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Trade Facilitation



Trade Facilitation is the systematic rationalization of procedures, information flows, and documentation

UNCTAD



Mandate

The Bridgetown Covenant, October 2021, Art 127(c)
"Continue to cooperate with member States in implementing the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA)"

DTL Division on Technology and Logistics



Knowledge sharing, training and Capacity Building
Science Technology and ICT
Trade Logistics

Mission



To provide technical assistance, develop advanced software applications and strengthen institutional capacity for Customs with emphasis on the special needs of the least developed countries.

Vision



Public Administrations are implementing e-Government strategies. Revenue agencies such as Customs can contribute to these processes together with trade partners and other public agencies.

Values



- Vehicle for UN core values
- Search for Excellence
- Reliability
- Client Orientation
- Technological Awareness
- Creativity
- Innovation
- Development-oriented

Programme initiated in 1980's
to support customs automation
and trade facilitation reforms

ASYCUDA
40
YEARS

OF EXPERIENCE

4 Generations of
IT solution for Customs

Human
Resources



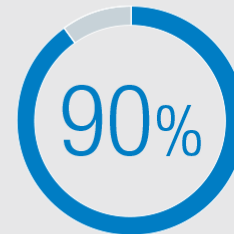
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ASYCUDA CLIENTS

Member
States 

100+
Countries and
territories

Current operations in
50+ countries



USING
ASYCUDAWorld

Main
Contributors

- ▶ Beneficiary countries
- ▶ European Union
- ▶ WORLD BANK
- ▶ TMEA
- ▶ ADB
- ▶ Australia
- ▶ Germany
- ▶ New Zealand
- ▶ etc...

Main
Partners


15 MoUs



ASYCUDA COMMUNITY



EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

-  Afghanistan
-  Albania
-  Bosnia and Herzegovina
-  Georgia
-  Gibraltar
-  Kazakhstan
-  Kosovo
-  Moldova
-  Tajikistan
-  Turkmenistan


MIDDLE EAST

-  Iraq
-  Jordan
-  Lebanon
-  Palestine
-  Syria
-  Yemen

AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

-  Anguilla
-  Antigua and Barbuda
-  Aruba
-  Barbados
-  Belize
-  Bolivia
-  Caribbean Netherlands
-  Curaçao
-  Dominica
-  El Salvador
-  Grenada
-  Guyana
-  Haiti
-  Jamaica
-  Montserrat
-  Nicaragua
-  Puerto Rico
-  Saint Kitts and Nevis
-  Saint Lucia
-  Saint Pierre and Miquelon
-  Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
-  Suriname
-  Trinidad and Tobago
-  Turks and Caicos
-  Venezuela











AFRICA

-  Angola
-  Benin
-  Burkina Faso
-  Burundi
-  Cabo Verde
-  Central African Republic
-  Chad
-  Comoros
-  Congo
-  Côte d'Ivoire
-  D.R. Congo
-  Djibouti
-  Equatorial Guinea
-  Eritrea
-  Eswatini (former Swaziland)
-  Gabon
-  Gambia
-  Guinea
-  Guinea-Bissau
-  Lesotho
-  Liberia
-  Madagascar
-  Malawi
-  Mali
-  Mauritania
-  Mozambique
-  Namibia
-  Niger
-  Rwanda
-  Saint Helena
-  Sao Tome and Principe
-  Seychelles
-  Sierra Leone
-  Sudan
-  Togo
-  Uganda
-  Zambia
-  Zimbabwe











ASIA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS

-  Bangladesh
-  Cambodia
-  Cook Islands
-  Fiji
-  Kiribati
-  Lao PDR
-  Maldives
-  Nauru
-  Nepal
-  New Caledonia
-  Niue
-  Papua New Guinea
-  Philippines
-  Samoa
-  Solomon Islands
-  Sri Lanka
-  Timor-Leste
-  Tonga
-  Tuvalu
-  Vanuatu

