



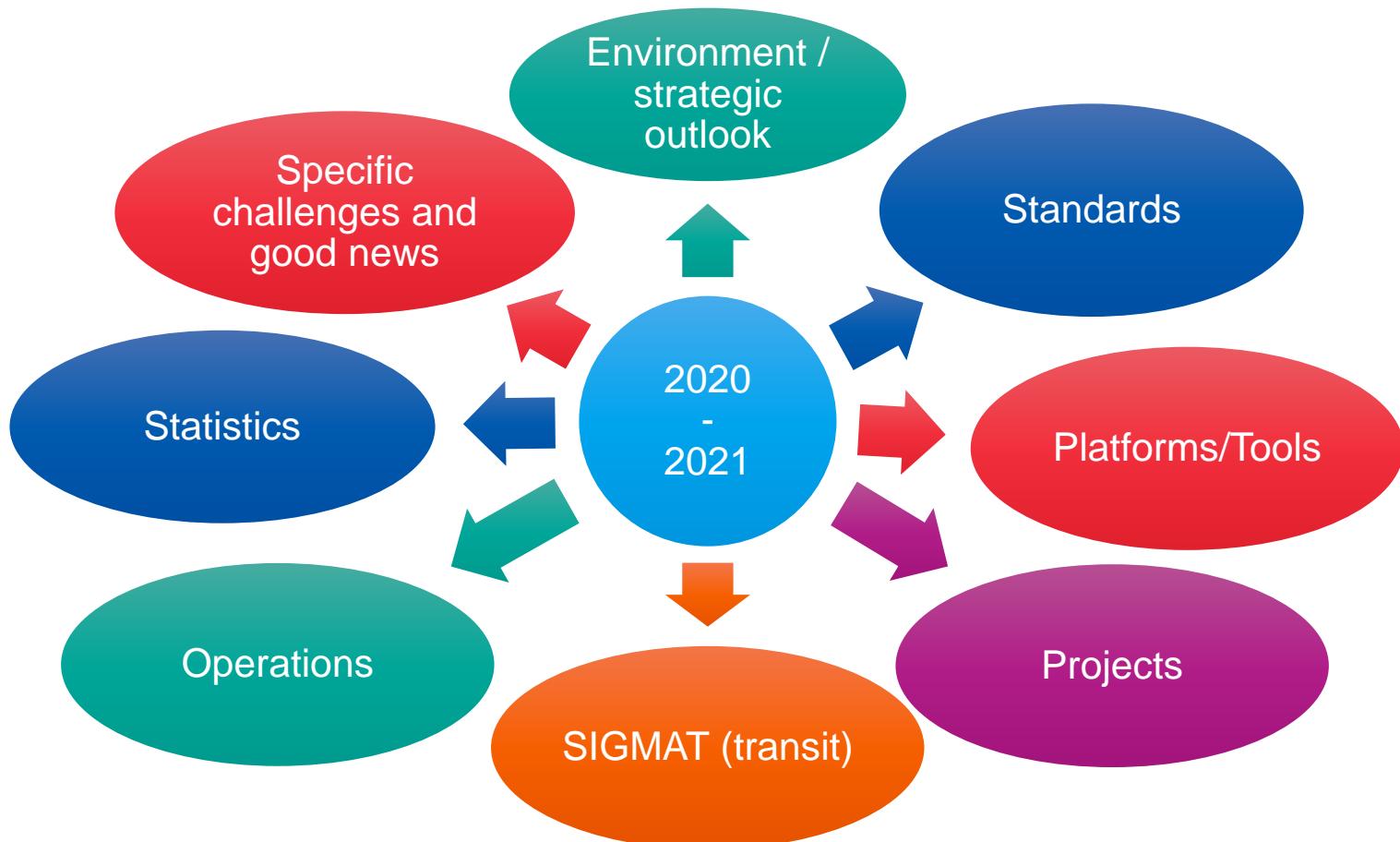
**World Customs
Organization**

WCO – Secretariat Activity Report for the WCA region

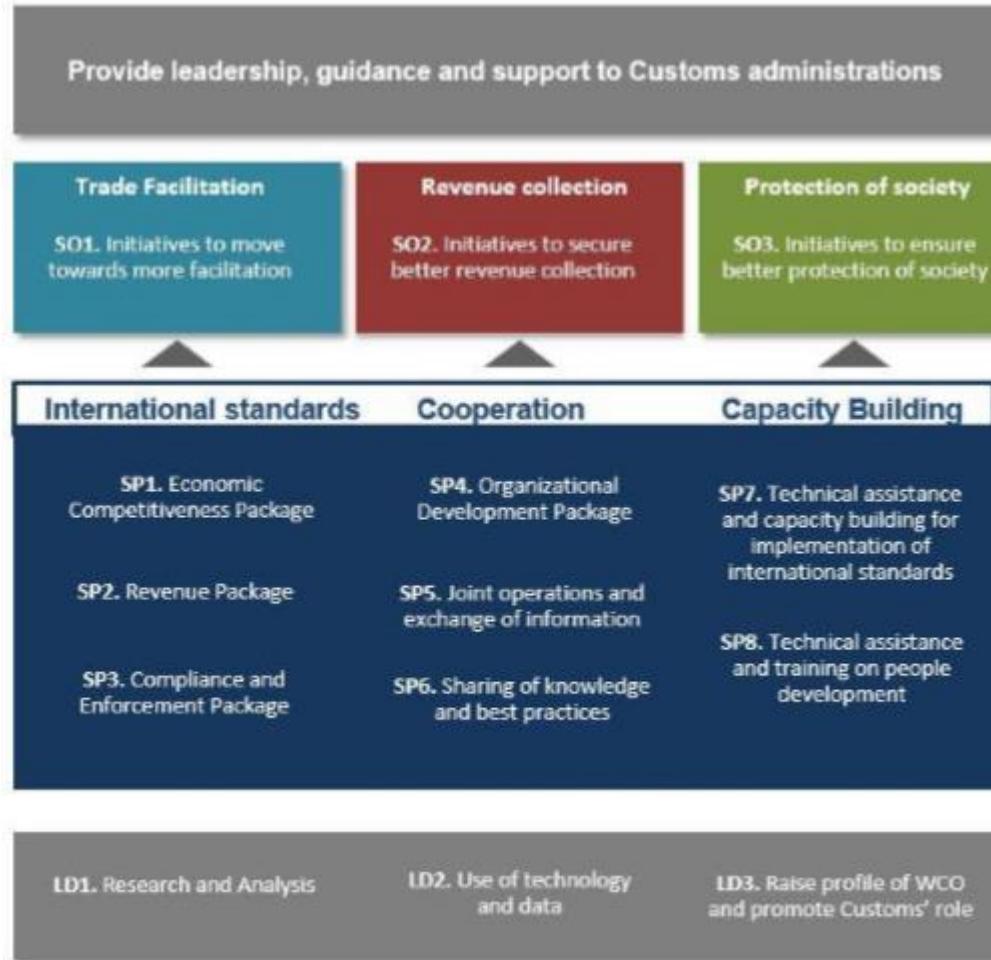
Virtual WCA Committee of Experts, 14-15 April 2021

Virtual WCA Conference of Directors General of Customs, 28-29 April 2021

Elements of the presentation



Environment / strategic outlook in times of COVID-19



Environmental scan / WCO Strategic Plan / impact of COVID-19:

- **Leadership**
- **Economic development / Revenue collection**
- **Protection of the society**
- **Security**
- **Trade facilitation**

