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# Mercator Programme

A Navigational Map for Trade Facilitation

Meeting of the Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade (GFP)  
Geneva, 22 April 2015

*Session 3: International organizations' coordination and partnership for supporting TFA implementation*

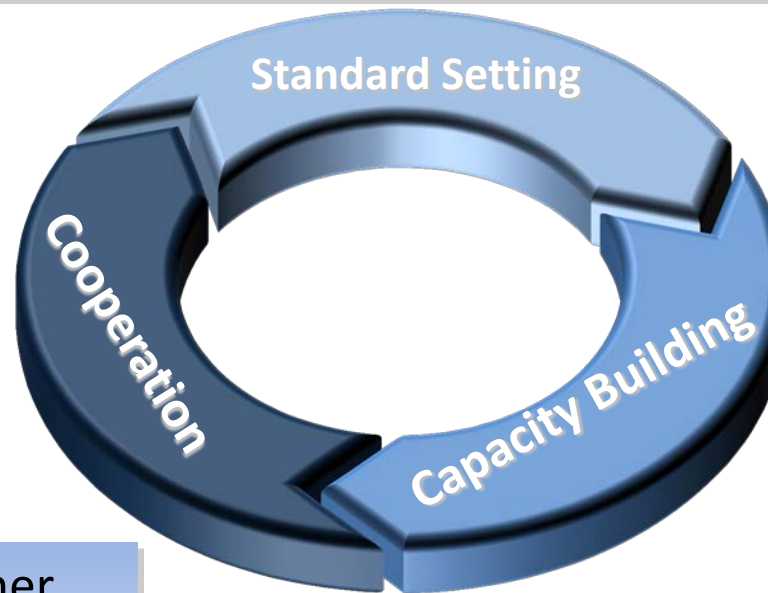
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# What is the World Customs Organization?

- ✓ 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



- ✓ Cooperation with other international organizations, other agencies, private sector, academia...

- ✓ Capacity Building / Technical Assistance delivery
- ✓ Network of accredited experts from Customs administrations

# Mercator Programme – Key Objectives



**Tailor-made technical assistance and capacity building**



**Harmonized implementation based on WCO's global standards**



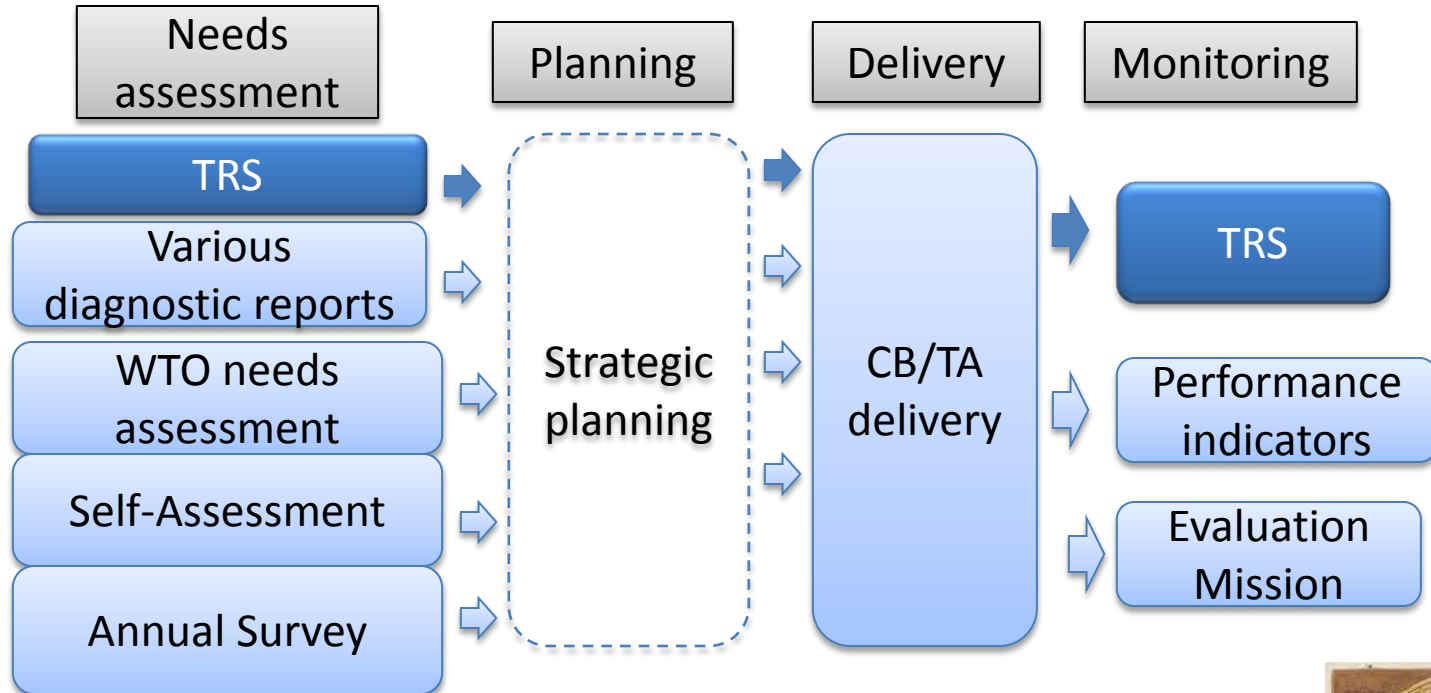
**Effective coordination among all stakeholders**



