TIME RELEASE STUDY IN UGANDA

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WHY THE TRS

- Increased cross border trade
- Assess outcomes of modernization initiatives
- To measure Customs efficiency
- Multiple trade and regulatory procedures
- Multiple supply chain stakeholder requirements
UGANDAS TRS APPROACH

**URA 2008**
To evaluate the Customs Modernization plan (2006-2009)
- Rolled out Asycuda ++ to all customs stations

**URA 2015**
To evaluate the Customs Systems Enhancement Project (2011-2014)
- Rolled out ASYCUDA World
- Implemented the AEO Programme
- Implemented the Electronic Cargo Tracking System
# AVERAGE CLEARANCE TIMES

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<th>YEAR OF STUDY</th>
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REGIONAL TRS APPROACH

NCTTA 2012
• Directive of Presidents
• As a result of excessive complaints by business

NCTTA 2015
• Directive of Presidents
• To assess impact of SCT implementation

COMESA 2017
• Secretariat initiative
• Identify the bottlenecks to trade in the region
RESULTS OF REGIONAL TRS

Conducted as a pilot (2012)
18 days (Mombasa to Kampala)

To assess progress made and impact SCT (2016)
7 days (Mombasa to Kampala)

Identify bottlenecks hampering trade in the COMESA region (2017)
Studies carried out simultaneously by 10 Member countries
KEY CHALLENGES

- Insufficient financial resources
- Few TRS experts in the Country/Region
- Language barrier (Regional approach)
- Resistance from stakeholders
- Low rate of questionnaire returns
WHY THE RESULTS

RECTS

OSBPS

DPC

AEO

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WAY FORWARD

• Implementation of Article 7(6) of the TFA is fundamental for measuring the efficiency of a Customs Administration. However, beyond the use of the TRS in a national environment, it can also be applied in an international environment.

• The WCO administered TRS tool has been used in all the TRS exercises with support from WCO TRS experts.

• With the TFA coming into force, there is a need for WCO to train and accredit further TRS experts to enable Member countries to periodically carry out Time Release Studies independently.
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