➤ COVID-19 action plan

Accession of WCA countries to standards

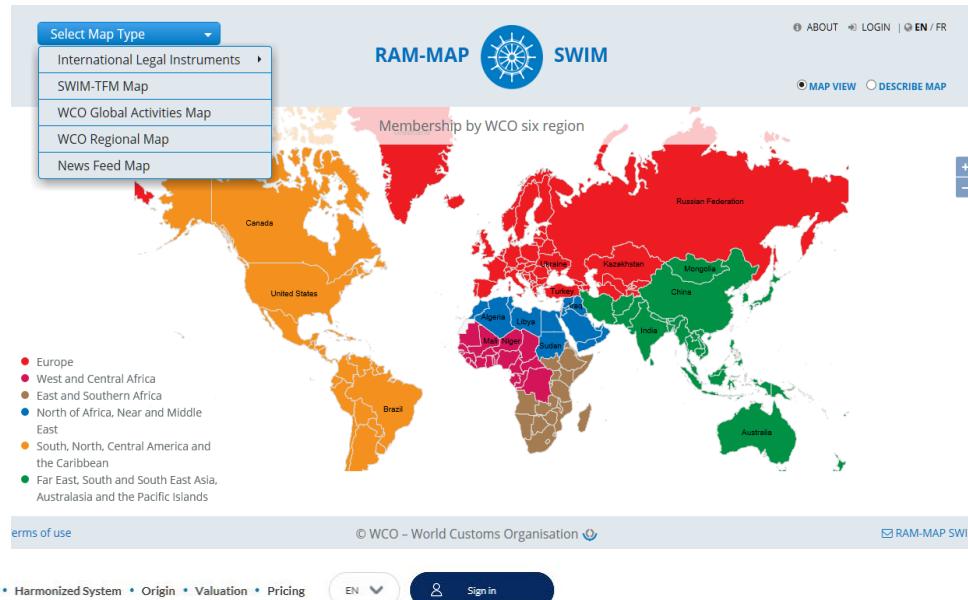


| RKC | HS | WTO-TFA |
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New WCO platforms

RAMMAP /SWIM



Welcome to WCO Trade Tools

A powerful tool to support actors in international trade.
WCO Trade Tools is the official platform of the World Customs Organization
created to facilitate your work as actor of the international trade to classify your
products and support the exporting / importing of goods.



HARMONIZED SYSTEM

The full HS at a glance:
Nomenclature, Explanatory Notes,
Classification Opinions...

ORIGIN

Get access to more than 300
international and regional trade
agreements in a few clicks.

VALUATION

The essentials for all you need to
know about the Customs Valuation
of merchandises.

WCO Trade Tools platform

Existing projects (1)

A-CIP

Integrity, good governance

- Funded by Norway
- Scope: Selected countries worldwide, including WCA

HS-Africa

Harmonized System (2022)

- Funded by the European Union
- Scope: Entire Africa

MTP

Master Training Programme

- Funded by Japan
- Scope: Selected countries, including WCA

Existing projects (2)

INAMA

Protection of wildlife

- Funded by a pool of Partners (Sweden, Germany, USA)
- Scope: Selected countries, including WCA

COLIBRI

Control of civil aviation (narcotics)

- Funded by the European Union
- Scope: Selected countries, including WCA

GIZ-Gambia

Trade facilitation

- Funded by Germany
- Scope: The Gambia

New projects

COVID-19

COVID-19 initiatives

- Funded by Japan
- Scope: Selected countries, including WCA

Security

Security West Africa

- Funded by Germany
- Scope: Selected countries from the WA sub-region

HMRC-WCO- UNCTAD

Trade facilitation / TFA

- Funded by the United Kingdom
- Scope: Selected countries, including WCA

Operations

STOP (II)

Illicit drugs and medical equipment ; linked to the COVID-19 pandemic

- Supported by a pool of Partners (UNODC, Interpol, Europol and OLAF...)
- Scope: Selected countries, including WCA

African Wings

Control of light aviation

- Supported by France
- Scope: Selected WCA countries

CRIPHARM V, VI

Counterfeit and Illicit Medicines

- Initial steps supported by the International Institute for Research Against Counterfeit Medicines (IRACM).
- Scope: All WCA countries

