



# EU-WCO Programme for Harmonized System in Africa

Supporting a coordinated implementation  
and uniform application of HS in Africa

## Key Data

**Duration**

2018 - 2022

**Donor**

European Union (EU)

**Implementing partner**

World Customs Organization (WCO)

**Geographical scope**

African Continent



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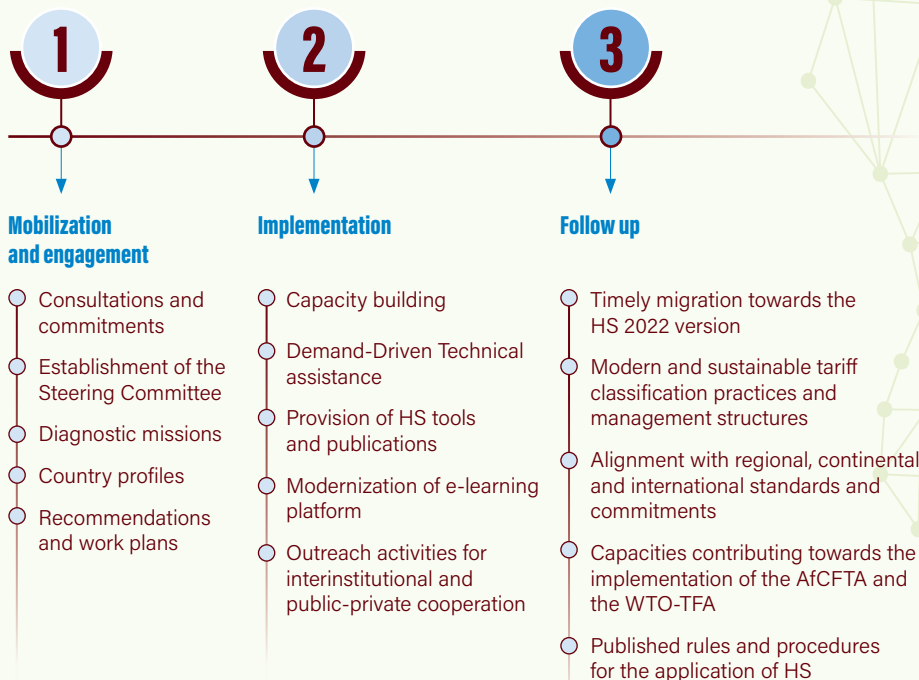
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# Context

The WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (WTO-TFA) and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) are expected to play a major role in increasing African trade flows, with Customs as one of the main actors in the implementation of these endeavours. The European Union through its External Investment Plan and the Joint Africa-EU Strategy actively contributes to these efforts through various initiatives and cooperation frameworks.

This programme, funded by the European Union and implemented by the World Customs Organization, aims to support various stakeholders in Africa towards a coordinated implementation and uniform application of one of the fundamental trade facilitation instruments – the Harmonized System Convention of the World Customs Organization.

## Key Milestones



# Objective

Support African countries in building the required organizational capacities and resources to apply the future HS versions in a timely and coordinated manner

# Outcomes

- ✓ Application of HS Version 2022 in January 2022
- ✓ Accession of non-contracting parties in Africa to the HS convention

# Impact

- Contribute to the successful implementation of the AfCFTA and the WTO-TFA
- Contribute to trade facilitation and increasing intra-African trade, trade between Africa and Europe, and Africa and the rest of the world

# Stakeholders



# Type of activities

Continental, Regional and National activities

Train the trainers

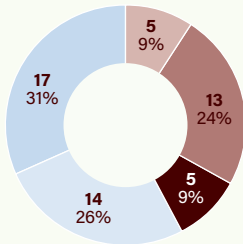
Modernized tools and updated publications

Exchange of best practices

Study visits

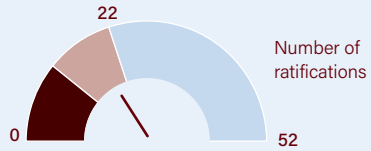
Diagnostic missions and country profiles

### Position of African countries regarding the application of HS\*



- HS 2012
- HS 2007 or no info
- Non contracting party
- HS 2017 applied on 01/01/2017
- HS 2017 applied after 01/01/2017

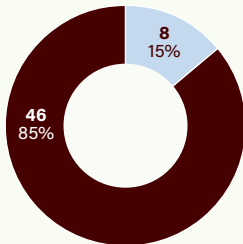
### AfCFTA ratification barometer\*\*



**18** N° of ratifications  
Countries that have deposited their instruments of ratification or received Parliamentary approval

**52** N° of signatories  
Total number of countries that have signed the consolidated text of the AfCFTA Agreement

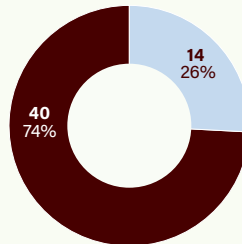
### Pre-entry classification Recommendation 1996\*



- Countries that have accepted
- Countries that have not accepted

\*Source: WCO website, \*\*Source : www.tralac.org

### Good classification work model Recommendation 1998\*



## For more information

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