Regional Integration

ASYCUDAWorld has played an important role in supporting the ICT systems necessary for adjusting, configuring and developing the concept of the Single Customs Territory.

SITUATION

In 2005, the countries of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda began exploring the benefits of establishing a Customs Union that would involve the adoption of a common tariff, removal of certain border controls and setting out arrangements for sharing the revenue from certain taxes/duties. Key to this vision was the availability of a common supporting automated system.

SOLUTION

In 2014, the Presidents of Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, decided to implement a Single Customs Territory (SCT) and instructed the Customs and Revenue Authorities to work on the necessary elements for implementing this trade structure. Later, Burundi endorsed this decision. Customs IT systems were configured and developed to support this strategic vision. In particular, ASYCUDAWorld was set up in Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda to contribute towards structuring the trade facilitation elements of the SCT.

RESULT

ASYCUDAWorld contributed to the realization of the SCT, which since its implementation has brought about benefits such as:

• Single Customs declaration for goods destined to Uganda and Rwanda for both international and intra clearance;

• Reduced Customs' documents, cost of doing business and information exchange;

• Mutual recognition of the Clearing Agents in the Region and granting of access rights for use of the Customs systems across the region.

Single Customs Territory

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Number of countries including Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda within the five country Single Customs Territory that use the ASYCUDAWorld System.
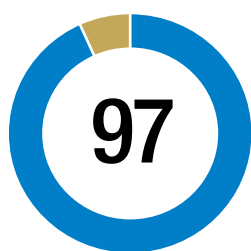
"At a stroke of a pen, the agreement removed multiple weighbridges, police and customs checks along the Mombasa-Kampala-Kigali route and introduced computerized clearance, electronic tracking and other innovations that have overturned many of the hurdles to free trade or Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) that the Northern Corridor was infamous for."
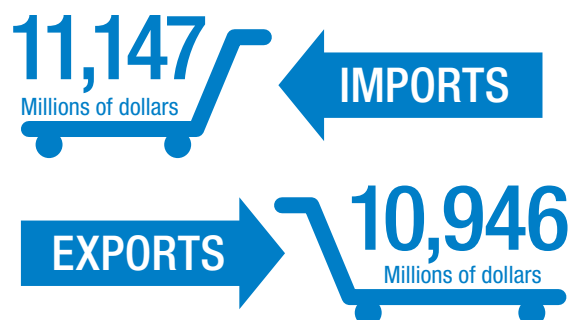
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Size of Project

Total number of customs offices

97

7 Paper-based customs office

90 Computerized customs office

11,147 Millions of dollars — IMPORTS

EXPORTS — **10,946** Millions of dollars

2017 Volume of Activity

Manifests processed	**Waybills** processed	**Import Declarations** processed	**Export Declarations** processed	**Transit Procedures** processed
219,811	590,558	591,729	119,902	92,452

Number of Persons Trained

411 Number of females trained

762 Number of males trained