

## UNCTAD/ASYCUDA COORDINATION MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN

(17 - 21 September 2006)

An UNCTAD/ASYCUDA coordination mission has visited Afghanistan, in conjunction with the UNCTAD/Trade Facilitation mission and the World Bank monitoring mission.

Several meetings have been organised to agree upon the ASYCUDA Project Plan until the end of 2007 vs. the priorities of the Afghan Customs Department (ACD) for this period and the available resources of the project.

The following main activities are planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2006 and 2007:

- Finalisation of the implementation of the ASYCUDA Transit System on the 2<sup>nd</sup> transit axis: Islam Qala (border with Iran) → Herat → Kabul.
- Implementation of the ASYCUDA Transit System on the 3<sup>rd</sup> transit axis: Heiratan (border with Uzbekistan) → Mazar-e-Sharif → Kabul.
- Piloting of the ASYCUDA DPS in the Kabul Customs House and its subsequent roll-out in the Herat, Mazar-e-Sharif and Jalalabad Customs Houses. This 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 SAD form at national level and of the ASYCUDA ModSdi Module in all the relevant Customs sites.
- Provision of timely and improved information to the ACD and the Ministry of Finance senior managers, through the use of enhanced reporting tools/mechanisms.
- Standardisation of the registration of traders, brokers and companies by the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Finance.



*Mr S.Ibrahimi - Deputy-Minister of Finance,  
Revenue & Customs*

### IMAGES FROM THE COORDINATION MEETINGS IN KABUL, AFGHANISTAN



*Meeting with Mr S. Ibrahim - Deputy-Minister of Finance, Revenue & Customs*

*Mr M. Jabarkhel – ACD ICT/ASYCUDA Director (right picture, 2<sup>nd</sup> left),*

*Messrs E. Baigy and R. Mohammadi – UNCTAD/ASYCUDA field Experts (right picture, middle and 2<sup>nd</sup> right)  
and Mr C. Ciuta - UNCTAD/ASYCUDA Customs Consultant*



**Meeting with Mr A. Jalil – ACD Director General, and the World Bank mission**  
 Mr A. Jalil (left picture, back), Mr A. Durrani - World Bank Team Leader (right picture, middle),  
 Mr A.K.Marwat - Customs Adviser, Pakistan Customs (right picture, 2<sup>nd</sup> left),  
 Mr S.A.Haider - Coordinator Customs Reforms Unit, Pakistan Customs (right picture, 2<sup>nd</sup> right),  
 Messrs M. Jabarkhel, E. Baigy and R. Mohammadi



**Working session**  
 Mr E.Baigy (left), Mr R.Mohammadi (right) and  
 Mr C. Ciuta (middle)

**Working session**  
 Mr E.Baigy (left), Mr M.Jabarkhel (right) and  
 Mr Abed - ACD ASYCUDA Functional Team Leader

**IMAGES FROM THE MISSION TO THE ACD HEADQUARTERS  
 AND  
 THE KABUL CUSTOMS HOUSE**



**ASYCUDA Central Server in the ACD Headquarters**  
 Mr M.Saheedi - ACD ASYCUDA Technical Team Leader



*ASYCUDA Office*



*ASYCUDA Testing/Training Server*



*ASYCUDA Transit Office in the Kabul Customs House  
(operational)*



*Customs Brokers' area in the Kabul Customs House  
(under refurbishment)*