**Beneficial for developing and least developed countries, all government agencies, donor institutions and private sector**

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## Tailor-made track



## Overall track

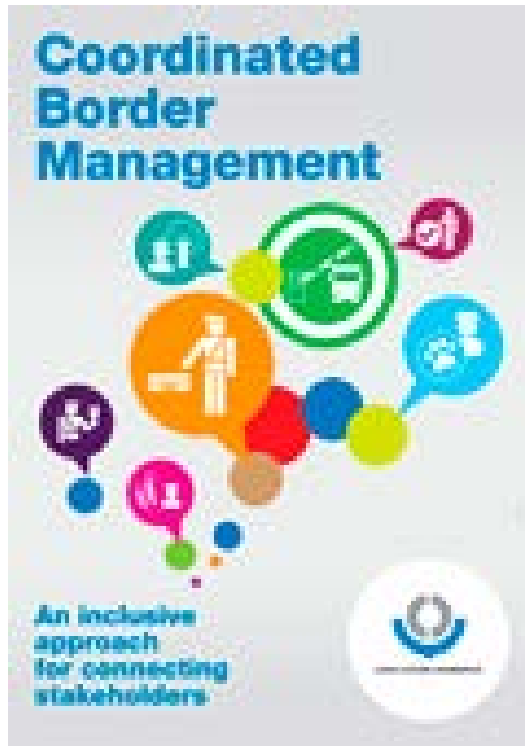
Regional Workshops  
with other government agencies

National Workshops  
with other  
government agencies

Promotion of WCO global standards for trade facilitation



# Coordinated Border Management



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.

# Survey on National Committees on TF

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:

<http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/wco-implementing-the-wto-atf/national-committees-on-trade-facilitation.aspx>



# 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



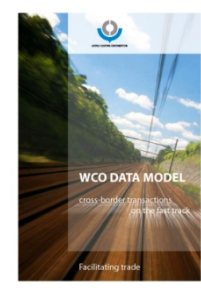
SAFE Framework of Standards



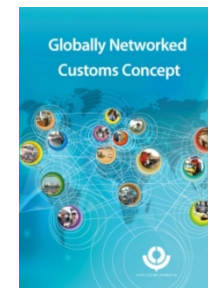
Time Release Study Guide



Single Window Compendium



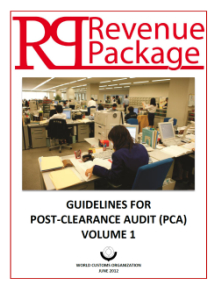
Data Model



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 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar on CBM) + SAFE Package
- Model Business Checklist for SMEs
- Coordinated Border Management Compendium
- Time Release Study
- Transparency and Predictability Guidelines.... and others



# WCO tools to support TFA

## Implementation Guidance

### Implementation Guidance

The World Customs Organization (WCO), an intergovernmental organization specially mentioned in the Bali Ministerial Declarations, is highlighting its role in the implementation and administration of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (ATF). The WCO, the centre of excellence on Customs matters world wide, is committed to the efficient implementation of the ATF.

