



**26th MEETING OF THE EXPERT
COMMITTEE OF THE
CONFERENCE OF GENERAL-
DIRECTORS OF CUSTOMS**

Theme: Accelerating the digital transformation of customs by developing a data culture and an efficient ecosystem

Brazzaville, May 23th 2022

WCA ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE WCO SECRETARIAT

(Item 3.a of the agenda)

ABSTRACT

Subject of the document

This document presents the WCA activities report of the WCO Secretariat, several of which were carried out following the most frequent needs reported by Members of the WCA region.

This document also presents the tools and resources put in place by the WCO for the process of capacity building for Customs administrations in the WCA Region; this process being based on the strategic plans of the member administrations, the spontaneous needs, the consolidation of the needs of the members and the cross-reinforcement with the regional, multi-regional and global activities.

Action required of the expert's committee

The expert's committee is invited to:

- Take note of the activities carried out by the WCO Secretariat for the WCA region.

Capacity Building Overview West and Central Africa Region



XXVIII Regional Conference of
Customs Directors General (RCCDG)

26-28 April 2022, Brazzaville, The
Republic of Congo

OUTLINE



I. CAPACITY BUILDING DELIVERY

A. NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

B. DELIVERIES

II. OTHER PILLARS OF CAPACITY BUILDING

A. EXPERTS POOL

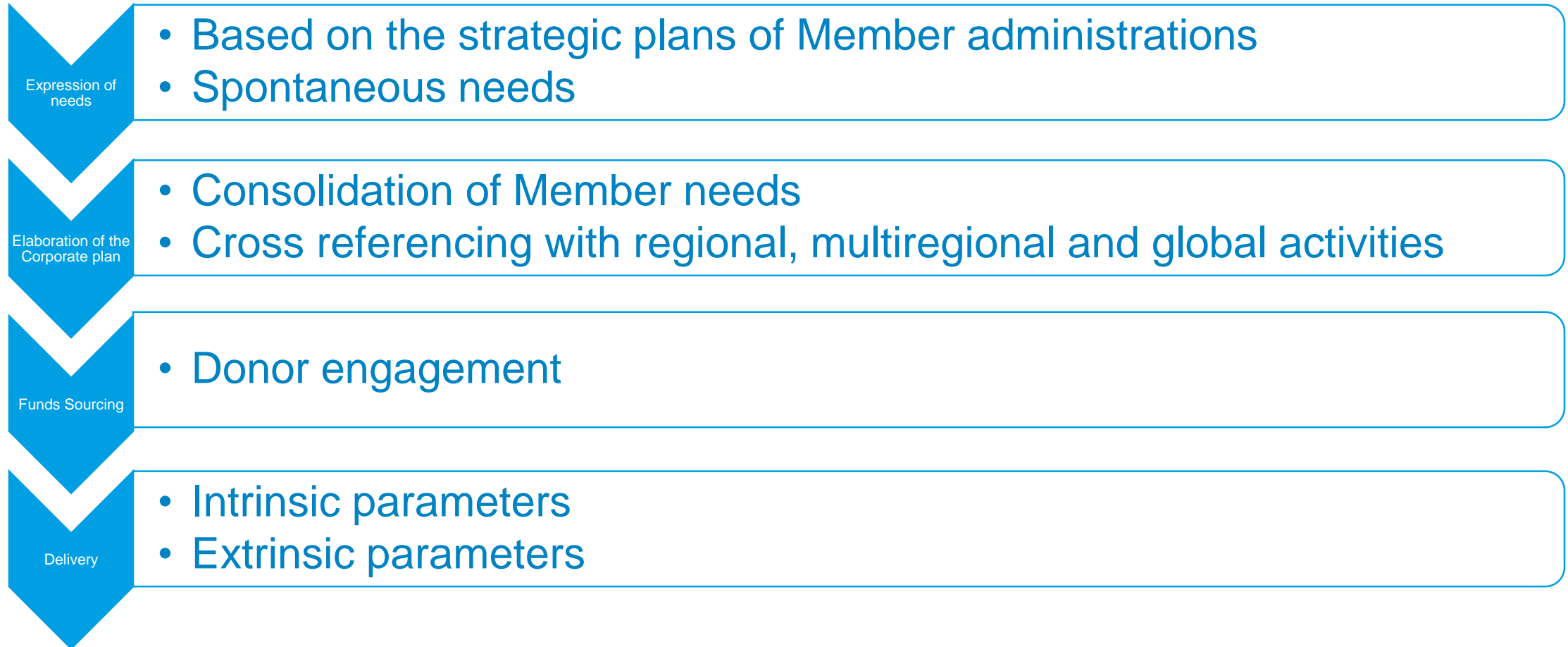
B. E-LEARNING

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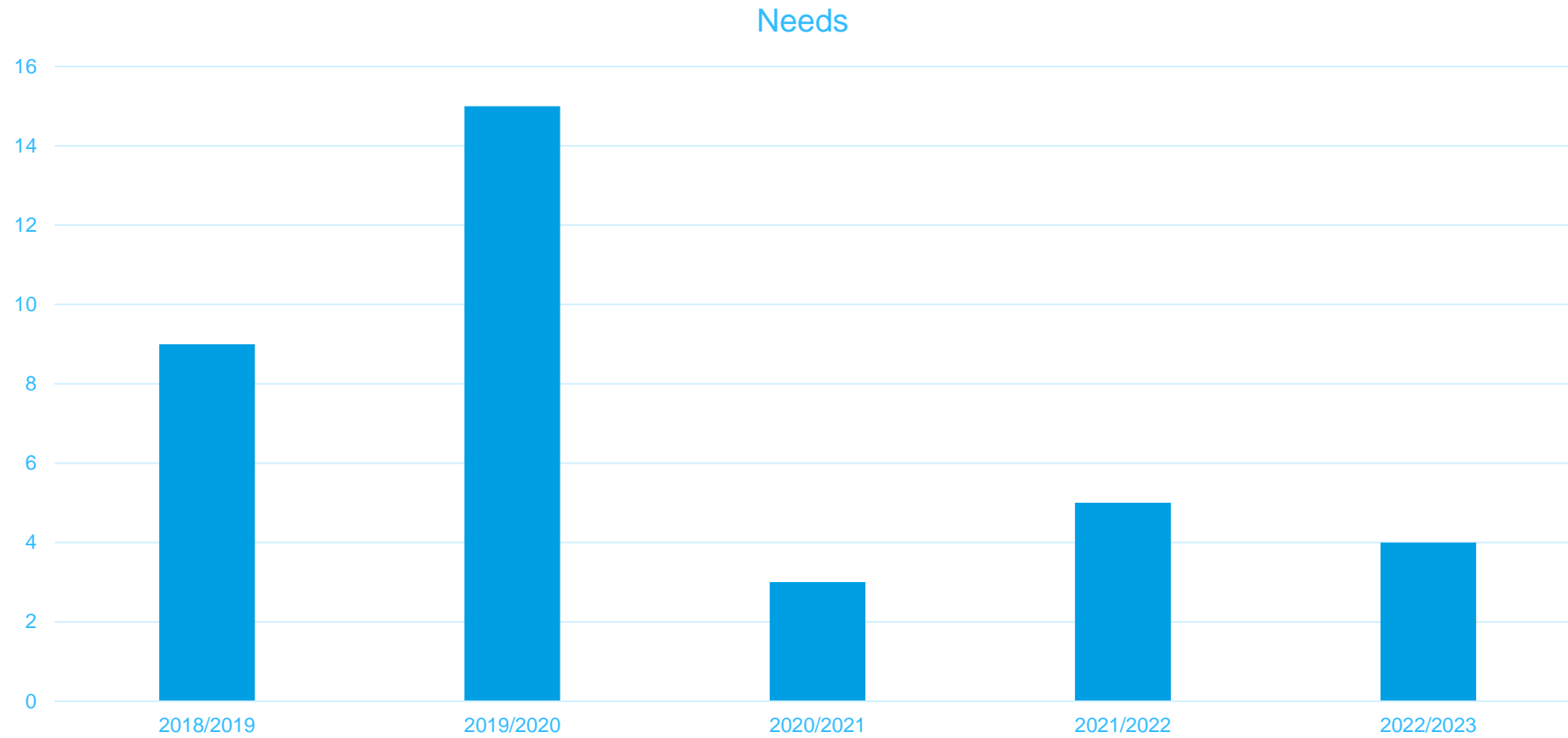
A. USEFUL INFORMATION