ASYCUDA Programme – Partnerships

AGENCY	SCOPE
 <p>World Intellectual Property Organization WIPO</p>	Development and piloting of ASYCUDA tools for IPR protection
 <p>International Organization for Migration IOM</p>	Development of interface between ASYCUDA and MIDAS - Migration information and data analysis system
 <p>Center for Customs & Excise Studies CCES</p>	Development of ASYCUDA certification framework
 <p>Universal Postal Union UPU</p>	Development of interface between ASYCUDA and UPU s electronic system for real time data exchange
 <p>UN Education, Science & Cultural Organization UNESCO</p>	Development and piloting of ASYCUDA tools for cultural values protection
 <p>International Trade Center ITC</p>	Co-operation in improving transparency of data on trade and market access
 <p>Digital Coding and Tracking Association DCTA</p>	Development and piloting of ASYCUDA tools for excisable goods movement control and anti-fraud
 <p>State Revenue Committee of Kazakhstan SRC</p>	ASYCUDA Implementation and joint activities through the WCO Regional Training Centre in Astana
 <p>World Trade Organization WTO</p>	Development of ASYCUDA toll for capturing and sending national data the WTO Integrated Trade Database
 <p>Common Market for East & Southern Africa COMESA</p>	Establishment of the Regional Support Center

ASYCUDA Programme - Partnerships

AGENCY		SCOPE
	Convention on Int Trade in Endangered Species CITES	Development and piloting of ASYCUDA module for monitoring trade in endangered species (eCITES)
	Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs OCHA	Development and piloting of ASYCUDA module for humanitarian relief consignments (ASYREC)
	Aqaba (Jordan) Free Economic Zone ASEZA	Establishment of the Regional Centre of Excellence
	International Air Transport Association IATA	Development of interface between ASYCUDA and IATA system for real time data exchange
	Euro-Asian Economic Commission EAEC	Collaboration in the areas of trade facilitation, Customs IT technology and Single Window
	World Customs Organization WCO	Development and piloting of ASYCUDA module for performance measurement (ASYPM)
	Economic Community of West African States ECOWAS	Establishment of the Regional Center of Excellence
	Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Development and piloting of electronic phytosanitary certification system (ASYCER)
	International Road Transport Union IRU	Development and piloting of ASYCUDA-TIR module
	Fiji, Samoa & Vanuatu Customs Administrations	ASYCUDA regional support mechanism for Pacific (ASMP)

ASYCUDA Programme – Main measures ASYCUDA / TFA









Building tools to support paperless Cross-Border Flows and Interoperability

ARTICLES		OPPORTUNITIES	PARTNERS
5	Other measures to enhance impartiality	The ASYCUDA e-portal allows users to enquire about applicable tariff duties, classification, supporting documents, etc. Users can receive document forms to submit online applications for supporting documents through web-services.	
5.1	Notifications on enhanced controls and inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of air manifests in IATA XML format • Integration with the UPU system 	
6	Disciplines on fees and charges	Clearance procedure for express consignments streamlined and expedited. Facilitating the arrival of goods for express release	
7	Release and clearance of goods	ASYCUDA Risk Management covers all customs operations and documents, at all levels. It has built-in anti-corruption functions (automated allocation of officers), early warning notifications, etc.	
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	ASYCUDAWorld Cargo Manifest system allows fast manifest capture (XML) and full processing; manifest generation from transit documents, bill of lading capture, generation of bar-codes, automatic cross-check between cargo control and declaration processing, reporting, etc.	
7.4	Risk management	Facilitating the arrival of emergency goods during disasters	
10	Formalities for import, export, transit	ASYCUDA provides a solid platform for a fully-fledged Single Window system, involving the relevant governmental agencies and utilizing fully the ICT resources and expertise available from Customs.	
10.4.	Single Window	Online permit processing	
12	Customs cooperation	ASYCUDA is fully capable of inter-operating online with external Customs IT systems of other countries. Exchange and interoperability of Customs and transit data is facilitated by ASYCUDA, provided that the necessary regulatory framework is in place.	






