WCO Support for TFA Implementation

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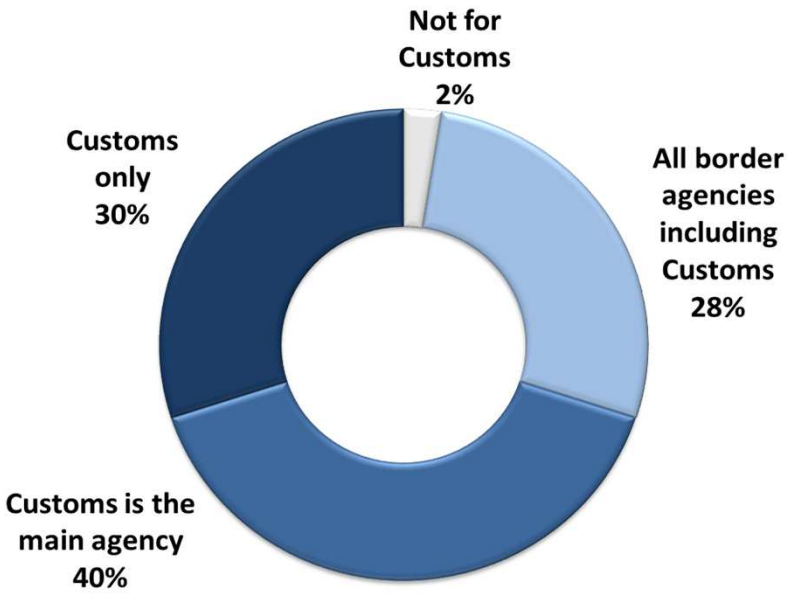
The role of Customs in TFA implementation

Applies to Section I of the TFA



WTO TFA

Deals almost entirely with Customs-related topics but foresees cooperation amongst border agencies (CBM).

Section I: 12 Articles regarding Trade Facilitation and Customs cooperation

Section II: Special and differential (S&D) treatment for developing and Least-Developed Countries

Section III: Institutional Arrangements

IMPORTANT:

Customs has a role in implementing 100% of the technical measures (all Section I provisions except Art.1.4 + Art.23.2)

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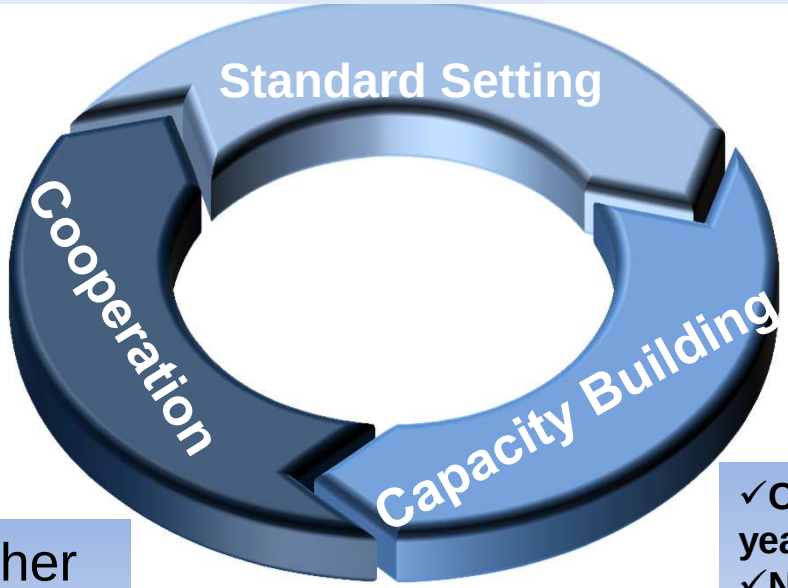
WCO's Role in Trade Facilitation

✓Capability and responsibility for global standard setting for Customs



✓Cooperation with other international organizations and other agencies

✓CB/TA delivery – [over 60 years of experience]
✓Network of accredited experts from Customs Administrations

