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Regional Economic Integration Role of Customs Administrations

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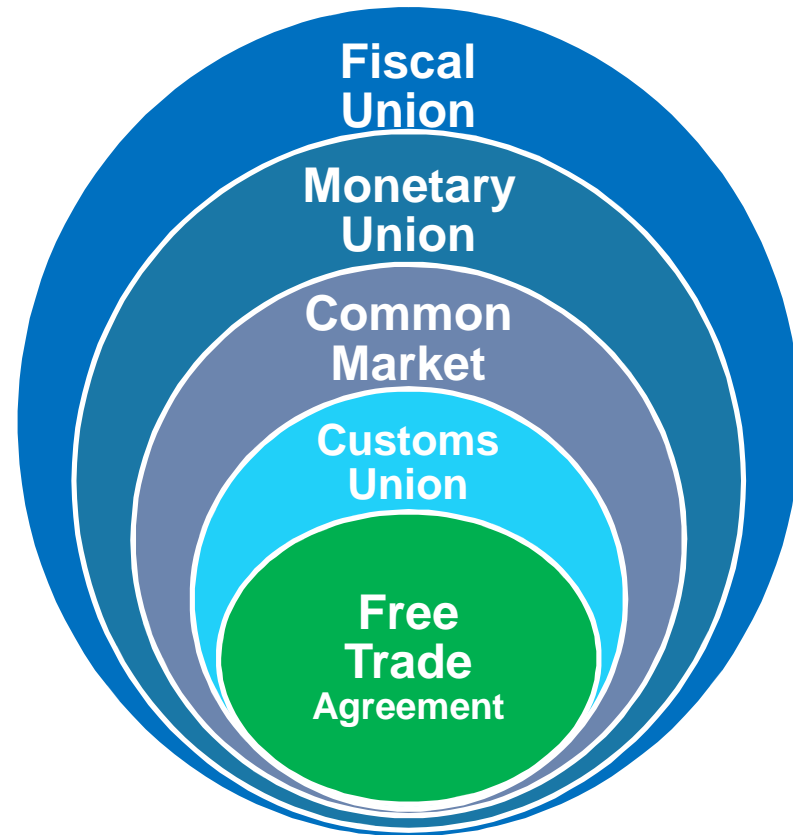
Background

International trade as engine for social and economic development



Level of integration

- Associations with other countries and Regional Integration
- Customs always plays a key role
- WCO Members are looking for recommendations and methodological support



Decisions at June Policy Commission

Intersessional work

1. Research papers : transit, trade facilitation, etc.
2. PICARD Conference (Sept. 2013, St. Petersburg)
3. Information sharing on lessons learned :

Mechanism

Member survey to identify needs and priorities

December Policy Commission

Report outcome to December Policy Commission

1. ECP and Research Papers

ECP Action Plan

- 26 Members' innovative and best practices collected
- More will be collected according to ECP schedule

Research Papers

- RSU Paper : Analysed 50 TF measures under 142 RTAs :
 - ✓ ECP will promote Regional Economic Integration
 - ✓ Recommends that parties to RTAs implement international standards
 - ✓ If so, limited impact of RTAs on Customs
- Other relevant RSU papers : Rules of Origin, CBM, SW, Risk Management, Information Exchange, Transit, AEO

2. PICARD Conference

10 Papers presented under this topic

Main focus of discussions

- Challenges :
 - ✓ Political will to support the process
 - ✓ Implementation of WCO instruments (specially RKC)
 - ✓ Multiple membership
- Lessons :
 - ✓ Proactive lobby and promotion
 - ✓ Joint cooperation strategies
 - ✓ Exchange of positive experiences in CBM is crucial



3. WCO Survey

Replies from 105 Members from all WCO Regions

Main findings

- Areas of interest :

- ✓ Origin certification and verification
- ✓ Regional Risk Management
- ✓ Regional Single Window
- ✓ Trade facilitation
- ✓ Regional AEO systems
- ✓ Exchange of information



- Interest to receive and willingness to provide information :

- ✓ Most Members wish to share experiences in one or more areas
- ✓ Gap between areas for which Members wish to receive information and for which they can offer information

PC is invited to :

Take note of work undertaken :

- Research papers
- PICARD Conference
- Survey

Provide guidance on areas to focus on :

- ✓ Priorities identified by Members in survey
- ✓ Collection of all relevant information from volunteer Members

Provide guidance on mechanism to follow up :

- Reflect Regional Economic Integration in existing WCO programmes and tools
- Task PTC to continue monitoring and researching Regional Economic Integration



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Thank you