

ASYCUDA WORLD AWARENESS SESSION FOR THE GIBRALTAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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A special awareness session was organized jointly by UNCTAD and H.M. Customs Department Gibraltar (CDG) to inform the board of the Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce (GCC) about the new Customs operational and procedural changes that will be implemented through the implementation of the UNCTAD ASYCUDA Project.

GCC was represented in this session by

- Mr. N.Russo, President,
- Mr. J.Isola, Vice-President, and
- Mr. E.Macquisten, Chief Executive.



*Mr. J.Isola (3rd left) and Mr. E.Macquisten (right),
Mr. J.Rodriguez (left) and Mr. A.Perera (2nd left)
during the UNCTAD presentation*

CDG was represented by

- Mr. J.Rodriguez, Collector of Customs, and
- Mr. A.Perera, Head Collection & Admin.

The UNCTAD representatives provided the participants with an overview of the ASYCUDA e-Customs Project in Gibraltar and of its current status of implementation.

The presentation was followed by a demo of

- the GCD ASYCUDA World prototype system, and
- its main Customs functional capabilities,
- the facilities provided to the economic operators.

The session covered also trade facilitation aspects of the ASYCUDA project and of the CDG ASYCUDA system, including important topics like:

- The simplification and automation of Customs procedures;
- Paperless environment for Customs and Trade;
- Integrated Tariff Management System;
- Single Window and One-Stop-Shop capabilities of the Gibraltar ASYCUDA system;
- Data exchange with external systems (traders and governmental systems);
- Electronic signature.

The participants discussed about the next ASYCUDA workshops and training sessions to be organised for businesses & business associations.