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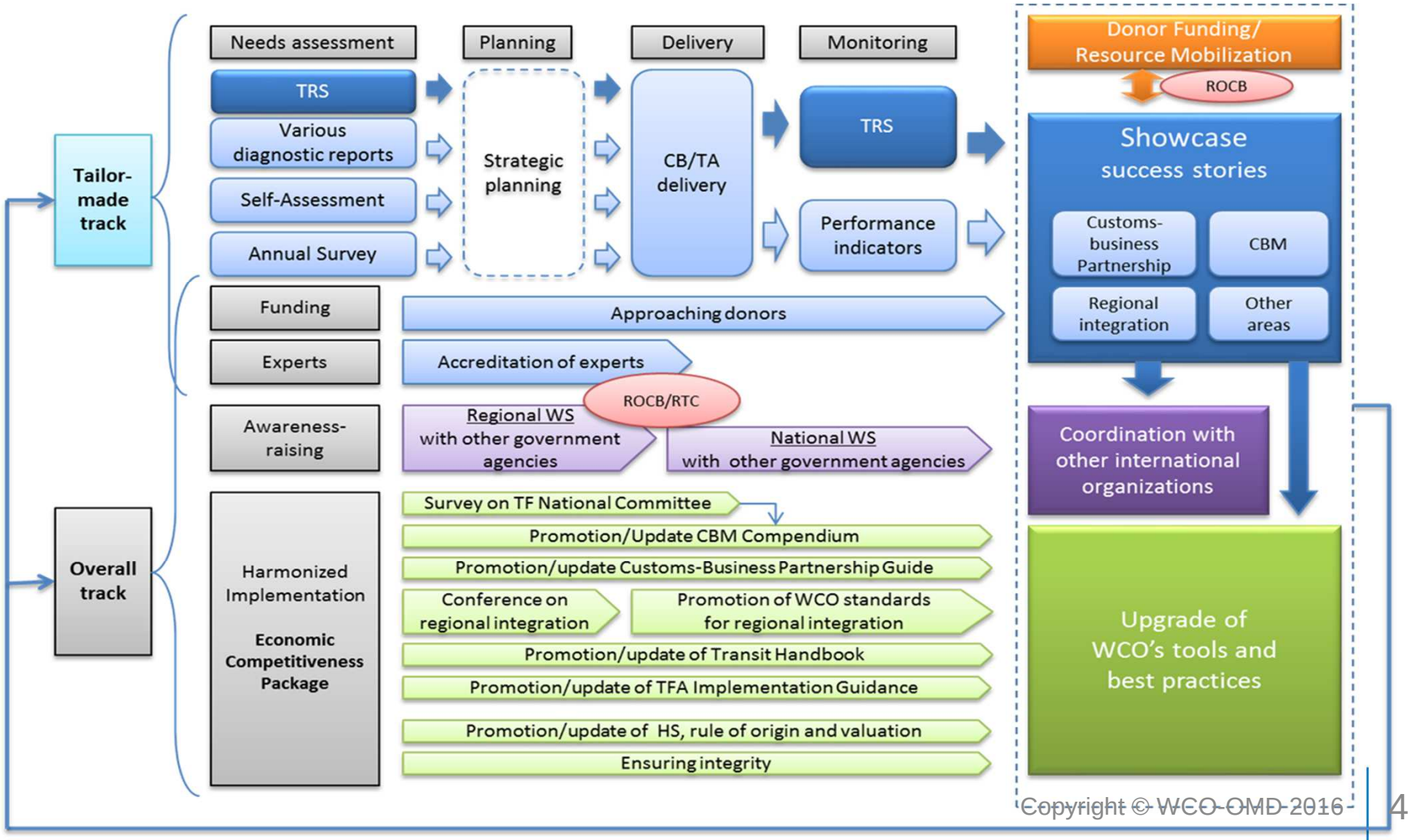
Mercator Programme

Key Objectives

- ❑ **Awareness raising and Tailor-made technical assistance and capacity building**
- ❑ **Effective coordination among all stakeholders**



