

Opening of the 51st WCO Fellowship Programme



The 51st French-speaking Fellowship Programme commenced in Brussels on Monday 8 February 2010.

This Programme forms part of the work to develop the management capacities of WCO Member administrations in support of Phase II of the Columbus Programme. It is designed to provide promising young managers from Member administrations with training in supervisory and management techniques in order to help them carry out reform and modernization within their respective administrations in a dynamic and sustainable manner.

This latest Programme brings together 15 participants who were welcomed by Lars Karlsson, WCO Director of Capacity Building. The introduction served as a prelude to a series of workshops given by WCO experts, as well as to the seven-day management course, facilitated by experts from the French and Canadian administrations. The fellows also benefited from a round-table discussion with WCO Secretary General, Kunio Mikuriya, during their first day at the Secretariat.

Participants will remain at WCO Headquarters until 19 March 2010 in order to prepare an in-depth study on a subject of their choice, under the supervision of a Secretariat tutor, and to make recommendations to their respective administrations for possible subsequent implementation.

Lastly, participants will spend a fortnight in one of the Programme's partner administrations (Belgium, France, Japan and Switzerland) to round off their study trip.

The French-speaking Fellowship Programme is funded by the Customs administrations of France, Japan, and Switzerland, and by the CCF Netherlands fund for West and Central Africa.

List of countries participating in the 51st Fellowship Programme:

- Algeria
- Benin
- Cameroon
- Guatemala
- Guinea (Rep. of)
- Haiti
- Lebanon
- Madagascar
- Morocco
- Mauritius
- Moldova
- Niger
- Senegal
- Togo
- Tunisia