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WCO CAPACITY BUILDING PROCESS



Needs Assessment



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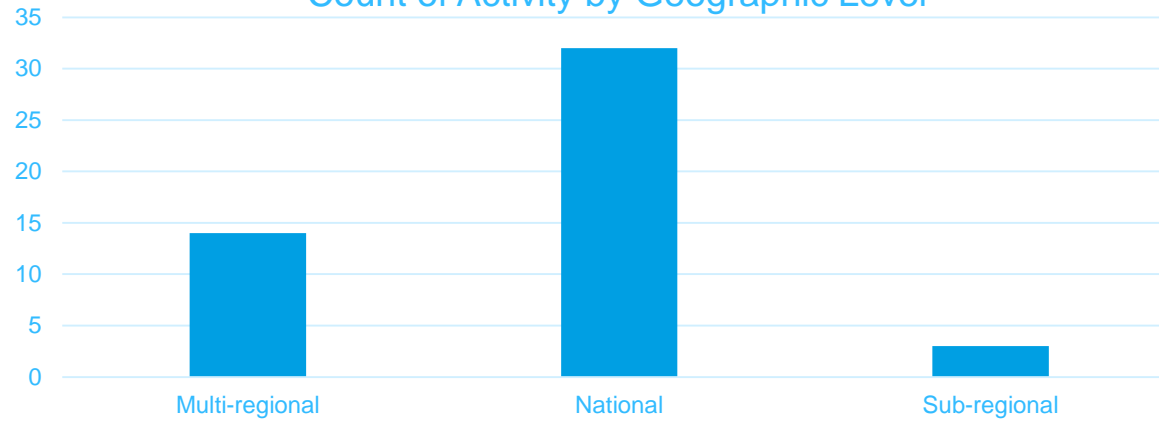
Most frequent areas of CB delivery in WCA (Corporate Plan 2021-2022)



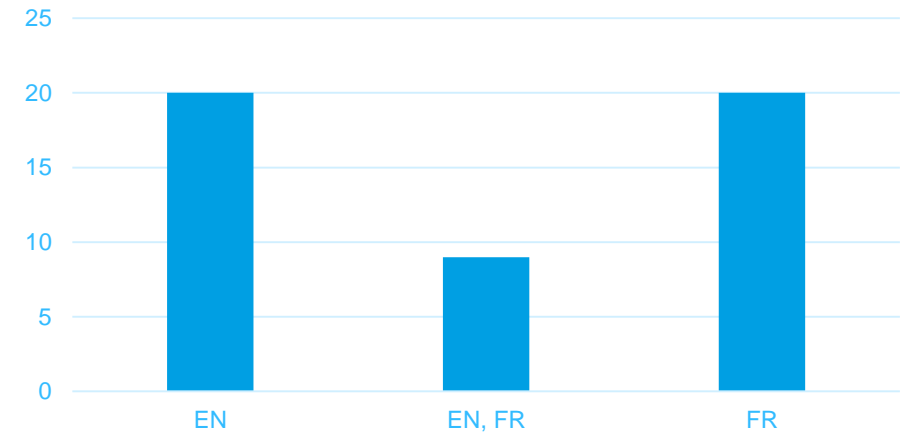
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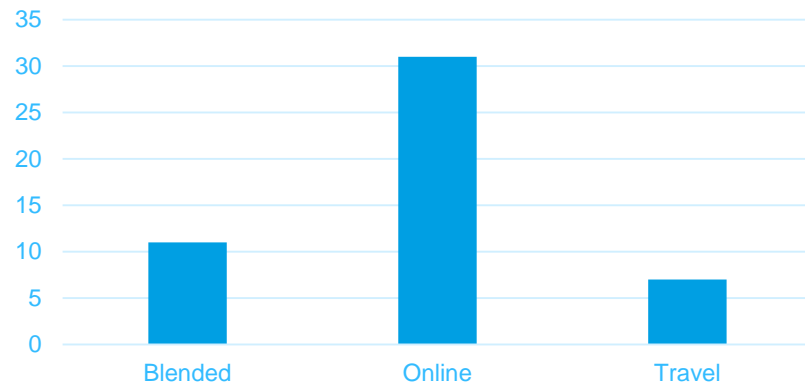
Count of Activity by Geographic Level