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Appeal or review procedures



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Other measures to enhance impartiality, non discrimination and transparency



#### Article 6

Disciplines on fees and charges imposed on or in connection with importation and exportation



#### Article 7

Release and clearance of goods



#### Article 8

Border agency cooperation



#### Article 9

Movement of goods under customs control intended for import



#### Article 10

Formalities connected with importation and exportation and transit



#### Article 11

Freedom of transit



#### Article 12

Customs cooperation



# Analysis of Section I

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.

## WTO AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION - Analysis of Section I (and Article 23) based on the WTO TF Toolkit and potential implications on WCO -

Rev. 2, November 2014

Article in the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (WT/L/931)	WCO Instruments, Tools, Guidelines (not exhaustive)	Remarks: • Overview • Links with other WTO agreements on SPS and Valuation, where applicable • Links with WCO instruments and tools • ICT considerations, where applicable	Possible implications	WCO Body concerned	Authorities concerned
<b>ARTICLE 1: PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION</b>					
<b>1. Publication</b>  1.1 Each Member shall promptly publish the following information in a non-discriminatory and easily accessible manner in order to enable governments, traders, and other interested parties to become acquainted with them: (a) procedures for importation, exportation, and transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised Kyoto Convention<sup>1</sup> (RKC), General Annex (GA) Chapter (§) 4 (4.4), § 9 (9.1, 9.2, 9.3);</li> <li>Recommendation (1999) on the Use of World Wide Web sites by Customs administrations;</li> <li>Revised Arusha Declaration;</li> <li>Recommendation (2001) on the application of HS Committee Decisions;</li> <li>Customs Valuation</li> </ul>	<p>Article 1.1 addresses publication of trade-related information (listed under Paragraph 1.1) which should be published promptly and in a non-discriminatory and easily accessible manner that will allow other governments, traders and interested persons to become acquainted with them.</p> <p>Article 1.1 is cross-cutting with Article 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4. Furthermore, Articles 6.1, 10.6, 11.14 and 11.15 foresee publication of certain types of</p>	<p>- Consider developing comprehensive WCO guidelines for transparency and predictability. This was discussed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the TFAWG (September 2014) and at</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TFAWG</li> <li>PTC<sup>2</sup></li> <li>RKC/MC<sup>3</sup></li> <li>SAFE WG<sup>4</sup></li> <li>HSC<sup>5</sup></li> <li>TCCV<sup>6</sup></li> <li>IMSC</li> </ul>	<p>It is necessary to have an arrangement in place to identify the agencies responsible for publication of trade information, to define the scope of their responsibilities and the mechanism to</p>

<sup>1</sup> Wherever a reference is made to the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC), this refers to both the Standards in the General Annex or a Specific Annex, as well as to the accompanying RKC Guidelines.

<sup>2</sup> Permanent Technical Committee

<sup>3</sup> Revised Kyoto Convention Management Committee

<sup>4</sup> SAFE Working Group

<sup>5</sup> Harmonized System Committee

<sup>6</sup> Technical Committee on Customs Valuation

# Effective Coordination - Working Group

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**

**Exact dates will be available  
on our home page:  
[www.wcoomd.org](http://www.wcoomd.org)**





A screenshot of the WCO Knowledge Academy for Customs &amp; Trade website. The header shows a photograph of the WCO Headquarters building in Brussels with the text "WCO KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY FOR CUSTOMS &amp; TRADE" overlaid. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Overview, Program Schedule, Regional Integration Conference, Accommodation, and Contact us. The main content area is titled "2015 WCO Knowledge Academy for Customs and Trade" and includes a description: "A two-week intensive academy focusing on the development of technical skills for Customs and Trade practitioners". It also lists the location as "WCO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium" and the dates "15 June to 26 June 2015". On the right side, there are buttons for "New Registration" and "Modify Registration", and a link to the "2015 WCO Knowledge Academy Curriculum". The "Objectives" section states: "This initiative brings together the foremost experts in Customs matters to meet the demands of a complex international and cross-border trading system. Business professionals, Customs managers and administrators, border agency officials, international organization representatives and academia".

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**Thank you for your attention!**