



**13th Meeting of Contact Points for Capacity Building of Customs Administrations in the West and Central Africa Region**

From November 9 to 11, 2022 , Yaoundé, CAMEROON

**Draft Work Program**

**Theme: Capacity building of customs administrations in the WCA region and stakeholders, a guarantee of the success of the implementation of the AfCFTA**

**Precedence:**

- *The installation in the meeting room will be done during the three (3) days from 8:00 am;*
- *All speakers are invited to send their presentation 72 hours before the start of the work for the purposes of translation and posting on the regional website.*

DAY 1: Wednesday, November 9, 2022			
POINTS	HOURS	ACTIVITIES	SPEAKERS
1	09:00 09:40	<b>Opening ceremony :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Address by the ROCB Director</li> <li>- Address by the Regional Coordinator</li> <li>- Address by the AfCFTA SG</li> <li>- Address by the Vice-Presidency of the Region</li> <li>- Opening remarks from the host country</li> </ul>	ROCB WCO Secretariat AfCFTA Secretariat vice-presidency Host Country
<b>Coffee break</b>			
2	10:10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of participants</li> <li>• Designation of workshop office</li> <li>• Exchanges on the objectives of the meeting</li> <li>• Adoption of the draft program</li> </ul>	Moderation: ROCB
<b>INTRODUCTORY SESSION</b>			
3	10:30 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of the implementation of the recommendations of the 12th meeting held virtually</li> <li>• Trades</li> </ul>	ROCB  All attendees
4	10:50 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the vision and Program of the new Vice Presidency of the Region (Nigeria)</li> </ul>	vice-presidency
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5	11:10 a.m. 11:40 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities of regional structures in terms of capacity building.</li> <li>Trades</li> </ul>	RTC Abuja RTC Brazzaville RTC Ouagadougou All attendees
6	11:40 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretariat Report on WCO Capacity Building Activities in the WCA Region.</li> <li>Trades</li> </ul>	WCO Secretariat All attendees
7	12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ROCB report on its capacity building activities within the WCA Region</li> <li>Role of the National Contact Point in the WCO Capacity Building Strategy</li> <li>Trades</li> </ul>	ROCB All attendees
<b>Lunch break</b>			
<b>SESSION 2: Evolution of the regional strategy</b>			
8	2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	<b>Assessment of the implementation of the Regional Strategic Plan 2018-2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional trends resulting from the implementation of the regional strategic plan 2018-2022</li> <li>Exchange</li> </ul>	ROCB All attendees
9	2:30 p.m. 3:55 p.m.	<b>Development of the Regional Strategic Plan 2023-2027</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposals from the administrations for the development of the next strategic plan (PSR 4) on the axes Leadership and Strategic Management</li> </ul>	ROCB Capacity Building Directorate Work group All attendees
<b>Coffee break</b>			
10	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>Development of the Regional Strategic Plan 2023-2027</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposals from the administrations for the development of the next strategic plan (RSP 4) on the axes partnership and customs procedures</li> </ul>	ROCB Capacity Building Directorate Work group All attendees
<b>DAY 2: Thursday, November 10, 2022</b>			
<b>SESSION 3 : Capacity building of customs administrations in the WCA region and stakeholders, a guarantee of the success of the implementation of the AfCFTA</b>			

11	09:00 10:30 a.m.	<b>Implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Progress in the implementation of the annexes on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tariff Concessions;</li> <li>- the Rules of Origin;</li> <li>- Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance;</li> <li>- Trade Facilitation;</li> <li>- transit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Challenges</li> <li>▪ Perspectives</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trades</li> </ul> <p><i>(this will first present the objectives of the ZLECAf, the role played by the stakeholders, the developments and the challenges related to its implementation, then report on the prospects for an effective implementation of the AfCFTA)</i></p>	AfcFTA Secretariat AU Commission ECOWAS  ROCB  All attendees
<b>Coffee break</b>			
12	10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	<b>Round table: success factors for the implementation of an operational capacity building strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective implementation of AfCFTA instruments; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rules of Origin;</li> <li>- Customs fees</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The strategic role of customs in the implementation of the AfCFTA.</li> <li>• Presentation of WCO tools and instruments for the effective implementation of the capacity building strategy.</li> </ul> Trades	Moderator: ROCB  vice-presidency  AfcFTA Secretariat  ECOWAS, ECCAS,  Capacity Building Directorate  All attendees
<b>Lunch break</b>			
13	2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Sharing experiences on the implementation of the AfCFTA  <i>(The administrations identified will highlight the organization and concrete measures undertaken to implement the ZLECAf.)</i> Trades	Senegal Togo Cameroon Ivory Coast Liberia Nigeria All attendees
<b>DAY 3: Friday, November 11, 2022</b>			

<b>14</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.</b>	Summary of the first two days	ROCB
<b>15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.</b>	Regional Market (Regional Coaching Program) /Innovative Projects (Presentations)	Countries wishing to share their experience
<b>Coffee break</b>			
<b>16</b>	<b>11:00 12:00 p.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and review of draft recommendations</li> </ul>	ROCB / All Participants
<b>15</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Completion of work</b> Closing speech</p>	host country
<b>Lunch</b>			

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