



CUSTOMS SERVICE UNDER THE  
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# **Bilateral cross-border data exchange between Tajikistan and Afghanistan**

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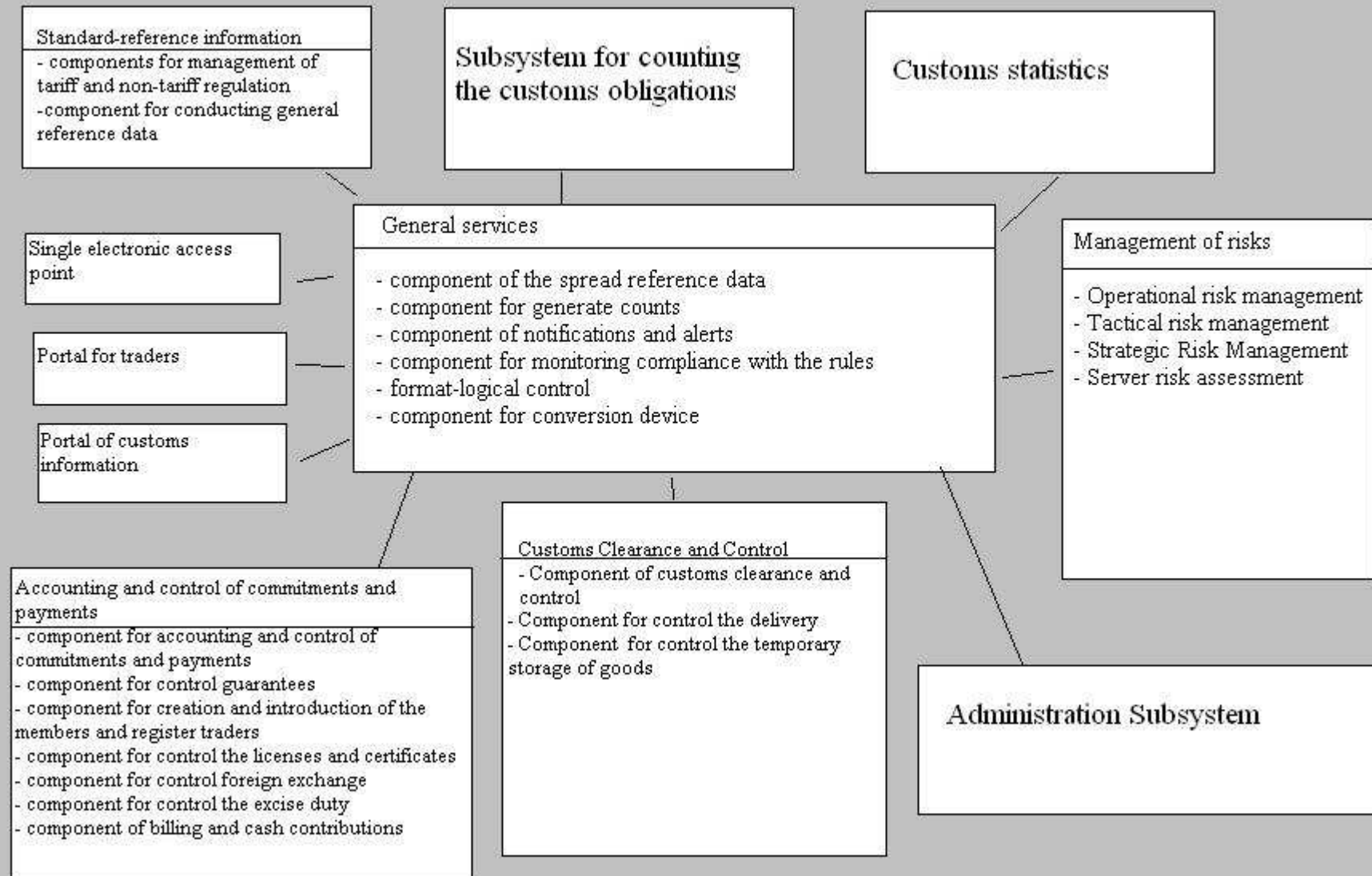
Successful implementation of customs  
modernization in the Republic of Tajikistan  
and in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan



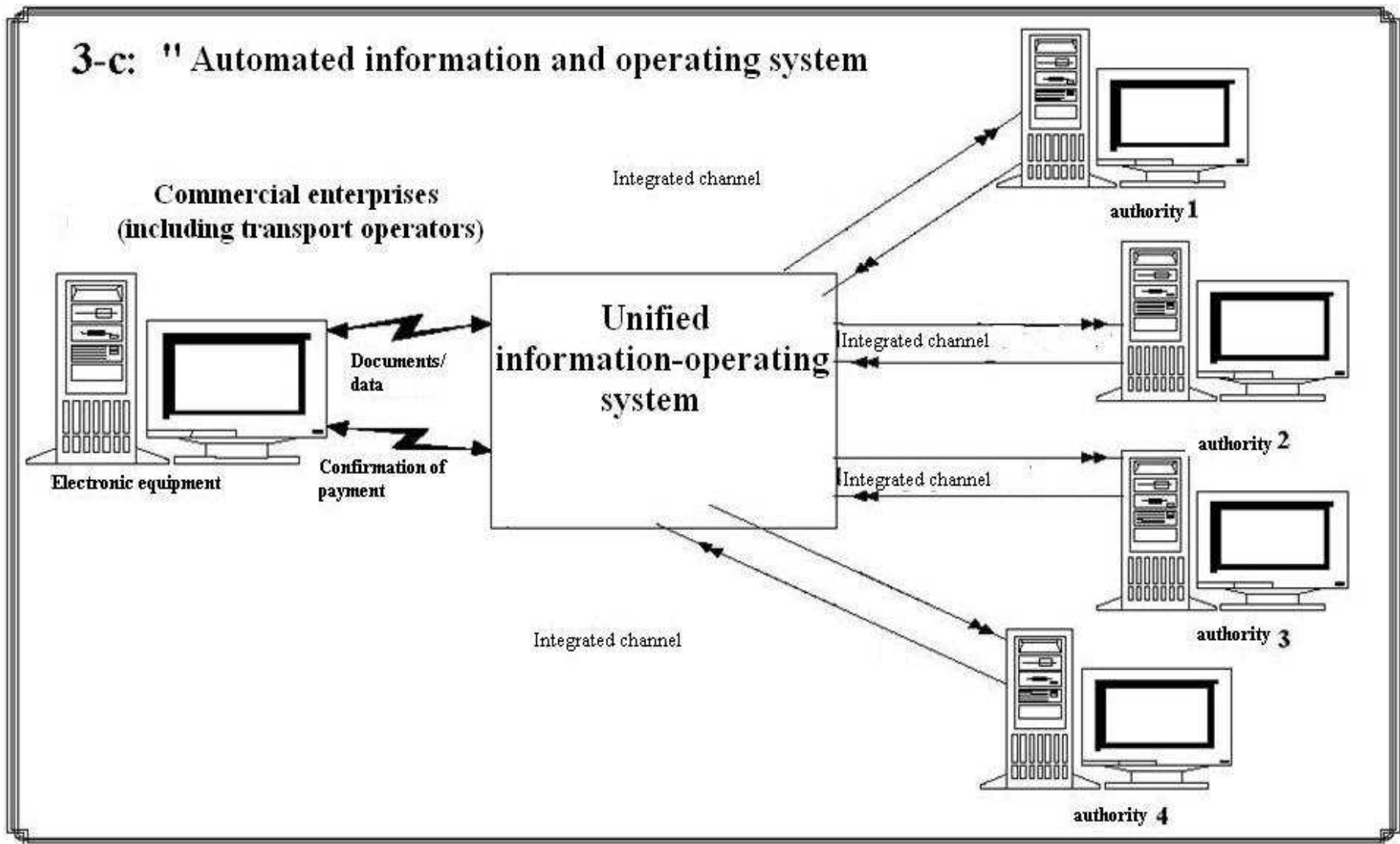
# **Background for initiating the project**

Incorporation of the UAIS and “Single Window” in the Republic of Tajikistan and the system ASYCUDAWorld - UNCTAD in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

# UAIS



# Model of the system «Single Window»





# Background for initiating the project

- signing of a bilateral intergovernmental agreement on cooperation and mutual assistance in customs matters;
- tripartite negotiations on transit, strengthening transportation and logistics infrastructure in the region;
- relevance of tasks to ensure two-way communication and interoperability of information systems of Customs and other regulatory agencies of the two countries;
- the importance of maintaining regional stability, simplification of transit and strengthening trade relations between the neighboring countries;
- financial support of the World Bank for data exchange project;
- the experience and expertise of UNCTAD in the area of customs reform and IT technologies.

