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Hub for Innovation & Research

The UNCTAD Centre of Excellence Gibraltar is the ASYCUDA hub for sharing knowledge on international standards and best practices and producing innovative ICT solutions for Customs and trade

Situation

There is high demand from developing countries and transition economies for sustainable solutions for environment, wildlife, timely access of population to appropriate humanitarian relief in case of emergency, electronic/mobile governance, e-commerce, etc.

Solution

The ASYCUDA Programme partners with international organizations for the development of tools to support implementation of international conventions. An MOU was signed between UNCTAD and H.M. Customs for the long-term collaboration on trade facilitation and m-Government strengthening, further integration of Customs' processes, transport and other forms of multi-agency controls at the borders, and development of state-of-the-art ICT solutions.

The Centre of Excellence functions in the premises of the University of Gibraltar and focuses on:

- Organization of international/regional meetings and conferences
- Capacity-building for Customs administrations
- Production and dissemination of knowledge on international standards and best practices in trade facilitation and use of innovative technologies.

Result

The Centre of Excellence provided support for:

- Humanitarian affairs and relief operations. Customs knowledge seminars and IMPACCT (IMPortation And Customs Clearance Together) working groups webinars are periodically organized with the participation of WCO, UN and other agencies (e.g. OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, IFRC), and NGOs.
- Protection of environment and wildlife with the organization of workshops on Customs control of trade of CITES (Convention of International Trade of Endangered Species) listed species
- Cross-border e-commerce with the ASYCUDA Postal Customs Declaration and the ASYCUDA Pre-Arrival Processing for Express Couriers
- Single Window and potential of the Blockchain technology for implementation of services for cross-border operations and Port Community Systems with UNECE, World Bank and Customs administrations from Europe and Central Asia.

ASY REC RELIEF CONSIGNMENTS

the Automated System for Relief Consignment, was nominated for the 2017 UN Secretary-General awards under the category "Innovation and Creativity"

This photo was taken before the COVID19 pandemic.



The WCO will continue this cooperation with UN-OCHA and UNCTAD to support the Customs administration so as to proceed with the clearance of relief consignments in an efficient and effective manner.



H.M. Customs press release

Partners:



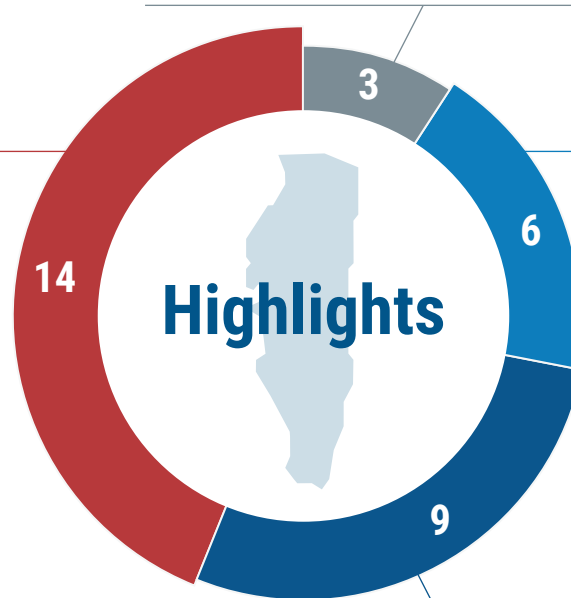


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Participation in developing trade-related recommendations such as UN/CEFACT Cross Border Facilitation Measures for Disaster Relief, UN/CEFACT Pandemic Crisis Response and WCO Revised Kyoto Convention Annex J5

International Organizations involved in capacity-building initiatives for Customs administrations



Innovative ICT solutions developed by the Centre of Excellence to support implementation of international conventions

(such as electronic postal declaration, express couriers, humanitarian relief, CITES, phytosanitary certification and cultural goods)

Customs administrations implementing tools developed by the Centre of Excellence:

Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Gibraltar, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Moldova (Rep. of), Turkmenistan



Workshop on Customs Control of Trade in CITES Listed Species with the participation of CITES management, EUROPOL authorities, national Customs administrations, UNEP, University of Gibraltar and WCO.

Opening speech by Hon. Fabian Picardo, Gibraltar Chief Minister.