Anti-Corruption and Integrity Promotion (A-CIP) Programme for Customs
Launched in January 2019, the WCO Anti-Corruption and Integrity Promotion (A-CIP) Programme for Customs responds to the recognized high costs of corruption in Customs. The Programme aims at improving the business and law-enforcement environments for cross-border trade in selected WCO Member countries.

It does this by helping make changes to the operational and administrative context that restrict corrupt behavior and promote good governance in Customs. These changes are guided by and in line with the ten key factors of the WCO Revised Arusha Declaration concerning Good Governance and Integrity in Customs.

With €8 million from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), and €2.5 million from Canada, the WCO A-CIP Programme currently supports more than 20 beneficiary countries, from five different WCO regions.

Under the **Bilateral Component** — the Programme delivers technical assistance and capacity building to help selected WCO Member countries undertaking measures to implement priorities related to the Revised Arusha Declaration. For each administration, a multi-annual action plan is developed along with clear benchmarks and performance measurement criteria.

Under the **Multilateral Component** — the Programme creates an enabling environment for WCO Members to implement integrity measures by leveraging parallel regional and international initiatives and building WCO instruments and tools.
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INTEGRITY AS A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE

The WCO A-CIP Programme complements other WCO initiatives in enforcement, security, and trade facilitation, such as the WCO Container Control Programme (CCP) and the WCO Mercator Programme. Its efforts align with the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), which call for transparency and predictability, promoting integrity and closing opportunities for corruption. The WCO A-CIP Programme supports this work, specifically through galvanizing activities and leading efforts to improve governance and integrity in Customs.

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WCO CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT IN INTEGRITY AND COMBATTING CORRUPTION

The WCO A-CIP Programme design has considered lessons learned from previous WCO programmes, as well as global experiences and insights into the challenges for technical assistance and capacity building in the fight against corruption. A-CIP activities leverage collective action, performance measurement, and data analysis as implementation principles for achieving results. Specific attention has also been paid to incorporate parallel change activities in the participating countries and globally, to ensure that A-CIP delivers results complementing ongoing and deeper reforms.

New resources available to all WCO Members thanks to the WCO A-CIP Programme:
- E-learning modules on Integrity and Internal Affairs in a Customs context.
- Revised Arusha Declaration Implementation Resources Center.
- Training material on Customs integrity-related topics.
- Integrity Webseries.
WCO response to combat corruption & promote integrity: the Revised Arusha Declaration

Countries supported by the WCO A-CIP Programme (demand-driven)

- 25 beneficiary countries from 5 WCO regions
- 17 countries from the WCA, ESA, MENA, and AP regions funded by Norad
- 8 countries from the Americas and Caribbean region funded by Canada
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