



Background

- Intergovernmental Organization 24 Members
- Trade Facilitation in Customs Cooperation Project Overview
- Columbus Programme
 - Currently 9 countries completed
 - None of the countries in implementation Phase



Launching of Trade Facilitation in Customs Cooperation

- Funding under EDF10 (European Union)
- 26 Core Activities of TFCC to be implemented in three years (2012 -2014)
- Letter of Intent
- Commencement of Program



Core Activities & Projects Undertaken at Regional Level

- Regional Training Workshop on Intelligence
- Regional Training Workshop on Investigation
- Regional Training Workshop on Harmonize Coding System
- WCO/OCO Regional Training Workshop on Post Clearance Audit
- Pre-Drafting Consulting Visit
- Twinning Program



Core Activities & Projects Undertaken at National Level

- Training on Harmonized Coding System
- Training on Risk Management
- Diagnostic Mission to 6 PACP Members (FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu)
- Feasibility Study on Customs Automation
- Training on Rules of Origin
- National Consultation on Legislative
- Baseline Study on Customs status of Performance



KEY FINDINGS

- ❑ Numerous gaps and shortfalls have been identified in the national HS;
- ❑ Political Support
- ❑ Many Stakeholders (in-country and donors) are involved in TF. Overlapping responsibility a real risk (Need harmonisation and better coordination)
- ❑ There was a need for continuous training on HS and WTO VA to build the capacity of Customs staffs and private sector;
- ❑ Assistance was required to develop the legislative framework for HS and WTO Valuation Agreement;
- ❑ Assistance was required for migration to 2012 version;
- ❑ Varying degrees of deficiencies and weaknesses were discovered in the current Customs legislations of members;



PREPARATIONS FOR 2013 - 2014 PROGRAM

- Development of Proper Programme / Project Management
- Awaiting political will and commitment
- Paradigm shift
- Better political engagement
- Needs for wider reforms instead of ad hoc, isolated interventions
- A regional approach adds value, benefits from economies of scale and lower units costs.