

WCO Accreditation workshop for Customs Modernization Advisors in Mexico

Mexico City, 23 – 27 August 2010

The WCO Capacity Building Directorate Secretariat conducted a workshop for the accreditation of experts as Customs Modernization Advisors in Mexico.

The Customs Modernization Advisors accreditation workshop is part of the WCO strategic approach to obtain a wider access to Capacity Building experts and to ensure their qualified services under Phase II of the WCO Columbus Programme and other WCO modernization initiatives undertaken to support less developed Customs administrations world-wide.

The objective of the workshop is to accredit individuals with comprehensive experience and skills in change management, strategic planning, and organizational development. As accredited Customs Modernization Advisors, these advisors will be in a position to provide support to WCO Members in the planning and implementation of their Customs modernization initiatives. They may also be called upon to facilitate dialogue with donors and policy-makers on the importance of investing in Customs modernization.



CMA Accreditation workshop at the premises of the Customs Headquarter in Mexico City, 23-27 August 2010

Thanks to the financial contribution of the Eurocustoms funding the WCO Capacity Building Directorate was able to deliver this event that will support the Americas Region. This initiative is part of a wider cooperation process between the Mexican Administration and the WCO.

A range of 6 experts were identified as potential future Customs Modernization Advisors; it is hoped that these expert will be made available for follow-up In-field missions for

their assistance to developing Members in a variety of strategic development areas under the WCO Capacity Building agenda.

The participants reported upon their professional and personal benefits of this workshop as it provided an opportunity to become familiar with the WCO Capacity Building agenda, strategic planning methodologies, as well as with key WCO instruments and standards.

The WCO Capacity Building Directorate is currently strengthening its efforts to cascade the success of the past accreditation workshops for the benefit of a wider pool of accredited Customs Modernization Advisors that meet specific language requirements.