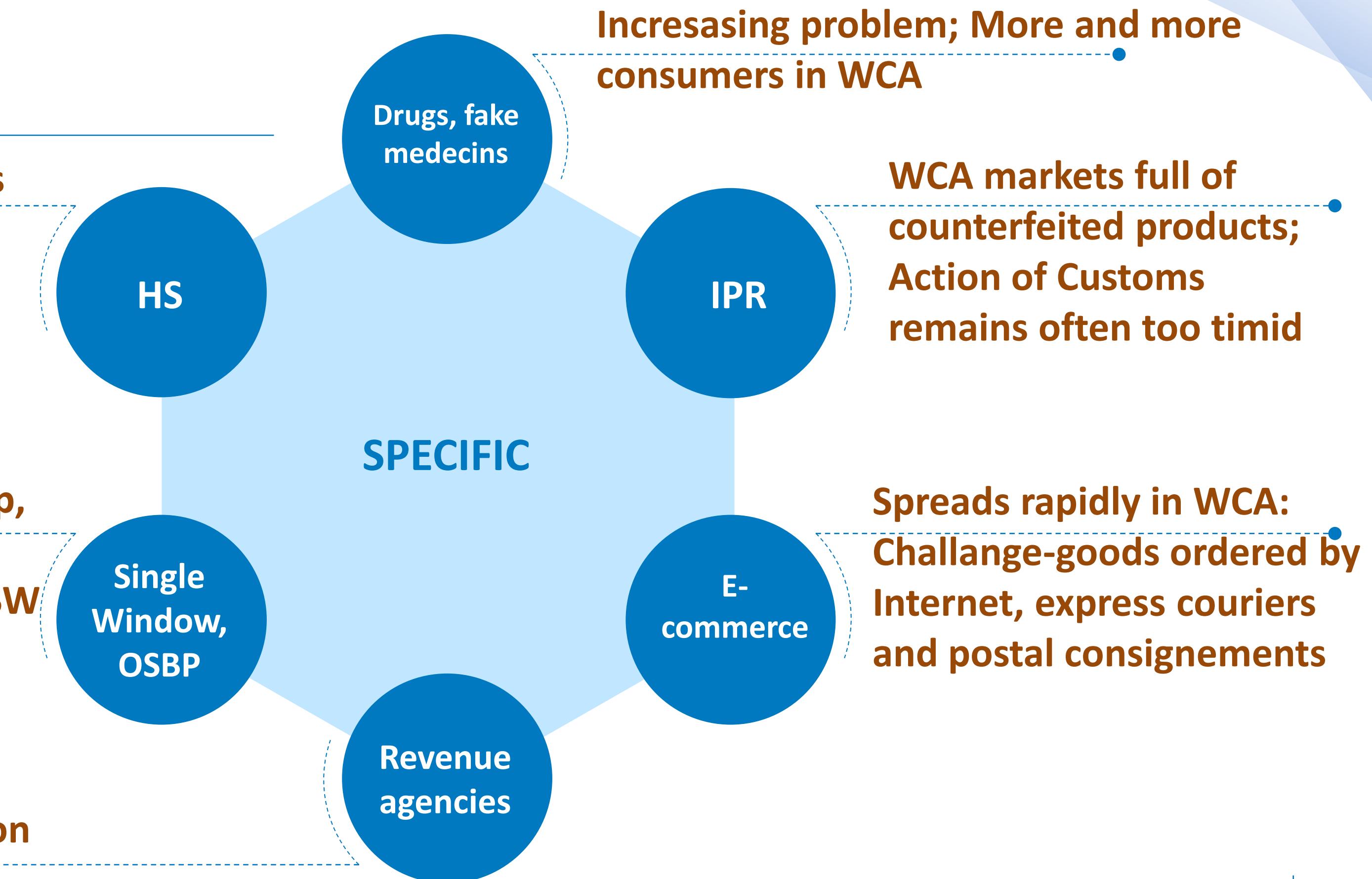
Strong participation and encouraging results; However, little activity outside the operations organized by the WCO

Strong demand for assistance; Donors and development partners available to finance and provide expertise but need results



## Conclusions III

Many of the WCA Customs  
still do not apply HS2017



# THANK YOU!

ANY QUESTIONS?