Mercator Programme
A Navigational Map for Trade Facilitation

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What is the World Customs Organization?

- 179 Members
- 6 regions
- 98% international trade
- only inter-governmental organization dealing with Customs matters

Role of the WCO

- Capability and responsibility for global standard setting for Customs
- Capacity Building / Technical Assistance delivery
- Network of accredited experts from Customs administrations

- Cooperation with other international organizations, other agencies, private sector, academia...
Mercator Programme – Key Objectives

- Tailor-made technical assistance and capacity building
- Harmonized implementation based on WCO’s global standards
- Effective coordination among all stakeholders

Beneficial for developing and least developed countries, all government agencies, donor institutions and private sector
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Tailor-made track

- Needs assessment
- Various diagnostic reports
- WTO needs assessment
- Self-Assessment
- Annual Survey

Overall track

- Regional Workshops with other government agencies
- National Workshops with other government agencies
- Promotion of WCO global standards for trade facilitation

Planning

- Strategic planning

Delivery

- CB/TA delivery

Monitoring

- TRS
- Performance indicators
- Evaluation Mission
This year’s International Customs Day heralds the launch of the WCO Year of Coordinated Border Management (CBM), a year in which Customs administrations are encouraged to actively promote the partnerships they have built to improve and expedite border processing.

Under the slogan “Coordinated Border Management - An inclusive approach for connecting stakeholders”, we are signaling the international Customs community’s aspiration to further enhance its collaboration, cooperation and working relationships with its many partners.
The WCO is also actively supporting Members in the establishment and maintenance of TFA National Committees on Trade Facilitation (NCTFs). Based on a WCO survey regarding the TFA NCTFs, 23 Members (out of the 66 Members who have so far replied to the survey) have already either established a National Committee or designated an existing body to carry out this role.

Dedicated web page: 
WCO tools to support TFA

The WCO has developed a number of instruments and tools, which respond to Members’ needs as regards TFA implementation. The WCO is continuing to develop and fine-tune an inter-active guidance tool designed to help Customs implement the TFA.

Examples of WCO tools

- Revised Kyoto Convention
- SAFE Framework of Standards
- Time Release Study Guide
- Single Window Compendium
- Data Model
- Globally Networked Customs
- Risk Management Compendium
- Post Clearance Audit Guidelines
- CLiKC
- Project Map Database
- Capacity Building Development Compendium
Tools engaging other stakeholders

- Customs-Business Partnership Guidance + Advanced Pillar
- 2015 SAFE Framework of Standards (including 3rd pillar on CBM) + SAFE Package
- Model Business Checklist for SMEs
- Coordinated Border Management Compendium
- Time Release Study
- Transparency and Predictability Guidelines.... and others
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Implementation Guidance

The Analysis of Section I complements the Implementation Guidance and provides more detailed information about the links between the TFA Section I provisions and the WCO instruments and tools and other WTO agreements (SPS and TBT), as well as IT implications.
The TFAWG is the platform for Members to share experiences regarding the implementation of the TFA among the WCO’s 179 Members, coordinate with the donor community, engage with other international organizations and bodies, as well as with the private sector.

Next meeting in  
September/October 2015

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