

South-South Cooperation



ASYCUDA Support Mechanism for the Pacific (ASMP) enhances capacities of staff in national administrations to manage process reform and automated customs operations.

SITUATION

The island nations in the Pacific face a common issue of trained and qualified staff from national customs administrations migrating to more developed countries to seek better opportunities. This had the potential to jeopardize the sustainability of the customs modernization initiatives in a number of Pacific island nations.

SOLUTION

The ASYCUDA Support Mechanism for the Pacific was established in 2002 at the request of Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu customs towards the tail end of the multi-countries ASYCUDA project funded by Australia. Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands joined in 2009 and 2017 respectively. This south-south cooperation initiative leverages on existing regional expertise to strengthen the national customs operations.

RESULT

To enhance the ability of national customs administrations to manage and further strengthen the automated processes, the ASMP provides for skills and leadership development across the ASMP member countries. This includes deliverables such as:

- Regular trainings conducted for customs administrations staff;
- Fellowship Programme involving staff from member administrations to work on support activities in the ASMP office, once a year, for a period of 15 weeks each;
- Workshops catering for staff with management responsibilities to increase understanding of the capabilities of the automated customs system as well as specific features that can address their respective administrations' operational needs.

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Customs and IT staff who have managed and/or received support as part of their direct involvement in the ASMP operations to address the specific needs of their respective administrations.

“ASYCUDA has actually facilitated trade — it has helped us in the region to connect.”

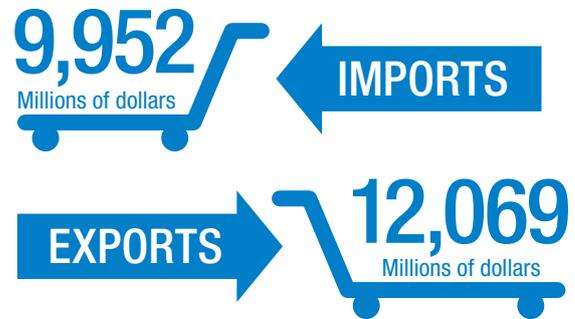
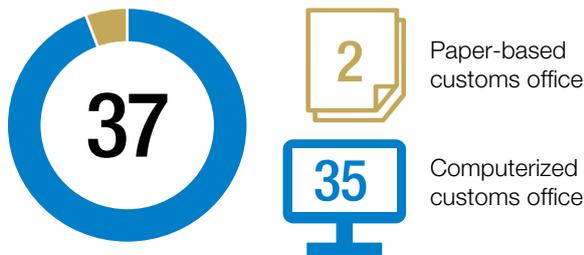
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Size of Project

Total number of customs offices



2017 Volume of Activity



Number of Persons Trained

