SECO WCO Global Trade Facilitation Programme
Joint Program between the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland (SECO) and the World Customs Organization (WCO).

**General Objective:**
Contribute to fostering and facilitating international trade of selected beneficiary countries, in particular Customs Administrations, through the implementation and application of international standards and best practices for the importation, exportation and transit of commercial goods.
General Overview

Budget
USD 5.5 Million

Period
Years
(2018-2022)

Beneficiaries
4 countries, with the possibility to add more countries at a later stage
Components

Organizational Development
Strengthening through leadership and management development (strategic planning, human resources and stakeholder engagement)

Trade Facilitation
Improving of compliance capacity for Customs and relevant stakeholders, as well as implementing international standards and best practices

Performance Measurement
Supporting the development of a comprehensive measurement tool for Customs performance
Expected Outcomes

Outcome 1
Organizational Development

Regional activities
- Leadership and Management Development
- Strategic Management
- Project Management
- Human Resource Management Development
- Stakeholder relations

National activities
- LMD Program Development

Outcome 2
Trade Facilitation – Technical support /Capacity building

Regional activities

National activities

Comprehensive Trade Facilitation support for the main beneficiary countries

Ad-hoc support to be identified for other countries (CH – EFTA context)

Outcome 3
Performance Management

Program/ Project Steering and Management

Central Program Steering Committee (CPSC) Meetings

National Project Steering Committee Meetings

National Project Management Meetings

Performance Management Tool Development
WCO in Trade Facilitation

- Capability and responsibility for global standard setting for Customs
- Cooperation with other international organizations and other agencies
- Capacity Building / Technical Assistance delivery
- Network of accredited experts from Customs Administrations

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Harmonized implementation based on WCO’s global standards

Tailor-made technical assistance and capacity building

Effective coordination among all stakeholders
Tailor-Made Support

International Commitments

National Priorities

Analysis / Scoping

Prioritization / Sequencing / Result Oriented Single National Development Agenda
Organizational Development

- Strategic Advisory Support & Delivery
- Human Resource Development
- Integrity
- Stakeholder Engagement

Capacity Building Enablers

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Programme Implementation

- Inception (6 months)
- Implementation and monitoring (3 years)
- Evaluation
- Program closing
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