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### IN THIS EDITION:

- CRMC held its 3rd meeting
- CRMC approves Roadmap
- ASYCUDA Technical 3-7 Oct

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

1. ASYCUDA Technical mission 31 Oct - 4 Nov
2. CRMC 5th meeting
3. ASYCUDA Technical Training 7th - 18th Nov

## CRMC 3rd meeting 13th October



"Driving the changes", part of the CRMC members at the 3rd meeting.

Customs Reform & Modernization Committee (CRMC) 3rd meeting Agenda:

1. Matters arising
2. Customs concessions
3. SOClass License
4. HS2017
5. Warehouse stock cleanup
6. Process documentation
7. Technical update
8. Roadmap

The CRMC's purpose is to drive reforms and changes to ensure the successful implementation of the ASYCUDA World (AW) project.

## Approved Roadmap

With three months to go before the tentative live implementation of the ASYCUDA World system at the pilot site by 1st of January, the National Project Team drafted a roadmap outlining all the tasks that needs to be done between now and the live implementation. This roadmap was presented to the CRMC on its 3rd meeting on 13th of October for endorsement.

One thing that was evident from the roadmap was the gigantic tasks ahead of the Project Team and the rest of Customs to carry out prior to going live. The CRMC was therefore informed that live implementation now depends a lot with the completion of these tasks.

A contributing factor to the size of the task was due to the fact that this project is still lacking a full time ASYCUDA World expert as required under the project to assist the Project team full time.

So apart from the ad hoc missions that UNCTAD will be providing

until a full time expert is recruited early 2017, the CRMC has agreed that the Project Team will work on the Roadmap to the best of its ability aiming for the live implementation date.

Other factors that may determine the live implementation of the system are:

1. The purchase of the SO-Class license for the Production server. Currently, both DCIR and the OG-CIO are looking for the funds;
2. The adoption of HS2017;
3. The warehouse stock take;

Looking ahead, this is what is outlined in the tentative Roadmap (subject to change as necessary):

**Week 3-7 October (1 week):** BU development, process and training documentation

**Week 10-14 October (1 week):** BU development and pro-

cess documentation, continue

**Weeks 17 October – 4 November (3 weeks):** System configuration and training preparation

**Weeks 7-18 November (2 weeks):** Technical Training in Fiji, Training preparation continue

**Weeks 21-25 November (1 week):** Production server implementation

**Weeks 28 November – 23 December (4 weeks):** Vila Training

**Weeks 2nd January – 27th January (4 weeks):** Live implementation at Pilot site and monitoring in Vila

**Week 16th January – 19th January (1 week):** Training for all Managers & POs

**Weeks 6th February – 15th February (2 weeks):** Santo Training

**Weeks 20th February – 3rd March (2 weeks):** Live implementation and monitoring in Santo

# ASYCUDA Technical mission

3rd—7th October



Mme. DUMONT working with the Project Automation Specialist

This week we welcome the return of ASYCUDA Expert, Mme. Marianne DUMONT. Mme. DUMONT is not new to Vanuatu Customs; the last time she was in Vanuatu was in 2002 to assist Customs with the ASYCUDA++ system. The Terms of Reference for this mission was to work with the National Project Team on:

1. Developing the Business Units in the

ASYCUDA World Prototype;

2. Further developing the documentation of the processes, which includes the flowcharts, the SOPs and the TORs.
3. Preparing the training materials, including a Training schedule and Course Content.
4. Working on other technical and functional issues with regards to developing the system prototype.

Mme. DUMONT is expected back in Vanuatu in the first week of November to continue providing more assistance to the National Project Team on the work being done to prepare the ASYCUDA World prototype, and to do further work on the process documentation and training materials.



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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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