

## WCO mission/vision

The World Customs Organization (WCO) is internationally acknowledged as the global centre of Customs expertise and plays a leading role in the discussion, development, promotion and implementation of modern and secure Customs systems and procedures. It is responsive to the needs of its Members and its strategic environment and its instruments and best-practise approaches are recognized as a basis for sound Customs throughout the world. The WCO is an independent intergovernmental body whose mission is to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Member Customs administrations, thereby assisting them to contribute successfully to national development goals, particularly in the area of trade facilitation, revenue collection, community protection and national security.

### International Co-operation and Information sharing

WCO provides a forum for international co-operation to promote greater connectivity and more harmonious interaction, including the exchange of information and experience and the identification of best practises, between Member administrations, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders.

### Harmonization and Simplification of Customs Systems and Procedures

WCO develops, maintains and promotes a series of internationally agreed conventions, other instruments and best-practise approaches to achieve harmonization and simplification of Customs systems and procedures.

### Compliance and enforcement

WCO supports Members through activities in the areas of commercial fraud, drug trafficking, money laundering, IPR and other related offences, through the development of compliance and enforcement tools and intelligence sharing via the Customs Enforcement Network (CEN) for the protection of society in the areas of public health and safety, environmental crimes, and containment of possible pandemics.

### Trade Facilitation

WCO promotes the Revised Kyoto Convention to assist Members on trade facilitation matters. The WCO works with other international organizations, including the World Trade Organization to foster better understanding of WCO trade facilitation instruments and tools.

### Supply Chain Security and Facilitation

WCO enhances Customs-to-Customs networks and Customs-to-Business partnerships in a meaningful and mutually beneficial way, through continued dialogue with its Members and its Business partners to secure and facilitate the international trade supply chain, including co-ordinated Border Management in co-operation with other border agencies.

### Capacity building

WCO provides a range of capacity building, training and technical assistance and integrity programmes to increase the capacity of Member Customs administrations to contribute effectively to national development goals, in partnership with international organizations and the private sector.

#### Promotion and Marketing

WCO promotes the strategic interests and markets the role and contribution of the WCO and the wider international Customs community, through co-operation, communication and partnership with governments, other international and regional organizations, donor agencies and the private sector.

#### Research and Analysis

WCO conducts research and analysis into new visions, issues and trends of strategic importance to the WCO and Member administrations, in co-operation with research institutions.