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ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES DOUANES

WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation and ICT

The WCO's Role

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What is the WCO?

The WCO represents **179** Customs Administrations across the globe that collectively process approximately **98%** of world trade.

3 Main Strengths of WCO

✓ Capability and responsibility for global standard setting for Customs

Setting

✓ Capacity Building / Technical Assistance delivery

✓ Network of accredited experts from Customs Administrations
✓ Cooperation with other international organizations and other agencies

What is the ATF?

The WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (ATF) contains 13 Articles regarding Trade Facilitation in Section I and special and differential (S&D) treatment for developing countries and Least-Developed Countries in Section II. It deals almost entirely with Customs-related topics but foresees cooperation with other agencies (CBM).

Section I

- Art.1 Publication and availability of information
- Art.2 Consultation
- Art.3 Advance ruling
- Art.4 Appeal/Review procedures
- Art.5 Other measures for transparency etc.
- Art.6 Fee and Charges
- Art.7 Release and Clearance of goods
- Art.8 Border Agency Cooperation
- Art.9 Movement of goods intended for import
- Art.10 Formalities
- Art.11 Transit
- Art.12 Customs cooperation
- Art.13 Institutional Arrangement

(TF Committee)

Section II

Special and Differential Treatment for Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries

- Rules about Categories A, B and C
- Assistance for Capacity Building
- Information to be submitted to the TF Committee
- Final provision

Lead role at the border

Customs should take a leading role to implement the ATF as a central government agency at the border.

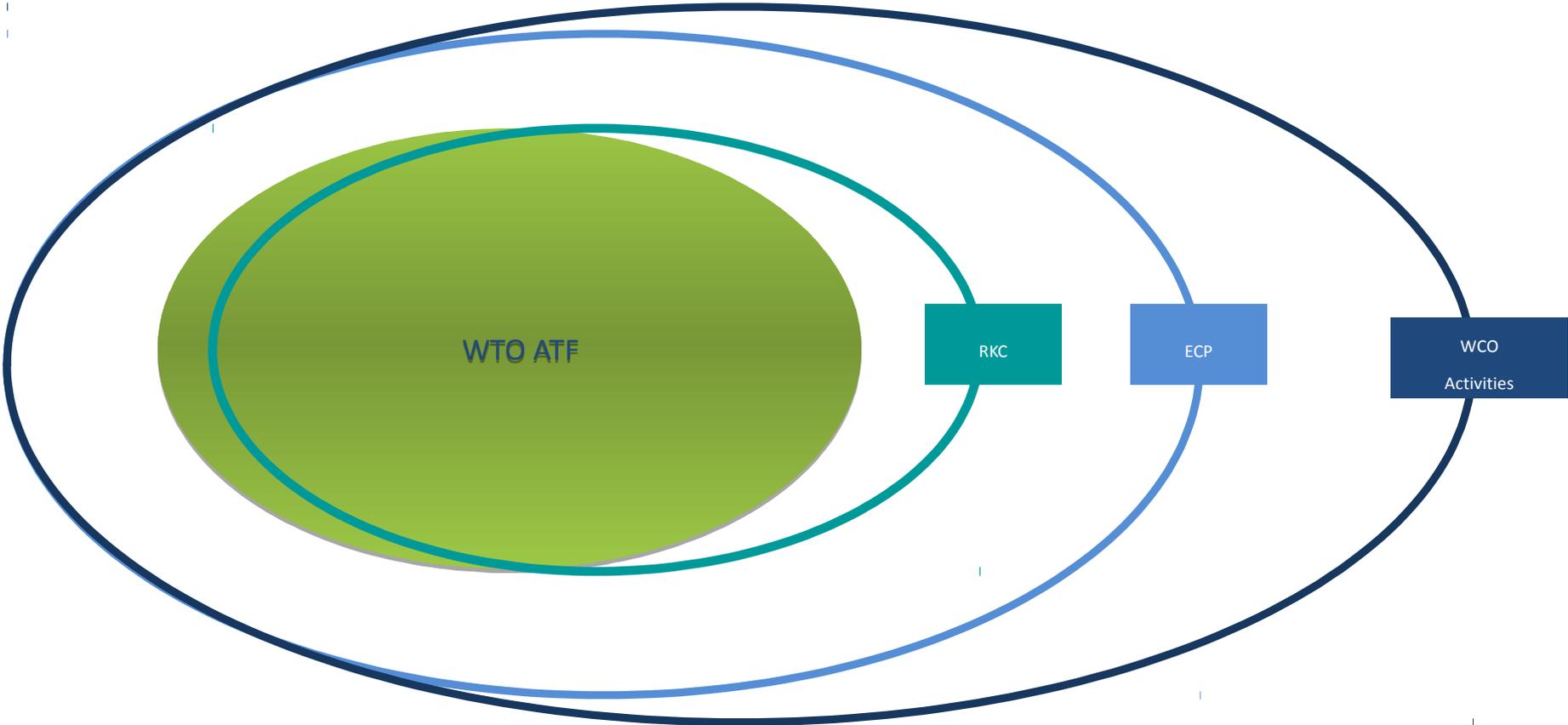
National Committee
On Trade Facilitation

