

**11th Virtual Meeting of Capacity Building Contact Points of Customs Administrations of the West and Central Africa Region**

**2 to 4 December, 2020**

**Draft Agenda**

**Theme: Challenges of Customs Reform and Modernization in the Context of the COVID-19 Health Crisis.**

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| **DAY 1 : 2 DECEMBER 2020** | | | |
| **ITEMS** | **TIME** | **ACTIVITIES** | **SPEAKERS/**  **PARTICIPANTS** |
| **1** | **09h00**  **09h20** | **Opening of the meeting** | ROCB  WCO Secretariat  Vice Chair’s Office |
| **2** | **09h20**  **09h30** | * Nomination of the Bureau of the meeting * Adoption of the draft work programme | Moderation :  ROCB |
| **SESSION INTRODUCTIVE** | | | |
| **3** | **09h30**  **09h50** | * Evaluation of the implementation of the recommendations of the 9th Meeting held in Kinshasa. * Discussions | ROCB  All participants |
| **4** | **09h50**  **10h20** | * Activities of the RTCs since the last meeting.   *(RTCs will be invited to present their training strategies in the context of challenges related to COVID-19).*  Discussions | RTC Abuja  RTC Brazzaville  RTC Ouagadougou  All participants |
| **5** | **10h20**  **10h50** | Secretariat Report on WCO Capacity Building Activities in the WCA Region   * Discussions | WCO Secretariat  All participants |
|  | **10h50** | Break |  |
| **SESSION 1 : Evolution of the regional strategy** | | | |
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| **6** | **11h05**  **11h35** | Report of the ROCB on its capacity building activities in the WCA Region   * Discussions | ROCB  All participants |
| **7** | **11h35**  **12h05** | **Implementation of the 2018-2022 Regional Strategic Plan**   * Regional trends from self-assessments of the implementation of the 2019 roadmap * Presentation of the updated Regional Strategic Plan 2018-2022. * Discussions | ROCB  ROCB  All participants |
|  | **DAY 2 : 3 DECEMBER 2020** | | |
| **ITEMS** | **TIME** | **ACTIVITIES** | **SPEAKERS/**  **PARTICIPANTS** |
| **SESSION 2 : The management of the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area AfCFTA** | | | |
| **8** | **9h00**  **9h30** | * Presentation by the WCO Secretariat on the management of the COVID-19 crisis in the context of capacity building activities. * Presentation of the survey report on the priorities of customs administrations in the West and Central Africa (WCA) region in terms of technical and financial assistance to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. * Discussions | WCO Secretariat  ROCB  All participants |
| **9** | **09h30**  **10h10** | * Sharing of experiences of Customs administrations on the management of the COVID-19 health crisis.   (*The Customs administrations identified will have to present their good practices on the management of the COVID-19 crisis*)   * Discussions | Côte d’Ivoire  Guinea  Gambia  Ghana  All participants |
|  | **10h10** | **Break** |  |
| **10** | **10h25**  **11h35** | **The implementation of the AfCFTA in the context of the COVID-19 health crisis**   * Presentation of the African Union Commission. * Presentation of the RECs (ECOWAS, ECCAS). * WCO perspective. * Discussions   *(On this point, the Challenges related to the implementation of the AfCFTA in the context of the COVID-19 health crisis will first have to be presented, followed by a brief on envisaged adaptations and the prospects for an effective implementation of the AfCFTA)* | AU Commission  RECs  WCO Secretariat  All participants |
|  | **DAY 3 : 4 DECEMBER 2020** | | |
| **11** | **9h00**  **10h00** | * Awareness-raising on the annual self-assessment exercise. * Presentation of the strategic management, evaluation and decision support tool "THE MIRROR". * Awareness-raising on the annual exercise on capacity building needs analysis and expression. * Discussions | ROCB  ROCB  WCO Secretariat / ROCB  All participants |
| **12** | **10h00**  **11h00** | **Presentation and consideration of the draft recommendations** | ROCB / All participants |
| **13** | **11h00** | **Closing** | ROCB  WCO Secretariat  Vice Chair’s Office |