



Mission in support of Côte d'Ivoire Customs

14 – 18 June 2010

At the request of the Directorate General of Côte d'Ivoire Customs, a WCO mission in support of the implementation of a modernization project was conducted from 14 to 18 June 2010 by experts from Moroccan and French Customs.

The mission, financed by the Eurocustoms Fund, placed particular emphasis on developing an action plan for a reform project funded by the European Union (EU). It also provided an opportunity to ascertain the priority actions requiring WCO support.

The mission was received in Abidjan by the Project Manager and all the members of the Reform Project Team, as well as senior officials from the relevant directorates and services.

The priorities in terms of simplification and security of transit operations, such as the implementation of a risk analysis mechanism and improved clearance and inspection times, were defined as a result of the discussions. Links were also established between objectives, deliverables and actions required to guarantee the success of the project. The support mission also afforded the various Côte d'Ivoire representatives an opportunity to familiarize themselves with new project planning and management techniques.

The mission concluded with a wrap-up meeting with the Director General and EU representatives to present the results and agree on the procedure for setting the project in motion. The programme will shortly be approved by the Steering Committee and the results used to submit a request for assistance to the WCO and the EU.

The WCO welcomed the expected progress and reiterated its readiness to assist Côte d'Ivoire with its modernization strategy.