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*Regional Forum on
Trade Facilitation*

**BENEFITS AND
CHALLENGES IN
REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

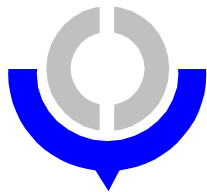




Background



- **Intergovernmental Organization 173 Members + two associate organizations covering 99.2% World Trade**
- **Columbus Programme**
 - **Diagnostic, strategic planning, holistic project planning, funding acquisition and implementation support. Locally led and managed**
(Currently **109** Countries Completed diagnostic and **70** in implementation Phase)





Customs Economic Role



- Trade Management
- **Market Access**
- Social Protection (Including Anti-Terrorism)
- **Statistical production**
- Revenue Collection





Core Customs capabilities



- Sound policy and legislative base
- **Effective stakeholder relationships**
- Intelligence and risk management
- **Simplified customs procedures (including Valuation, HS and Origin management)**
- Post Clearance Audit
- **Electronic data capture, processing and analysis**
- NII Capability
- **Effective anti-smuggling/enforcement**





General Issues



POLITICAL SUPPORT

LOCAL OWNERSHIP

FUNDING SOURCE

THE CORRECT ADVICE AT THE CORRECT TIME

PROPER PROGRAMME / PROJECT MANAGEMENT

INTEGRITY





Political Support



○ **Minus**

Takes time to negotiate

Potential rivalries

○ **Plus**

Ministries get involved

Commitment is deepened





Local ownership



- **Minus**

**Requires a long term
commitment**

**Normally needs to be
multi-national**

**Negative rivalry
National issues**

- **Plus**

**Broader range of
skills to choose form**

Positive rivalry

Common Standards





Funding source*



○ Minus

**Does require donor
co-ordination**

**Negotiation takes
longer**

○ Plus

Donors and

**Ministers like
regional projects**

**Regional funding
available**



* 60 to 70% of reform programmes have
no above the line costs



The correct advice at the correct time



- **Minus**

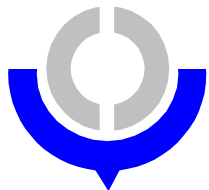
- Consistent advice
over the long term**

- Cost**

- **Plus**

- One Mission one
message**

- Avoids
duplication**





Proper programme / project management



- **Minus**

- **More Complex**
- **Multinational**
- **Multi project**
- **Time consuming**

- **Plus**

- **More Cost effective**
- **More consistent**





Integrity



- **Minus**

**Requires more
complex risk
management**

- **Plus**

Positive rivalry

**Whistle blowing, in
built**





Conclusion



- **Minus**

Time consuming and complex

Does not always suit donors

- **Plus**

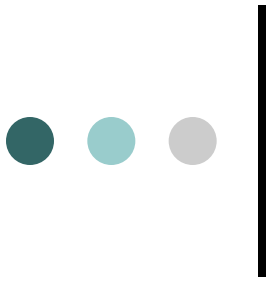
Better political engagement

In general more easy to fund

More cost effective

More consistent





**THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING**



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