Count of Activity by Language



Count of Activity by Delivery Mode



Most frequent needs notified by Members (Corporate Plan 2022-2023)

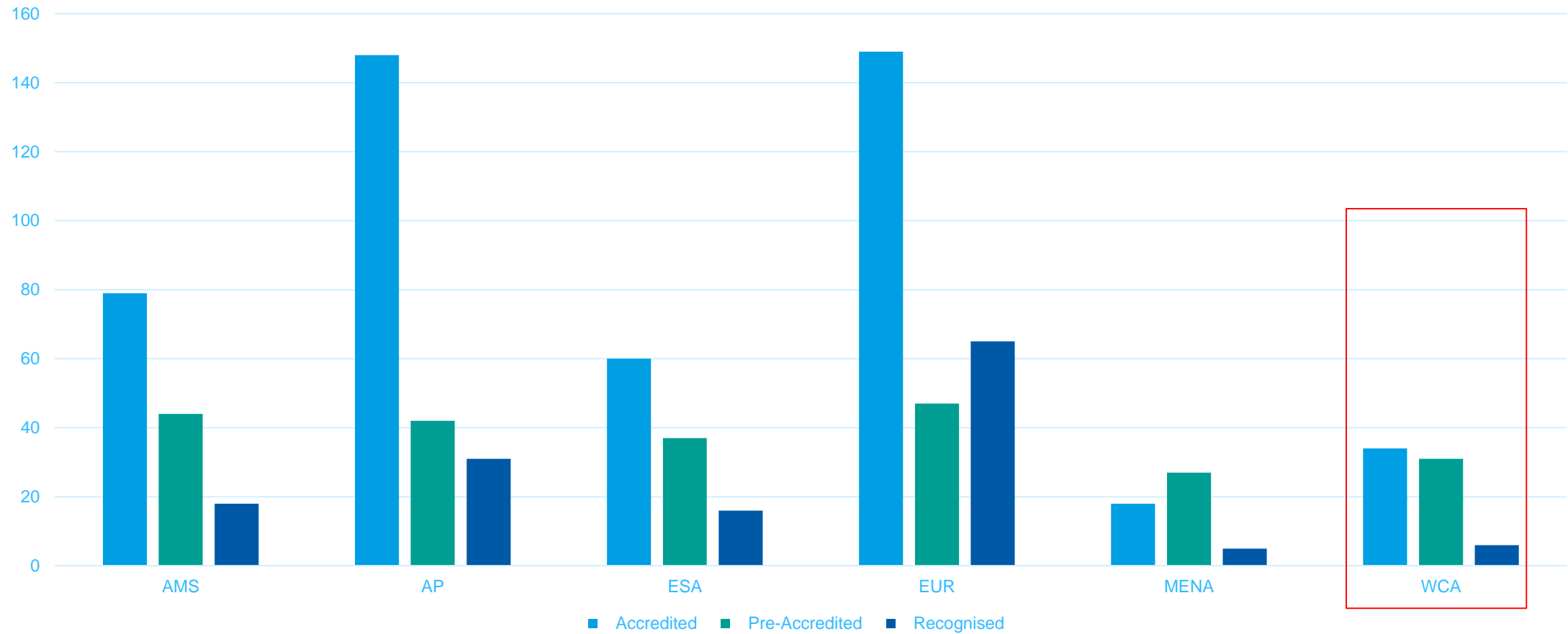


Experts Accreditation Since 2016 in the WCA Region



| Topic | Location | Pre-accredited |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 2016 | | |
| MERCATOR Programme Advisors | South Africa | 1 Liberia |
| TRS | Belgium | 1 Cameroon |
| MERCATOR Programme Advisors | Cameroon | 2 Burkina Faso, 1 Cameroon, 1Togo, 1 Mali |
| Transit | Côte d'Ivoire | None |
| Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) | Belgium | 1 Gabon |
| 2017 | | |
| Post Clearance Audit | Belgium | 1 Burkina Faso,1 Senegal,1 Togo, 1 Benin |
