

Launched in January 2019, the **WCO ANTI-CORRUPTION AND INTEGRITY PROMOTION (A-CIP) PROGRAMME FOR CUSTOMS** responds to the recognised high costs of corruption in customs. The Programme aims at improving the environment for cross-border trade in selected WCO member countries. It does this by helping make changes to the operational and administrative context that restrict corrupt behavior and promote good governance in customs operations and administration. These changes are guided by and in line with the ten key factors of the Revised Arusha Declaration concerning Good Governance and Integrity in Customs.

With €8 million from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), the WCO A-CIP Programme currently supports 16 beneficiary countries: Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nepal, Palestine, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, and Tanzania.

Under the **BILATERAL COMPONENT** — the Programme delivers technical assistance and capacity building to help selected WCO member countries undertaking measures to implement priority areas of the Revised Arusha Declaration. For each administration, a multi-annual action plan is developed along with clear benchmarks and performance measurement criteria.

Under the **MULTILATERAL COMPONENT** — the Programme creates an enabling environment for WCO Members to implement integrity measures by leveraging regional and international initiatives in parallel, and building WCO instruments and tools.

An improved environment for cross-border trade for selected WCO member countries

*Long term:* governance and integrity in customs improved  
*Short term:* new measures implemented in line with the Revised Arusha Declaration

Bilateral component A  
Multilateral component B

The WCO Revised Arusha Declaration helps customs administrations align with the **United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)**

- ◆ Article 5: Preventive anti-corruption policies and practices
- ◆ Article 7: Public Sector
- ◆ Article 8: Codes of Conduct for Public Officials
- ◆ Article 10: Public Reporting
- ◆ Chapter VI: Technical Assistance and Information Exchange



### INTEGRITY AS A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE

The WCO A-CIP Programme complements other WCO initiatives. One of them is the WCO Mercator Programme, which helps customs administrations implement relevant national commitments under the World Trade Organization's Trade Facilitation Agreement (WTO TFA). The TFA's articles call for transparency and predictability, promoting integrity and closing opportunities for corruption. The WCO A-CIP Programme supports this work, specifically through galvanising activities and leading efforts to improve governance and integrity in customs.

### WCO CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT IN INTEGRITY AND COMBATING CORRUPTION

The WCO A-CIP Programme design has taken into account lessons learned from previous WCO programmes, as well as global experiences and insights into the challenges for technical assistance and capacity building in the fight against corruption. In particular, A-CIP activities leverage collective action, performance measurement, and data analysis as implementation principles for achieving results.

Specific attention has also been paid to incorporate parallel change activities both in the participating countries as well as globally, to ensure that A-CIP delivers results that complement ongoing and deeper reforms.