Coordinated Border Management



Range of WCO Activities

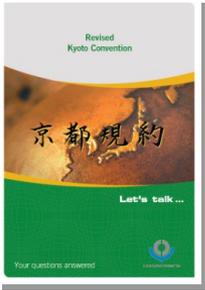
WCO activities cover a wide range of Customs matters, including economic competitiveness, compliance and enforcement, revenue collection and organizational development.



WCO tools to support ATF

The WCO has developed a number of instruments and tools, which respond to Members' needs as regards ATF implementation. The WCO is continuing to develop and fine-tune an inter-active guidance tool designed to help Customs implement the ATF.

Examples of WCO tools



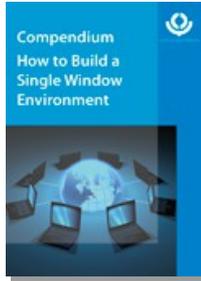
Revised Kyoto Convention



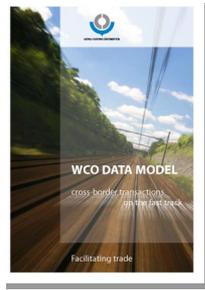
SAFE Framework of Standards



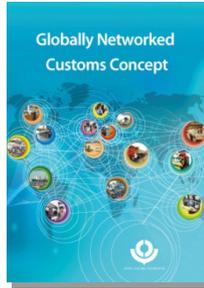
Time Release Study Guide



Single Window Compendium



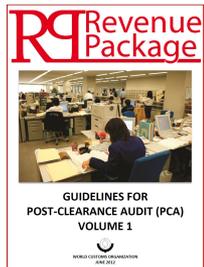
Data Model



Globally Networked Customs



Risk Management Compendium



Post Clearance Audit Guidelines

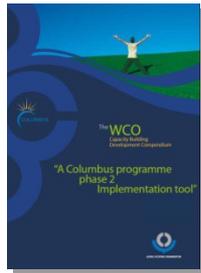
Upcoming



CLiKC



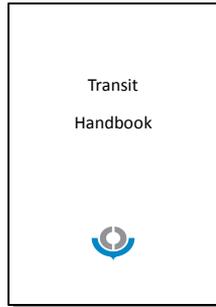
Project Map Database



Capacity Building Development Compendium



Coordinated Border Management Compendium



Transit Handbook



Customs/ Business Partnership Guidelines

Example – Single Window



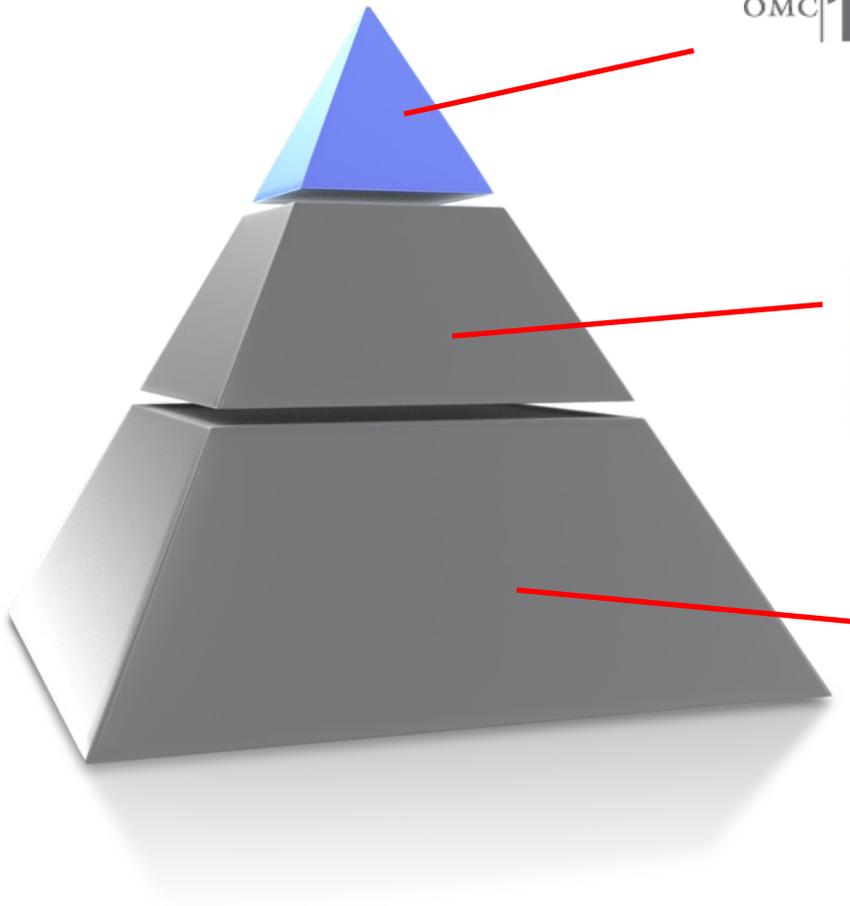
Members shall endeavour to establish or maintain a single window using Information Technology (IT) to the extent possible and practical.



The RKC sets out principles regarding the application of IT and RKC ICT Guidelines cover technical aspects of IT application .



The Single Window Compendium introduces detailed and technical information on Single Window based on practices and experiences of WCO Members.



RKC ICT Guidelines

The purpose of the Guidelines is to focus the attention of Customs administrations on the impact of IT on their business. The focus is on the key principles governing the use of IT in Customs Administrations.

MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

BENEFITS OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
(ICT)

THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSULTATION .

THE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