SDG

UNCTAD and ASYCUDA

	End poverty in all its forms everywhere	<p>Customs' contribution to national revenue through revenue collections, and the subsequent investment of revenues into national development programmes.</p>
	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	<p>Improving the food security and food safety through strengthening Customs and inter-agency controls at the borders, automation of issuance and monitoring of use of phytosanitary and veterinary certificates, integrated quota monitoring for agricultural exports and imports.</p>
	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	<p>Automated customs control of movement of excisable goods/tobacco products (ASYCUDA-DTCS). Strengthening of customs and inter-agency controls at the border for trade in goods that affect human health (e.g. food safety, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and dangerous drugs), introduction of electronic certificates, integrated risk management and surveillance mechanism in the ASYCUDA and Single Window environment.</p>
	Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	<p>ASYCUDA provides automated support to customs as it applies its controls in compliance with the international conventions of Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm, the Montreal protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer, water quality is expected to improve by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials.</p>
	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all	<p>Customs makes a key contribution to facilitating trade, enabling access to global value chains, innovation, economic growth and employment opportunities.</p>
	Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	<p>By embedding early taking of ownership and sustainability in its TA approach and the use of ASYCUDA, which has always combined state-of-the-art advanced technologies with proven in-the-field expertise, UNCTAD ensures an efficient and tailored support to countries thus contributing to their ICT infrastructure development and upgrade, especially in least developed countries and Africa, and by improving regional and trans-border infrastructure.</p>

SDG

UNCTAD and ASYCUDA

	<p>Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</p>	<p>ASYCUDA supports development of customs and trade infrastructure (ports, logistics terminals, warehouses, supply chains in cities) and contributes to the facilitation of legal cross-border movements and fight against illicit trafficking of cultural and natural heritage, including cooperation with other CBRAs operating in the regulatory fields related to cultural and natural heritage protection.</p>
	<p>Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts</p>	<p>ASYCUDA support customs for improved Ozone Depleting Substances' control by providing tools to monitor the legal trade and preventing the illegal trade in Ozone Depleting Substances (Montreal protocol) and Timber.</p>
	<p>Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss</p>	<p>Customs contributes to protecting society from unwanted pests and preventing the flow of illicit wildlife products by applying health and agricultural policies, and IPPC Convention; Customs also helps to take urgent action to end poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna and address both demand and supply of illegal wildlife products by applying the CITES Convention. eCITES Electronic Permitting System developed and implemented under a MOU between the CITES Secretariat and UNCTAD with support from Swiss government.</p>
	<p>Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms</p>	<p>Simplification and digitalization of Customs and CBRA procedures to decrease human interactions, thus contributing to good governance, transparency and accountability, and the fight against corruption.</p>
	<p>Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>The ASYCUDA customs system, by applying international standards, trade-related agreements, and through collaborating with other national authorities, countries and international agencies such as the WCO, contributes to increased efficiency and coordination, strengthened resource mobilization and trade facilitation and statistics. In addition, the ASYCUDA Programme organizes a multitude of study tours, technical and functional training sessions for customs delegations to visit and learn from experiences in implementing new technology and/or new infrastructure in other parts of the world. Thus directly contributing to North-South and South-South international and regional cooperation.</p>

Key Principles

- ▶ Country ownership
- ▶ Capacity building
- ▶ Engagement of all stakeholders
- ▶ Expert support
- ▶ Process reform
- ▶ Three tier implementation



Project Strategy

Full Customs Business Coverage



Additional components

Customs-oriented enhancements

- ▶ Dynamic Risk Management
- ▶ Archiving
- ▶ Mobile Applications
- ▶ Cloud Operations / SAAS Infrastructure
- ▶ Dashboard & OLAP

Interconnectivity

- ▶ ASYHUB
- ▶ CARICOM IMPACS



Partner-agency Modules

- ▶ **eCITES** (CITES Secretariat)
- ▶ **ASYREC Relief Consignments** (OCHA)
- ▶ **ASYPCD Messaging** (UPU)
- ▶ **ASYPM Performance Management** (WCO)
- ▶ **Trade Data Extraction** (ITC, WTO)

