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Lessons Learnt in promoting inter-agency co-operation and
co-ordination at national level and across borders

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Global trade environment: Evolution in Transition



- Changes in trading partners: Russia in the WTO
- Changes in purchasing patterns: B2C (global retail)
- Changes in trade patterns: EurAsia transport links
- Changes in trade practices: Transfer pricing
- Changes in trade law: WTO cases law
- Changes in trade agreements: Doha Round
- Changes in trade security: AEO
- Changes in criminal patterns: waste trafficking

Borders: All shapes and forms



- Physical border: checkpoints & inspections
- Economic border: duty rates, transfer pricing
- Commercial border: trade agreements management
- Political border: international treaties and conventions
- Virtual border: internet

Global Partners and stakeholders: Mix and Match



International Org.

OSCE
WCO
UNICE
UNSCAP
WTO
etc

Governments

Customs
Border guards
Ministries responsible for:
- interior
- justice
- finance
- agriculture
- health
- transport
- foreign affairs
- economy
- environment
- cultural affairs
- etc

Private Sector

Ports
Airports
Carriers
Industry & business groups
Banks
Press & media
Universities
Law, audits and consultants
Lobbies
etc



Groundwork: Framework & Tools

- Legal and regulatory framework: a strong legal basis
- Institutional framework: a clear organisational structure, strategy and policy
- Procedures: streamlined processes
- Human resources: a well-trained and motivated staff
- Communication and information: an efficient exchange of information
- Infrastructure & equipment: a single window

Format: Agreements & Fora



Agreements

- Principle of mutual assistance
- Multilateral/Bilateral agreements
- Cooperation agreements
- Memoranda of understanding
- Inter-Agency agreements
- Procedures
- instructions
- Guidelines (best practices)
- Contingency/emergency plans

Fora

- Meetings of Intl organisations
- Inter-agency working groups
- Ad hoc working groups
- Customs consultative groups
- Trade facilitation committees
- Audit committees
- Exchange programmes
- Public/Private partnerships



Thank you!

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