Partnerships

Jamaica Customs Agency is first to adopt International Air Transport Association (IATA) Cargo-XML Messaging Standards under ASYCUDAWorld.

SITUATION

The Jamaica Customs Agency needed to improve its ability to receive adequate and accurate advance cargo information to carry out pre-arrival processing for the timely release of cargo.

SOLUTION

As part of the partnership between IATA and UNCTAD, the ASYCUDA project in Jamaica was selected to pilot an enhanced version of the ASYCUDAWorld system that complies with the IATA Cargo XML standards under the cargo manifest processing module.

RESULT

With the implementation of the IATA Cargo XML standards in the ASYCUDAWorld system, airlines, freight forwarders and shippers operating in Jamaica are now able to use this global standard to submit air cargo electronic information to the Jamaica Customs Agency. Practical achievements include:

- Electronic and paperless customs clearance processes;
- Enhanced security through advance cargo information and improved risk assessment; and,
- Higher levels of compliance by cargo reporters and their agents.

“The application of the Cargo XML standard ensures that airlines, freight forwarders, shippers and other stakeholders are ‘speaking’ the same digital language which is fundamental to enhancing efficiency, driving trade growth and maximising safety and security.”

40%

Overall improvement in timely submissions of manifests received by the Jamaica Customs Agency in 2018.

40%
**Partnerships**

**Size of Project**
Total number of customs offices

- **62** Paper-based customs office
- **62** Computerized customs office

**2017 Volume of Activity**

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**Number of Persons Trained**

- **3,460** Number of females trained
- **1,865** Number of males trained