

Training Co-ordination Meeting for ESA region

Brussels, 26 – 28 May 2010



Group picture of the participants in the Meeting

A meeting gathering training managers from the region of Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) was held at the WCO headquarters on 26-28 May 2010.

The meeting, financially supported by the (former) Eurocustoms donation, took place under the umbrella of the WCO-Southern African Development Community (SADC) project, and was organized by the Capacity Building Directorate of the WCO.

Progress was achieved in reaching a common understanding on how a regional e-learning policy could be shaped.

The participants were:

- 2 representatives of the Kenya Regional Training Center (RTC)
- 2 representatives from the Zimbabwe RTC
- 2 representatives from Angola Customs (hosting a national e-learning programme based on the WCO one)
- 1 representative from the SADC Secretariat

The main focus of the meeting was laid on the best way how to actively and efficiently involve the available resources of the RTCs, and on how to establish a coordinated approach on learning development and support at regional level using the high potential of the new learning platform.

The participants agreed to collaboratively conceive a concept paper before October 2010 that could be used to address the Regional Meeting of Heads of Customs that will exceptionally meet again in November 2010. This approach shall enable the Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB) and the RTCs to acquire the support of the region's Members in their progressive development.

A follow-up meeting will be set up around September 2010 with the same participants, the heads of the RTCs and the ROCB.