SIGMAT – Transit Interconnectivity

- **Objective:** Facilitate Customs transit through interconnectivity and harmonization of data exchange and procedures
- **Supporters:** EU, GIZ, JICA, UNCTAD, USA, WBG, WCO...
- **Current situation:**

| Country | Road transit | Rail transit |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Benin | Operational | |
| Burkina Faso | Operational | Launch imminent |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Operational | Launch imminent |
| Niger | Operational | |
| Togo | Operational | |
| Mali | Final tests | |
| Senegal | Final tests | |
| Guinea Republic | Tests | |
| Others – ECOWAS | To come | |
| Others – Central Africa | To come | |

SIGMAT – Transit Interconnectivity



- **ECOWAS workshops April 2021 (Abidjan):**
 - Regional Legal Framework to replace bilateral Agreements
 - Regional Guarantee /bonds
- **Funding needed for:**
 - SIGMAT Internet – Website (development and maintenance)
 - Information
 - Contacts
 - Statistics
 - Reference data
 - SIGMAT project and long term management
 - SIGMAT monitoring and evaluation

Statistics – WCA capacity building activities



| Regional activities | 1 July 16 – 30 June 17 | 1 July 17 – 30 June 18 | 1 July 18 - 30 June 19 | 1 July 19 – 30 June 20 | 1 July 20 – 1 April 21 mission/blended/online |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Multi regional | | | | | 0/0/4 |
| Regional | 14 | 7 | 4 | 14 | 0/0/4 |
| Sub-regional | 13 | 7 | 18 | 22 | 2/0/2 |
| Accreditation | | 2 | 2 | | 0/0/0 |
| Sub-total | 27 | 16 | 24 | 36 | 2/0/10 |
| National activities | 53 | 60 | 62 | 42 | 2/1/15 |
| TOTAL | 80 | 76 | 86 | 78 | 4/2/25 |

Statistics – Accredited and recognized WCA Experts



| Topic | Accredited | Pre-accredited | Recognized | Total |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|-------|
| Customs Modernization Advisers (CMA) | 3 | 1 | | 4 |
| Mercator Programme Advisers (MPA) | 7 | 1 | | 8 |
| DPI (IPR) | | | 1 | 1 |
| Single Window (SW) | 1 | | | 1 |
| Post clearance Audit (PCA) | | 4 | | 4 |
| RKC | | 1 | | 1 |
| Risk Management | | 1 | | 1 |
| Time Release Study (TRS) | 1 | | | 1 |
| Revenue Package | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Harmonized System | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 |
| Valuation | 5 | 2 | | 7 |
| Integrity | | | 3 | 3 |
| Human Resource Management | | 2 | | 2 |
| Wildlife crimes/CITES | 2 | 3 | | 5 |
| Resource mobilization | | | 1 | 1 |
| E-Learning | | | 1 | 1 |
| Origin | 1 | 5 | | 6 |
| Non Intrusive Inspection (NII) | | 1 | | 1 |
| LMD | | 0 | | 0 |
| Transit | 3 | 1 | | 4 |
| Electronic commerce | | 1 | | 1 |
| Drug Law Enforcement | 2 | | | 2 |

Some specific challenges

(in addition to COVID-19)



AFCFTA:

- Familiarize and train managers, staff and stakeholders
- Align strategic reform and work plans

Online work:

- Equipment, licences, training, Internet-access
- Costs for online interpretation
- Use and integration of e-learning in initial and continuous training
- Not everything is suitable for online-delivery

Accredited/recognized Experts:

- Limited number, in particular french and portuguese speakers

Some good news to conclude



- Lots of WCO donor funded projects and operations, also for WCA
- Regional structures and Customs Administrations can organize more online topical activities with less budget and less WCO support
- Online activities reach more participants
- Slowly growing use of CENcomm/CEN/nCEN
- Inspection companies: Senegal has not renewed its contract



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