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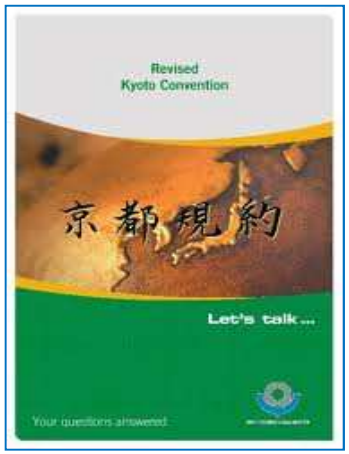
WCO Tools & Instrument to support TFA

- WCO has developed a number of instruments and tools, which respond to Members' needs as regards TFA implementation.
- Development, review and update of guidance tools ongoing

Some Examples

Revised Kyoto Convention

- blueprint for modern & efficient Customs procedures in the C21st
- adopted in June 1999
- Currently 103 Contracting Parties
- Was the basis for the TFA negotiations



TFA Implementation Guide

Launched in May 2014 to support WCO Members in their efforts to implement the TFA

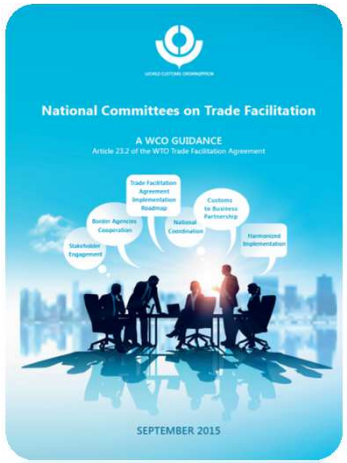
Available in:
English, French & Spanish

CBM Guide - Art.8

An Inclusive approach for connecting stakeholders

NCTF Guide: Art.23.2

Endorsed by 4th Session of the TFAWG as a living document to be regularly updated based on best practice and Member experiences with NCTFs



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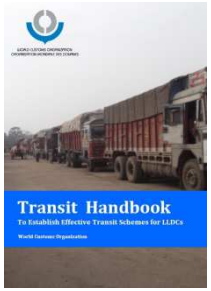
WCO tools to support TFA

More Examples of WCO tools

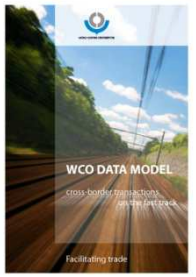


Transit Handbook

SAFE Framework of Standards

Time Release Study Guide

Single Window Compendium



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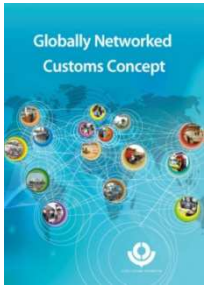
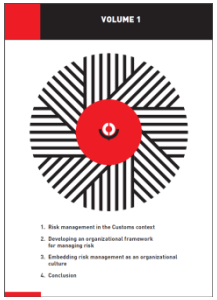
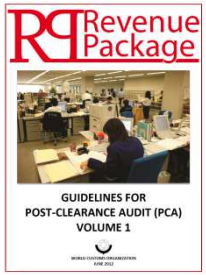


Globally Networked Customs

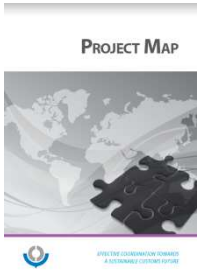


Risk Management Compendium



Post Clearance Audit Guidelines

CBM Compendium



Project Map Database

Capacity Building Development Compendium

Customs Business Partnership Guidance

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WCO TFA Implementation Support
CONCLUSION

The WCO has been supporting Members with Capacity building and technical assistance since inception in 1953.

With decades of experience and expertise in supporting implementation of global Customs standards ;	a network of accredited experts at its disposal; and	comprehensive donor engagement mechanisms,

the WCO remains fully equipped to continue to support its 180 Members with global uniform Implementation Of the WTO TFA

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