

**12th (virtual) meeting of Contact Points for capacity building of customs administrations in the West and Central Africa Region**

**From 8 to 10 November 2021**

**Draft Work Program**

**Theme: What are the perspectives of customs administrations in the WCO-WCA region in terms of modernization in the context of the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)?**

**Precedence:**

* *The opening of the virtual meeting room will be during the three (3) days from 8:30 am (Abidjan time) in order to proceed with the usual tests;*
* *All speakers are invited to submit their presentation 72 hours before the start of the work.*

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| **DAY 1: Monday, November 8, 2021** | | | |
| **POINTS** | **TIME** | **ACTIVITIES** | **SPEAKERS** |
| **1** | **9:00 a.m.**  **09:30** | **Opening ceremony :**   * Address by the Director of the ROCB * Address by the Regional Coordinator * Opening address by the Vice-Presidency of the Region | ROCB  WCO Secretariat  Vice-presidency |
| **2** | **09:30**  **9:50 a.m.** | * Presentation of the participants * Designation of the workshop office * Adoption of the draft program | Moderation:  ROCB |
| **INTRODUCTORY SESSION** | | | |
| **3** | **9:50 a.m.**  **10:20 a.m.** | * Assessment of the implementation of the recommendations of the 11th virtual meeting * Discussion | ROCB  All participants |
| **4** | **10:20 a.m.**  **10:50 a.m.** | * Activities of regional structures in terms of capacity building.   Discussion | RTC Abuja  RTC Brazzaville  RTC Ouagadougou  All participants |
| **5** | **10:50 a.m.**  **11:20 a.m.** | * Report of the Secretariat on WCO Capacity Building Activities in the WCA Region. * Discussion | WCO Secretariat  All participants |
| **SESSION 2: Evolution of the regional strategy** | | | |
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| **6** | **11:20 a.m.**  **11:45 a.m.** | * ROCB report on its capacity building activities in the WCA Region * Discussion | ROCB  All participants |
| **7** | **11:45 a.m.**  **12:30 p.m.** | **Implementation of the Regional Strategic Plan 2018-2022**   * Regional trends resulting from the implementation of the regional strategic plan * RSP implementation status by administration * Discussion | ROCB  ROCB  All participants |
| **DAY 2: Tuesday, November 9, 2021** | | | |
| **POINTS** | **TIME** | **ACTIVITIES** | **SPEAKERS** |
| **SESSION 3: What are the perspectives of customs administrations in the WCO-WCA region in terms of modernization in the context of the implementation of the AfCFTA?** | | | |
| **8** | **9h00**  **10:20 a.m.** | **Implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Zone in WCA**   * context * The progress * Challenges * Perspectives * Discussion   *(this will first of all involve presenting the objectives of the AfCFTA, the role played by the stakeholders, the evolutions and the challenges related to its implementation, then presenting the prospects for an effective implementation of the AfCFTA)* | AfCFTA Secretariat  AU Commission  All participants |
| **9** | **10:20 a.m.**  **11:40 a.m.** | **Round table: the success factors for the implementation of an operational capacity building strategy**     * Presentation of the organization, governance and necessary support * The role and approach in the implementation of the AfCFTA * Presentation of WCO tools and instruments for the effective implementation of the capacity building strategy. * Presentation of ROCB tools and instruments for the effective implementation of the regional capacity building strategy. * Discussion | Moderator: Vice-presidency  AfCFTA Secretariat  ECOWAS, ECCAS,  Capacity Building Directorate  ROCB  All participants |
| **10** | **11:40 a.m.**  **12:40** | Sharing of experiences on the implementation of the AfCFTA  *(The identified administrations will highlight the organization and concrete measures undertaken to implement the AfCFTA.)* | Togo  Cameroon  Ivory Coast  Liberia |
| **DAY 3: Wednesday November 10, 2021** | | | |
| **12** | **9h00**  **10:00 a.m.** | * Awareness on the use of regional addressing; * Presentation of the general strategy document on the role of the revised Focal Points; * Awareness-raising on the self-assessment exercise; * Presentation of the “THE MIRROR” strategic management, assessment and decision-making tool; * Discussion | ROCB  All participants |
| **13** | **10:00 a.m.**  **10:30** | * Exchange on the development of the next 2022-2025 strategic plan | ROCB  All participants |
| **14** | **10:30**  **11:30** | Regional market (Regional coaching program) / Innovative projects (presentations) | Countries wishing to share their experience |
|  | **11:30** | **Pause** |  |
| **15** | **12h00**  **12:30 p.m.** | * Presentation and examination of the draft recommendations. * Upcoming activities * Place and dates of the next meeting | ROCB / All participants |
| **16** | **12:30 p.m.** | Closing speech by the vice-presidency | ROCB  WCO Secretariat  Vice-presidency |