Outside the core

- ▶ **ASYPX – Passenger Processing module** (Vanuatu)
- ▶ **Regional Transit module** (SIGMAT) between ECOWAS member states
- ▶ **Cross-border data exchange** between Afghanistan and Tajikistan
- ▶ **Management of the Mineral Value Chain** (Zambia)
- ▶ **Passenger Pre-arrival information** (Jamaica)



Project Strategy



ASYCUDA on Media

SRI LANKA

Wildlife Trade Management
@CITES

Sri Lanka pilots the implementation of eCITES, a cloud-based electronic system offering automated support for permit applications, processing, issuance and reporting for international trade of endangered species.

592 Import-export permits issued for international trade of endangered species on eCITES from February to October 2020

Case Studies

SRI LANKA

Wildlife Trade Management
@CITES

Total Number of Customs Offices

56 Computerized
0 Paper-based

Exports (2019) 125 Billion USD
Imports (2019) 209 Billion USD

Persons Trained

793,133 Import Declarations
656,991 Export Declarations

80 Men
100 Total
20 Women

ASYCUDA NEWSLETTER

September 2021

40 YEARS

ASYCUDA Programme
509 Tweets

ASYCUDA Programme
@AsycudaProgram

UNCTAD's largest Technical Assistance Programme in Trade Facilitation.

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3 495 abonnements 2 046 abonnés

Embajada de Barbados Venezuela @EmbBarVen - 6 oct.

Ayer en un evento paralelo #UNCTAD15 Barbados y el @UNCTAD firmaron un acuerdo de 2.1M USD para facilitar el comercio mediante la implementación de un sistema electrónico de ventanilla única con la asistencia del @AsycudaProgram

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ASYCUDA
Automated System for Customs Data

YouTube

ASYFORUM

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Forum	Unread Posts
ASYCUDAWorld Functional Forum	Unread Posts
ASYCUDAWorld Technical Forum	Unread Posts
News	5 Posts, 5 Topics
Bug reports	334 Posts, 122 Topics
Documentation	68 Posts, 38 Topics

ASYCUDA Partnership Sustainable Development Reports

COMPROMISSO 2020

ASYCUDA ANNUAL REPORT 2020

COVID-19

Guidelines by ASYCUDA for Member Administrations

Devices: Smartphone, Desktop Monitor, Laptop

ASYCUDA for Single Window Systems

UNCTAD currently involved in 10 ASYCUDA WORLD Single Window projects



Examples



Rwanda (over 20 OGA): Health Ministry, Rwanda Development Comitee, Bureaux of standards, « Magasin générale du Rwanda » etc.



Uganda (over 20 OGA): Foreign Affairs Ministry, Atomic Agency, Bureaux of Standards, Coffee Export Board etc.



Kazakhstan (12 OGA): Ministry of Agriculture, Central Bank, Justice Ministry, Energy Ministry etc.



Comoros (4 OGA): INRAPE (Agriculture), ANAMEV (Medecines), Direction des mines (Vehicles), ANPI (Investments)



Jamaica (6 OGA): TBL Trade Board Ltd, PQPI Plant Quarantine Produce Inspection, JACRA Jamaica Agricultural Commodities Regulatory Authority (March), PCA Pesticides Control Authority, VSD Veterinary Services Division, JCA Jamaica customs agency



Vanuatu (5 OGA planned): Biosecurity, Energy Ministry, Environment Ministry, Industry Ministry and Immigration



Timor-Leste (4 OGA): TradeInvest, Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry, National Ozone Unit and Aportil (Port Authority)



Grenada (2 OGA): Ministry of Trade and Bureau of Standards



Jordan (several OGAs): Ministry of Health etc.



Zimbabwe: Inception phase



Turkmenistan: Inception phase



ASYCUDA

Automated System for Customs Data

40
YEARS

THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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