ASYCUDAWorld was implemented in Equatorial Guinea to help enforce and increase compliance with international trade and customs regulations.

**Situation**

Recent laws and rules implemented in Equatorial Guinea aimed at making customs more efficient and transparent, modernizing trade facilitation procedures, and automating revenue collection. Maritime and air manifests must be submitted between 48 and 12 hours before arrival respectively, and a one-stop-shop needed to be established for remote users. Further, in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing was also required.

**Solution**

A technical assistance project started in 2016 focused on the: reform, automation and streamlining of customs processes and procedures; training of the national staff to own the system, and; launch of ASYCUDAWorld. The entire system was configured to align with national requirements and a Presidential Decree (March 2020) urged trade stakeholders to embrace ASYCUDAWorld.

**Result**

The implementation of ASYCUDAWorld has provided a framework for international trade to all stakeholders, including customs. It has enabled the compilation of trade statistics for 2021, such as the average time for release of imports (4 days), the number of trade transactions processed (1,415), the tax revenue breakdown and the amount of exemptions. An advanced ruling on tariff classification and origin of goods, the reporting of post-clearance audits and selectivity are fully implemented (https://www.unifsurvey.org/economy?id=GNO). 325 local staff and economic operators were trained on the efficient use, configuration and maintenance of the system.

The ASYCUDA Project is expected to help improve the nation’s economic and financial governance.

Mr. Engonga Obiang,
Former Minister of Finance and Budget
Total number of customs offices

12

- 4 Computerized
- 8 Paper-based

Volume of activity (2021)

- Exports (2021)
  - 3.1 Billion $
- Imports (2021)
  - 1.2 Billion $

4 Days
Average release time (Commercial imports)

Persons trained

- Men: 280
- Women: 325
- 45

Volume of activity (2021)

- Customs manifests: 365
- Customs waybills: 8,596
- Import declarations: 1,325
- Export declarations: 90

TEUs at seaports (Number of 20-foot equivalent containers)

- 1,247