# **Key features of the project, including application scope and services to be provided**

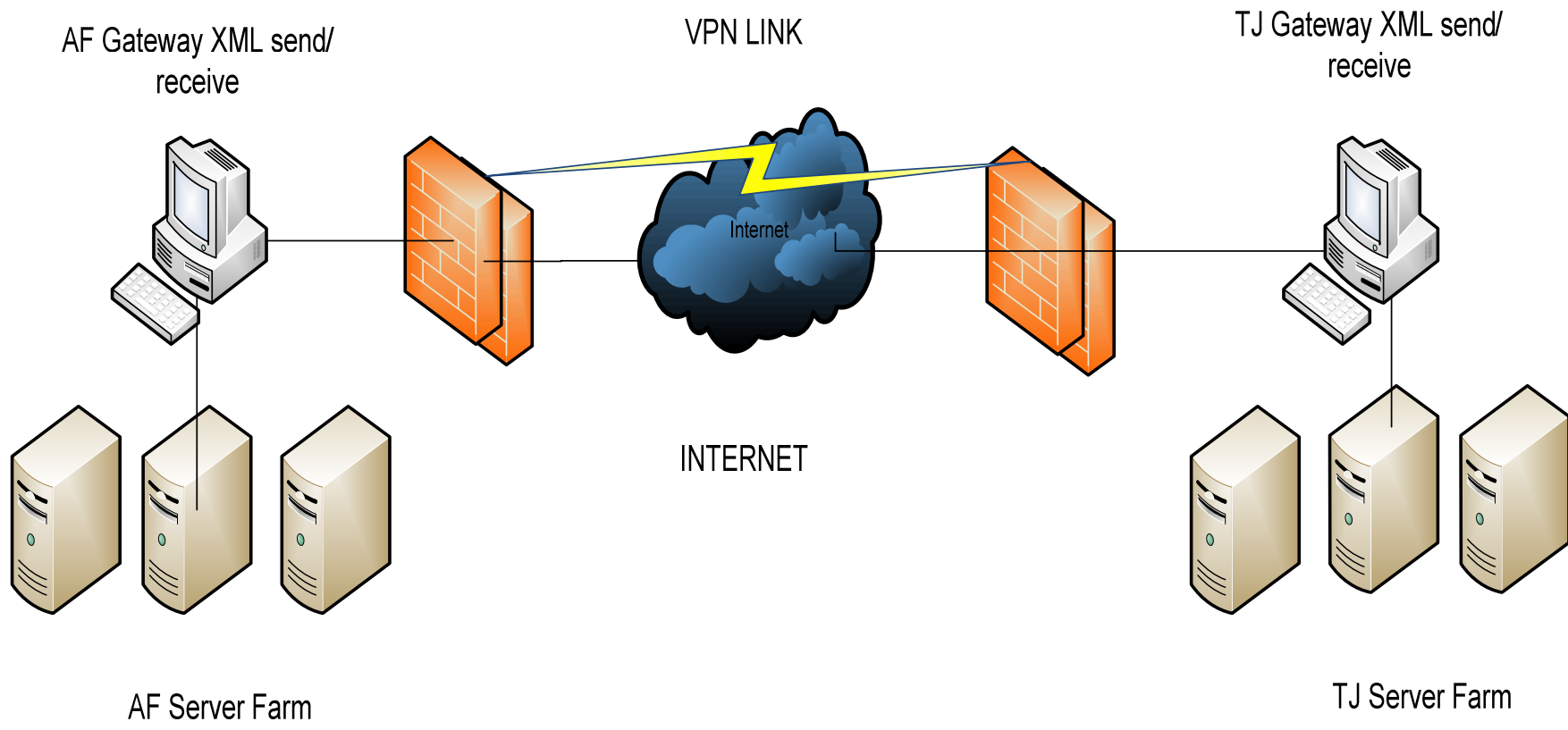
- the organization of data exchange in real time;
- ensuring interoperability of information systems of UAIS and ASYCUDAWorld;
- the use of modern IT solutions (XML messages, web services);
- harmonization of the data exchanged formats in accordance with international standards;
- full consideration of the issues of information security and privacy;
- the use of exchanged data for analysis and control of the situation, risk management, the challenges.



# Current status of the project

- the first coordination meeting of the delegations of the Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Afghan Customs Department - September 2014, London;
  - expert technical advice - November 2014, Dushanbe;
  - the successful interoperability testing of two customs information systems UAIS Tajikistan and ASYCUDAWorld Afghanistan;
  - the second coordination meeting of the delegations of the Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Afghan Customs Department, the coordination of data exchange mechanism and other technical details - March 2015, Geneva;
  - agreed parameters of future cooperation.







# **Main (expected) issues in implementing the project**

- the signing of the bilateral interagency protocol for the exchange customs data;
- pilot testing of data exchange on selected sites;
- the full data exchange between the two countries in real time.

# **Expected outcomes and future plan**

- new level of bilateral information interaction;
- improved monitoring of trade and borders;
- the fight against smuggling, drug trafficking and other offenses;
- trade facilitation and supply chain security;
- involvement in the exchange of information other regulatory agencies in a format “Single Window”

# **Expected outcomes and future plan**

- involvement of other countries in the region to the project (Pakistan, Iran);
- formation of regional transit corridors;
- promote regional integration and overall stability in the region;
- continued constructive cooperation with UNCTAD, ESCAP, the World Bank and other agencies and donors.



The background features a large, faint, golden-yellow watermark of the Russian Customs Service emblem. The emblem is circular, with the Russian text "Г У М Р У К" (GUMPUK) at the top and "ТАМ О Ж Н Я" (TAM OZH NYA) at the bottom. The center contains a stylized mountain peak, a crown with stars, and a caduceus-like symbol with wings and a staff, all set against a background of radiating lines.

**Thank you for your attention !**