



**World Customs
Organization**

TFA Implementation support

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Building Customs capacity for TFA implementation

187 Customs administrations

Facilitating legitimate trade, collecting revenue and protecting society

Technical assistance and capacity building (TACB)

1 Instruments and practical tools

Standards and principles to simplify and harmonize Customs procedures

2 Technical assistance and peer learning

Accredited experts provide support and share practical experience

3 Free e-learning for Member officers

Dedicated platform for Customs officers

Capacity to implement trade facilitation commitments

Sustainable Customs reform and modernization

Overview of WCO support

Member priorities guide technical assistance and capacity building (TACB)

Annual Member requests

Members submit TACB request annually
Domestic coordination is key to identify national priorities.

Specific programmes

Defined beneficiary countries
Defined thematic areas

Needs-driven

Tailored support

National ownership

Customs reform and modernization.

Overview of WCO support

WCO Annex D report



Technical expertise and capacity building

In-country missions and remote support from accredited experts

Common areas of support: TFA implementation

- Risk management
- Post-clearance audit
- Authorized operators
- Time Release Studies
- Border agency cooperation

Institutional capacity

- Integrity, gender and diversity
- Performance measurement
- Training of trainers
- Stakeholder engagement
- Donor engagement

Technical support excludes administrative support

Addressing specific Questions

01 Duration of support and beneficiary selection

- Typically around three years, tailored to each Member's needs and reform progress.
- Beneficiary selection is a combination of donor foreign assistance priorities and WCO needs assessment.

02 Scope of support

- In-country missions and remote expertise build capacity to sustain reforms independently
- Some assistance addresses broader institutional areas to create suitable conditions for TFA implementation and lasting reforms.

03 Benefits of regional programmes

Members tackle shared challenges, exchange experience and strengthen regional connectivity.

04 Support in fragile countries

Flexible delivery maintains engagement and adapts the pace to local conditions.

05 “Difficult” Articles

- Some require more than TACB eg law reform, infrastructure set up or upgrade.
- TACB needs to be accompanied by strong domestic interagency coordination and political will.

Donor support to TACB

PROGRAMME

Accelerate Trade Facilitation Programme

United Kingdom's His Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC)

Anti-Corruption and Integrity Promotion (A-CIP)

Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)

BACUDA Project — BAnd of CUsToms Data Analysts

Funded by the Customs Cooperation Fund of Korea (CCF-K)

EU-WCO Africa programmes

European Union

Global Trade Facilitation Programme Phase II, 2024–2027

State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland (SECO)

WCO–JICA Joint Project

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Various Customs Cooperation Funds

Contributions through Customs Cooperation Funds

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A-CIP PROGRAMME



Multiple donors



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Thank You!

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