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memory of our colleagues*



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FOREWORD

UNCTAD held its 15th quadrennial conference in October 2021. During UNCTAD15, the value of ASYCUDA’s contribution was reiterated and reinforced within the conference outcome document – The Bridgetown Covenant¹ – with member States urging that UNCTAD continue to work with our membership to collaboratively assist in the implementation of the ASYCUDA Programme’s technical assistance and software solutions.



At the time of publication, ASYCUDA’s customs management software, ASYCUDAWorld, was active in 101 countries and territories – covering every habitable continent of the world – and while UNCTAD’s flagship customs software continues to help member States grow their economies by accelerating customs clearance processes, the Programme is increasingly called upon to broaden the scope of its support. For example, more and more member States are seeking the ASYCUDA Programme’s assistance to electronically connect government departments involved in international trade and customs clearance. As such, the Programme supported governments in the development of bespoke single window systems – essentially a one-stop-shop for traders, customs, and Partner Government Agencies to clear consignments.

1 <https://unctad.org/webflyer/bridgetown-covenant>



This new trend has led the Programme to develop partnerships – with both public and private sectors – to produce new solutions and tools, such as eCITES and ASYHUB, that complement and improve customs clearance processes. Still, helping countries to streamline and improve their own domestic regulations covering international trade remained one of its core deliveries.

While the ASYCUDA Programme’s 2020 Annual Report highlighted activities that supported member States during the most intense period of the COVID-19 pandemic to date and beyond, this report identifies encouraging future promise – outlining how the ASYCUDA Programme has helped user countries to grow and thrive this past year and will continue to do so. However, it is clear that the current economic environment poses financial challenges and presents a great deal of uncertainty. I am confident that the ASYCUDA Programme will continue to provide trade facilitation support and technical solutions to governments that enable them to increase public revenues and transparency, reduce the time and cost of international trade and deliver against their SDG commitments, as we strive to accelerate progress in this decade of action.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABAL	Advanced Basic Assembly Language
ASYADN	ASYCUDA Automatic Data Notification Tool
ASYATO	ASYCUDA Extraction Tool for the African Trade Observatory
ASYHUB	ASYCUDA Data Exchange and Data Integration Platform
ASYPM	ASYCUDA Automated System for Performance Measurement
ASYREC	ASYCUDA Automated System for Relief Consignments
BAL	Basic Assembly Language
DGMT	Digitizing Global Maritime Trade
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
eCITES	ASYCUDA's Electronic Permit Management and Exchange System for Customs Control of Trade in CITES-listed Species
EDF	European Development Fund
EIF	European Investment Fund
eSW	Electronic Single Window
EU	European Union
GiZ	German Agency for International Cooperation
IMPACT	Improving Pacific Islands Customs and Trade project
IT	Information Technology
ITC	International Trade Centre
LDC	Least Developed Country
LLDC	Landlocked Developing Country
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRVE	Monitoring, Reporting, Verification and Enforcement Mechanism
PACER Plus	Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relation
PGA	Partner Government Agency

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