OVERVIEW OF MAIN APPLICATION AREAS

OUTSOURCING IN CUSTOMS

INTERFACES BETWEEN IT APPLICATIONS

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

COMMUNICATIONS

ICT SECURITY

LEGAL ISSUES

AUDIT OF INTERNAL CONTROLS IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

COMMON PROBLEMS

Single Window Compendium

The Compendium comes in two volumes. Volume 1 ('Executive Guide'), deals with aspects of Single Window that are of concern to senior management. Volume 2 ('Professional Practice Guide') is a collection of tools and techniques to support technical experts working on projects to establish a Single Window.

Volume 1

- UNDERSTANDING SW ENVIRONMENT
- BORDER MANAGEMENT AND SW
- SW PART CUSTOMS MODERNISATION
- AGENDA SETTING & POLICY PLANNING
- ESTABLISHING FORMAL STRUCTURES
- DESIGNING SW SERVICES
- DEALING WITH LEGAL ISSUES
- HR & CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Volume 2

- GLOBAL TRENDS SW IMPLEMENTATION
- FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT FOR SW
- SW BUSINESS PROCESS
- SW DATA HARMONISATION
- DEMATERIALISATION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IN SW ENVIRONMENT
- ARCHITECTURE FOR SW ENVIRONMENT
- WRITING A BUSINESS CASE FOR SW

WCO implementation guidance for the ATF

The WCO will provide implementation guidance for the ATF. The guidance is a web tool or USB which contains valuable information to assist WCO Members to implement each provision of the ATF.

- ❑ Overview
- ❑ ATF provisions
- ❑ Standards and Guidelines of RKC
- ❑ Other relevant WCO tools
- ❑ Members' practices
- ❑ Performance indicators



WCO Working Group on the ATF

The Working Group (WG) will be the focal point for standard setting, capacity building and other issues relating to ATF implementation. The WG will take up the practical aspects inherent in meeting expectations arising from the ATF.

- Analyse ATF and prepare relevant actions
- Set new standards or modify existing tools
- Discuss technical assistance activities
- Donor information
- Report to PTC/CBC/Policy Commission/Council



Capacity Building and Technical Assistance

The WCO will provide Members with practical assistance to implement the ATF through its network of Customs experts.

