THROUGH THE **ACP-EU TRADECOM II FACILITY**, THE **SECRETARIAT OF THE ACP GROUP OF STATES** HAS OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS ENGAGED CONSISTENTLY WITH THE SMALL ISLAND ECONOMIES WITHIN THE ACP GROUP OF STATES IN:

- IDENTIFYING THEIR TRADE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS INCLUDING THOSE SPECIFIC TO CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION

- TRANSLATING THE IDENTIFIED TRADE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS INTO IMPLEMENTABLE SUPPORT PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

- DELIVERING THE TARGETED SUPPORT MAINLY THROUGH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- SUPPORTING THE BENEFICIARY CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS AND OTHER TRADE DEPARTMENTS TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE THE PROVIDED TARGETED SUPPORT AND GENERATE SUSTAINABILITIES

- DEVELOP AND EXPLOIT REPLICABILITIES OF THE GAINED CAPACITIES THROUGH REGIONAL FRAMEWORKS
MANY ACP SIEs HAVE DEVELOPED THE ASYCUDA COMPUTERISED CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS BUT NOT ALL SIEs ARE ON BOARD

THERE IS A GROWING EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ELECTRONIC SINGLE WINDOWS

CUSTOMS LEGISLATIVE REVIEWS ARE UNDERWAY

GROWING RATIFICATION OF THE WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

CHALLENGES REMAIN, *INTER ALIA*:

- CUSTOMS EFFICIENCY IN CLEARING AND INSPECTION
- BIOSECURITY—SPS ISSUES REMAIN A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO TRADE
- CERTIFICATION AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK
- DIGITALIZATION OF TRADE
- INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPLEMENTED TARGETED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CARIBBEAN SIEs

- Transposition of HS codes to HS2017 — Enhance trade data accuracy and reporting — CARICOM + Dominican Republic
- Single administrative document — CARICOM + Dominican Republic

FUTURE SUPPORT

- Quality infrastructure — CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality (CROSQ)
- Ratification of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement — Haiti
- Development of certification schemes to improve product competitiveness — Guyana

IMPLEMENTED TARGETED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AFRICAN SIEs

- Product certification, customs inspections and legal drafting — Madagascar
- Capacities of quality and standards for SMEs, and rules of origin — Mauritius

FUTURE SUPPORT

- Standards & regulations requirements for fisheries exports — Seychelles
IMPLEMENTED TARGETED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PACIFIC SIEs

- EFFICIENCY OF THE REGION’S TRADE FACILITATION FACILITIES—MELANESIAN SPEARHEAD GROUP (MSG)
- TRADE FACILITATION, CUSTOMS LEGISLATION—REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS, NIUE
- ELECTRONIC SINGLE WINDOW & SINGLE WINDOW ACT—KIRIBATI
- SPS REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORTS—FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (FSM) AND SAMOA
- CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AND TRANSPOSITION OF HS CODES TO 2017—SAMOA & SOLOMON ISLANDS
- TRADE FACILITATION—VANUATU

FUTURE SUPPORT

- QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE REGION BUILDING ON THE CARIBBEAN EXPERIENCE—PIFS & MEMBER STATES
- TRADE COMPETITIVENESS & INVESTMENT WITH EU BUSINESS COMMUNITY—PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) + 5 EPA COUNTRIES
- CUSTOMS PROCEDURES & HS2017 TRANSPOSITION—TONGA
- AGRO-PROCESSED EXPORTS AND RELATED TRADE FACILITATION—TUVALU