



CAPACITY BUILDING
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Integrity Sub-Committee
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17th Session
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DRAFT AGENDA

1 – 2 March 2018 (starting at 9.30 a.m.)

SECURITY AND INTEGRITY: CURBING THREATS, LEVERAGING OPPORTUNITIES

Day 1 (1 March)

- I. Opening address
- II. Comments by the Chairperson of the Integrity Sub-Committee
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
- IV. Introduction – Director Capacity Building
- V. Organized crime and corruption as a major threat to security

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The Keynote speaker will address the issue of “the Organized crime and corruption as a major threat to security” and dwell on the linkages, what are the key threats to security from the aforementioned correlation and the strategic approaches and solutions to mitigate the risks of corruption in Customs linked to organized crime.

- VI. Information security & Data management to address integrity

This item will focus on the importance for Members to have a strong systematic approach in relation to Information security and Data management. Experiences will be presented by Members on elaborating and implementing dedicated internal information security policies and strategies, as well as on practical cases of information leakage and Customs’ response to the problem.

- VII. Integrity testing as a preventive measure (Member experience) HL_ISC17_Item-VII_Non-Paper_E.pdf

Members will share experiences on different options for organizing and conducting Integrity testing in Customs and illustrate the role of Integrity testing systems in preventing unethical behavior of Customs officers.

Day 2 (2 March)

- VIII. Fighting international Bribery and Illicit financial flows (IFFs) HI0086E1

(a) Fighting International bribery- the OECD perspective

A representative from the OECD will address the issue highlighting aspects of how to fight International bribery and the role of Customs in this perspective including how Illicit financial flows can be controlled and risks mitigated. The OECD advocates for fighting bribery in international business in order to strengthen development, reduce poverty and bolster confidence in markets. The keystone to its efforts is the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and the Convention's 2009 Anti-Bribery Recommendation.

(b) It takes two to tango – new Private sector initiatives to prevent Bribery when interacting with Customs

A private sector organization will share its experience in preventing misconduct of their own staff in dealing with Customs officers including practical measures taken in collaboration with Customs to prevent corrupt behavior.

(c) WCO initiatives and tools to curb illicit financial flows (IFF)

The WCO Secretariat will present initiatives and tools that aim to support efforts to prevention and fight IFF and the areas in which Members seem to require assistance based on WCO experience. The content of the WCO Action Plan on IFFs and stages of its implementation will also be presented. This will also be an opportunity for Members to express from an anti-corruption viewpoint their expectations from the WCO in terms of support in fighting IFF.

- IX. TFA implementation as a new impetus for Integrity development HI0087E1

(a) Integrity on the agenda of the National Committees on Trade Facilitation (NCTFs): Member experience

Member experience in promotion and mainstreaming of the integrity agenda into the mandate and work of National Committees on Trade Facilitation (NCTFs) will be demonstrated.

(b) Mercator programme's potential for strengthening integrity in Customs

This item will outline the importance of Mercator programme in strengthening integrity and potential targets to achieve in future.

INTEGRITY QUIZ

X. Latest activities of the WCO Secretariat on Integrity development HI0088E1

- (a) The role of WCO in G20's Anti-Corruption Initiative (update of the progress on the initiative "G20 High Level Principles on Countering Corruption in Customs")

The ISC Vice-Chair will present the role of WCO in G20's Anti-Corruption Initiative and provide an update of the progress on this initiative, the WCO engagement with the G20 and mandate to conduct a study report on IFFs and trade mis-invoicing in particular.

- (b) Best practices on Internal Controls and relationship with external controls

The WCO Secretariat will present the current progress on developing a compilation of WCO Members' best practices on internal controls and responsibilities and relationship with other state anti-corruption bodies. It will present the outcome of the conducted Survey on this topic and seek input from the Members for its future work in this area.

- (c) Summary of the WCO Integrity related activities

The WCO Secretariat will provide an update on the WCO Integrity related activities for the 2017/2018 FY (performed missions, compilation of best practices, Integrity Newsletters etc.).

XI. Other Business :

- Closing remarks
- Date and place of next session
- Election of the Chair