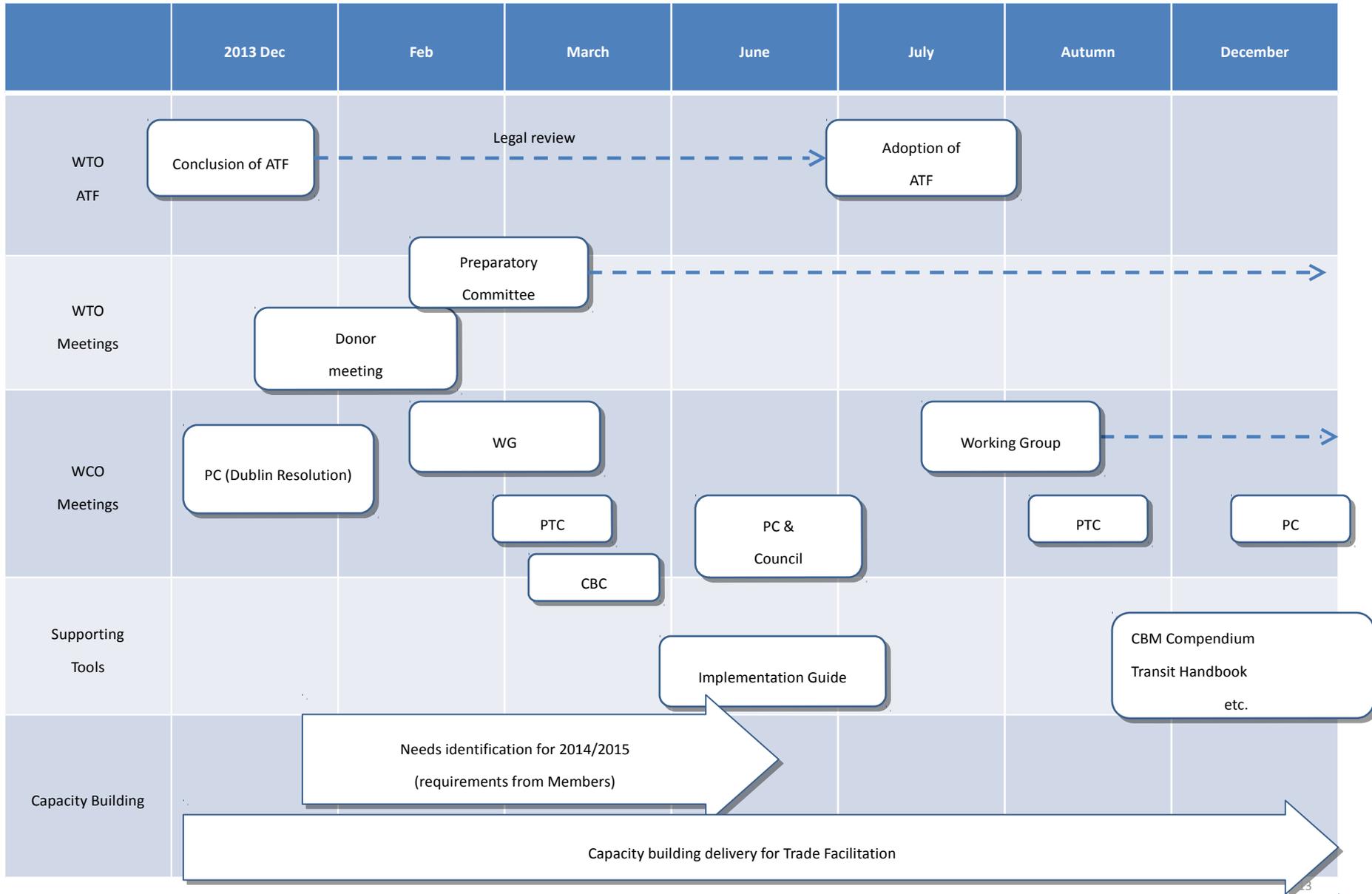


The WCO Database has more than **400 accredited experts** from Members.



The Project Map Database supports donor and project coordination.

Roadmap - 2014



The WCO is ready to support the implementation of the ATF!



MORE INFORMATION

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