JICA Customs Project for Trade Facilitation in East Africa

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Conference on WTO Trade Facilitation for African Countries
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A political forum on African Development initiated by Japan
Since TICAD I in 1993, Japan has organized summit-level conferences every 5 years.

1993 October TICAD I (Tokyo)
1998 October TICAD II (Tokyo)
2003 September TICAD III (Tokyo)

During the early 1990s, after the end of the Cold War, the international community lowered its interest in Africa
→ With TICAD, Japan reminded the world of the importance of the issues related to Africa.

Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV)
(2008 May in Yokohama)

Over 3,000 people, consisting of 51 African countries (41 Heads of State level high officials including the Chairperson of the AU), other donor countries and international organizations participated to the conference.

Japan’s Pledges made at TICAD IV

【Doubling ODA to Africa】
Double Japan’s ODA to Africa by 2012 to US$1.8 billion
(and Provide ODA loan of up to US$4 billion in five years
(mainly in infrastructure and agriculture))

【Providing support for doubling Japan’s direct investment in Africa】
Support doubling Japan’s private direct investment up to US$3.4 billion by 2012 (Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) establishes a fund to this end)

Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V)
(2013 June 1-3 in Yokohama)

TICAD Ministerial Follow-up Meetings
2009 March in Botswana
2010 May in Tanzania
2011 May in Senegal
2012 May in Morocco
Under the framework of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD*), Japan announced the projects of OSBP to promote smooth and efficient cross-border procedures as an essential component of trade facilitation. Assistance has already been provided for 14 locations in Africa.

*TICAD is a conference held every five years in Japan, co-hosted by Japan and relevant organizations to promote high-level policy dialogue between African leaders and development partners with an emphasis on African ownership of its development and partnership between Africa and the international community.
Smooth and efficient Customs clearance at borders is strengthened under the OSBP Concept with constructive relationship between Customs Administrations and Customs Clearing & Forwarding agents.
Project Targets

Kenya Revenue Authority

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Rwanda Revenue Authority

Tanzania Revenue Authority

Uganda Revenue Authority
Project Partners

Japan Customs

EAC Customs Directorate

World Customs Organization
Key pillars

- Designing of OSBP Facility
- Designing and Implementation of OSBP ICT Systems (RTMS/CCS)
- Support for Joint Border Surveillance and Joint Water Surveillance
- Master Trainers Programme
- Training for Customs clearing agents
- Support for Accreditation System for Customs Clearing agents
Designing of OSBP Facility

Weigh Bridge

X-ray Scanner

Cargo truck waiting area

Examination Area

Office Area

Live stock Quarantine

AEO Cargoes, Green Channel

From Kenya to Tanzania
Inside-facility design
OBJECTIVES

• Provide useful information on OSBP implementation and management
• Give guidance
• For all the relevant stakeholders involved in OSBP projects
Real Time Monitoring System/Cargo Control System

Information Exchange

Agent

Customs Clearance System

Vehicle system

RTMS/CCS

Exporting Country

OSBP Facility

Importing Country

RA HQs

Agent Company

Agent

SMS Gateway

Import Declaration

Declaration Status

Export Declaration

Declaration Status

Exporting Country

OSBP Facility

Importing Country
Now in use at Namanga
Sample Service Interface (Customs)

Your Declaration No. 987654321 has cleared on 11:30.00 am 15 Nov 2012
Paid duty amount was 300,000 CU
Thank you!
Support for Joint Border Surveillance and Joint Water Surveillance

1. Namanga since 2008 (Kenya/Tanzania)
2. Malaba since 2008 (Kenya/Uganda)
3. Busia since 2008 (Kenya/Uganda)
4. Lake Victoria since 2010 (Kenya/Tanzania/Uganda)
5. Gatuna/Katuna since 2012 (Rwanda/Uganda)
6. Kobero/Kabanga since 2012 (Burundi/Tanzania)
7. >>>
8. >>>
Highlighted progress
Outright smugglers!
Master Trainers Programme

- To develop the Master Trainers in the respective Customs administrations of the EAC member countries with respect to each subject of Customs Valuation (CV), HS Classification (HS), and Intelligence Analysis (IA)

- To develop a standard set of training materials with respect to each subject, i.e. Handbook, Presentation, Curriculum, Syllabus, and Learning Guide
Developed Training Materials
Training for Customs Clearing Agents

- To establish a country-wise Joint Task Force Team by Customs officers and Clearing Association(s) managements.
- To help them having a dialogue session and planning a needs-driven training plan.
- To help them conducting trainings in accordance with the training plan under JICA’s sponsorship.
Trade Facilitation
Bench Mark Study in Japan

Study the Trade Facilitation measures implemented in Japan Customs and discuss the possibility and challenges of implementing similar system in EAC countries
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The Project on Capacity Building for the Customs Administrations of Eastern African Region

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