| Coordinated Border Management | Belgium | 1 Senegal, 1 Gabon |
| 2018 | | |
| Origin | Burkina Faso | 1 Mali, 1 Senegal, 1 Côte d'Ivoire, 2 Burkina Faso, 1 Togo, 1 Benin |
| 2019 | | |
| Human Resource Management | | 1 Liberia, 1 Gambia |
| Transit | | 1 Mali,1 DR Congo,1 Benin,1 Togo |
| Revenue Package | | 1 Burkina Faso, 1 Benin, 1 Côte d'Ivoire, 1 Senegal, 1 Togo |
| Drug Law Enforcement | Belgium | 1 Mali, 1 Senegal |
| 2020 | | |
| E-commerce | Virtual environment | 1 Nigeria |
| 2022 | | |
| IPR | Togo | 1 Burkina Faso, 1 Mali, 1 Gabon, 1 Cameroun, 1 Guinee |

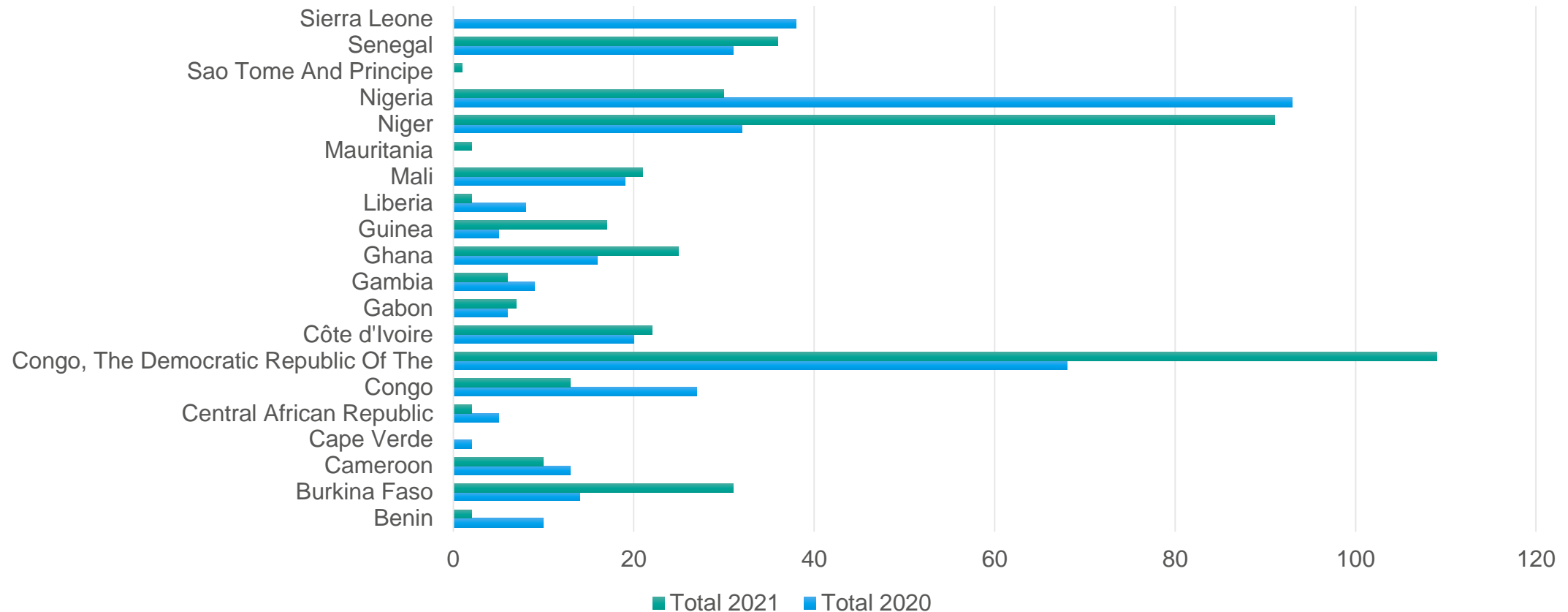
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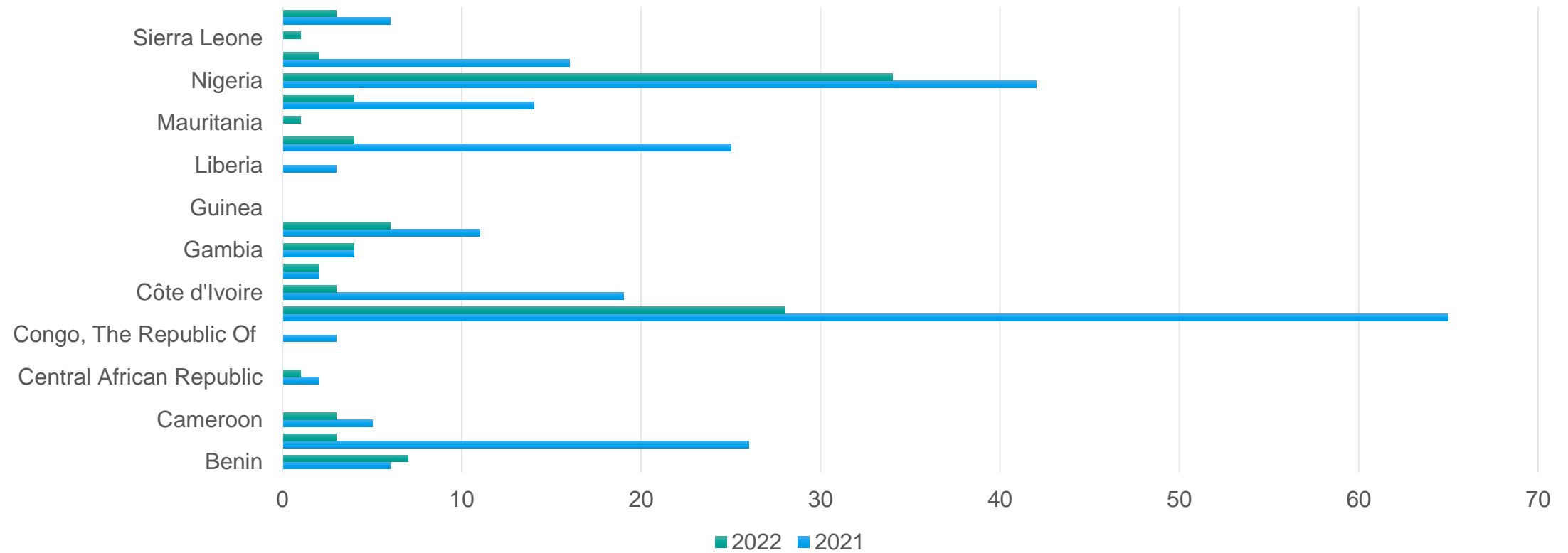
CLiKC! PLATFORM: Underutilized CB delivery tool



