

COORDINATION MEETING THE AFGHAN CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT - UNCTAD

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Mr A. Jalil, Director General of the Customs Department (ACD) and Mr M. Jabarkhel, ACD ICT/ASYCUDA Director, have participated in a high-level coordination meeting concerning the implementation of the ASYCUDA Component of the UNCTAD ECMTF Project in Afghanistan (Emergency Customs Modernisation and Trade Facilitation).



*Messrs A. Jalil - ACD Director General (3rd right),
F. Millet - ASYCUDA Progr.Coordinator (right),
M. Jabarkhel - ACD ICT Director (3rd left),
R. Mohammadi - UNCTAD Customs Expert
(middle),
E.Baigy - UNCTAD IT Expert (left),
C. Ciuta - UNCTAD Customs Consultant (2nd left)*

The ASYCUDA Transit System is operational on the 1st transit axis, i.e. Tokham (border with Pakistan)→Jalalabad→Kabul, and the prototype of the ASYCUDA DPS (Declaration Processing System) is ready for piloting in the Kabul Customs House, in both official languages, i.e. Dari and Pashto.

The high-level coordination meeting has appreciated the remarkable results of the implementation of the ASYCUDA Project so far and has decided to continue the implementation of the project, in line with the ACD priorities for the next semester, with a particular focus on the following areas:

- Implementation of the ASYCUDA Transit System in the Eastern regions (the 2nd transit axis - Islam Qala (border with Iran)→Herat→Kabul) and, subsequently, in the Northern part of the country.
- Piloting of the ASYCUDA DPS in the Kabul Customs House and its subsequent roll-out in the Jalalabad and Herat Customs Houses and in the Torkham and Islam Qala Customs Offices. This process will be associated with the implementation of the ASYCUDA Customs Declaration via Internet.
- Creation of the ASYCUDA Central Database in the ACD headquarters, through the implementation of the ASYCUDA ModSdi Module in all the relevant Customs sites.
- Provision of timely and improved information for the top management of the ACD and of the Ministry of Finance, through the use of enhanced reporting tools/mechanisms.

IMAGES FROM THE ACD – UNCTAD COORDINATION MEETING



Meeting with Mr P. Faust, Head of the UNCTAD/SITE Trade Logistic Branch (right)



Working session with Mr F. Millet – UNCTAD/ASYCUDA Programme Coordinator



Working session with Mr C. Ciuta – UNCTAD/ASYCUDA Customs Consultant, on the last release of the ASYCUDA++ for Afghanistan and improved reporting tools



Working session with Mr T. David – UNCTAD/ASYCUDA IT Coordinator



At the end of the debriefing meeting, with the participation of Mr M. Orthlieb - Coordinator of the Trade Facilitation Component of the UNCTAD ECMTF Project in Afghanistan (2nd left)