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### UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

1. CRMC 10th meeting
2. System configurations to continue

## Vila Users Trainings completed!

### "Users encouraged to practice and practice"

Commenced on Monday 3rd April, the ASYCUDA World Project Team has been tirelessly conducting trainings for all ASYCUDA users in Port Vila.

The two day training schedules commenced with all internal users within Customs, followed by the external users which included all the Couriers and Freight Forwarders, and the Licensed Brokers.

The Trainings were finally concluded on Thursday 18th May.

The topics covered included, but not restricted, to:

- Customs Clearance Procedures (including flowcharts, SOPs, TORs and relevant legislations)
- Accessing and navigating the ASYCUDA World system.
- ASYCUDA World System practice

A total of 121 users were trained on the different topics.

The users are now encouraged to log into the test system from their respective offices and practice as much as possible prior to the live implementation on 5th June. They are encouraged to use the documentations provided and to seek assistance from the Project Team as required.

### Training Groups



Brokers Group 3



Brokers Group 2



Brokers Group 1



Manifest Group 2



Manifest Group 1



Customs Group 2



Customs Manifest Group 2



Customs Manifest Group 1



Customs Group 1

# CRMC approved Farea Pacifik as the venue for the ASYCUDA World Live Launching

Situated at the beautiful Warwick Le Lagon Resort, the Farea Pacifik was approved by the Customs Reform and Modernization Committee (CRMC) as the venue to host the live launching of the ASYCUDA World system in

Vanuatu on Monday 5th June 2017. This venue is special to the ASYCUDA World project as it is the same location where the Project was launched back in March 2016, some 14 months ago.

Over 150 invited guests are expected to attend the event which will see the system being launched live on stage by the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Management, Gaetan Pikioune (MP).



## ASYCUDA World to be launched “LIVE” in Vanuatu

There may be several ways to launch a computer system. However, for the Vanuatu ASYCUDA World system, the Project Team has made a proposal to the Customs Reform and Modernization Committee (CRMC) for the system to be launched “live” in Vanuatu. This proposal was approved by CRMC and a program has been drafted for the event.

Basically, the live launching would see an actual Carrier in Vanuatu submitting the first ever Manifest in ASYCUDA World, followed by a Broker submitting the first ever declaration in the system.

Once the declaration is submitted, Customs Officials will step in to

conduct the rest of the process which will see the Selectivity Officer responsible, inspecting the entry and preparing it to be assessed by the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Management, Gaetan Pikioune (MP).

The final action of this clearance process will see the Customs Cashier receiving the payment from the Importer, receipting the payment and issuing the Release Order for the release of the goods.

All of this series of events will be staged live on stage.

# Customs Reform and Modernization Committee

CRMC will be having their 10th monthly meeting on 26th May 2017

A powerful component of the reforms and modernization in Customs is the Customs Reform and Modernization Committee (CRMC).

Established as part of the governance body of the ASYCUDA World Project, the CRMC’s purpose is now not only responsible to driving the reforms and changes in Customs to ensure the successful implementation of the ASYCUDA World (AW) project, but to ensure Customs meets its overall objectives of revenue collection, protecting our borders and facilitating trade.

Chaired by Director DCIR, CRMC consists of the Deputy Director Customs, all Customs Managers, the ASYCUDA World Project Members, the Customs Technical Advisor, and the ASYCUDA World Expert. While matters are usually discussed and agreed over email, the Committee formally meets every month to discuss the reforms in detail.



Driving the changes in Customs: Some members of the CRMC

### More Users Training in pictures



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The ASYCUDA (Automated SYstem for CUstoms DAta) software, used by over 90 Customs Administrations around the World, was developed by the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD). An earlier version of ASYCUDA called ASYCUDA++ was implemented in Vanuatu in 1999. ASYCUDA++ is a DOS based program with ICT limitations and therefore obsolete in this day and age. UNCTAD has therefore developed a web-based version of ASYCUDA known as ASYCUDA World. It takes advantage of the significant progress made in the field of ICT to provide improved automated support to the evolving requirements of both the Trading Community and Customs administrations.

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