NEW USERS ON CLiKC!



Course completion on CLiKC!



Other Important information



- The CBD will be organizing a web seminar with the national focal points to discuss ways of improving their output of the Capacity Building Process.
- On the 22nd December 2021 Equatorial Guinea deposited with the Belgian Government its instrument of accession to the Convention Establishing a Customs Co-operation Council and became the 184th Member of the Organization. In addition to training material in English and French, the 24th member of the WCA will find a wide array of material translated into Spanish.
- On the 15th February 2022, the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, signed an MoU aimed at strengthening the organizational capacity, transparency and effectiveness of African Customs administrations in a sustainable manner through cooperation between both Organizations.
- The Rules of Origin Africa Program, funded by the EU will be launched continent wide on the 19 – 20 July 2022 in Accra
- Upcoming accreditation workshop on Risk Management for Master Trainers on AI & RM for West Africa (**check out for details**)

Conclusion



- Need for CAs of the Region to step up participation in the WCO annual needs assessment process and in a timely manner
- Need for the Regional structures especially the ROCB and RTCs to support and closely follow up WCO sustainable CB programmes for the Region, like the MTP and monitor and maintain the pool of Master Trainers
- Need to popularize the use of the CLiKC! Platform and e-learning moduled within the CAs; the function the national E-learning coordinator should be valorized
- Need for the Region to step up participation in the WCO GED agenda; ROCB and CAs should actively participate in the initiative to create regional chapters of the Network for Gender Equality and Diversity; participation of all administrations of the Region in the next meeting (June 16 2022) of the Virtual Working Group on GED is highly recommended)



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Thank you

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