

Capacity Building: Training Government Officials in Dry Port Development

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Introduction

A dry port must fit into a complex system where the necessary supporting infrastructure (roads, railways) is in place, maintenance is assured, and the regulatory and institutional systems are properly designed to optimize the involvement of both the public and the private sector."

Vandervoort and Morgan (1999)



 Planning, development and operation of dry ports involve amongst others, the issuance of licenses, provision of guidelines on investment policies and guidelines on land use for development, consequently, coordination of many agencies is necessary.



- One of the ways of improving coordination could be thorough clearly defining roles
 of various departments and agencies as well as the process involved in
 implementation of legislations and regulations. Familiarity with the existing
 institutional and regulatory environment would allow dry port project developers
 to follow the prescribed processes necessary to in obtain necessary the approvals.
- In most cases both central and local governments are involved in dry ports, often at the planning and approval stage of a project as well as during its operation.



For example in Indonesia, the Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of
Finance and Governor of West Java were involved in approving the
Cikarang dry port project. The location, construction and operation permit
was issued by the Ministry of Transportation, while the Ministry of Finance
issued permit for temporary storage areas (TPS) and implementation of
the Customs Advance Trade System (CATS). Therefore, coordination among
various level of government is also necessary



- At the operational stage, government departments including customs and other inspection departments are directly involved in the daily operations of dry ports.
- As large numbers of agencies from central as well as local government are involved in planning, development and operation of dry ports coordination among all concerned agencies is of paramount important.

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gard, one of the approaches countries may consider is to review dates of existing institutions and consider whether the provision rities to a single institution to regulate and coordinate works o dry ports would be appropriate.

