2018 SSATP Annual Meeting

Sharing Experiences and Learning from others

Best practices in transit regimes

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▪ How to make transit regimes more efficient: a long standing quest for African countries and Regional Economic Communities

▪ A critical challenge facing the trade of the continent, in particular its 16 landlocked countries which are much affected
SSATP and some of its partners have realized huge potential of:

- Inclusive dialogue among all public and private stakeholders involved

- Existing best practices to be leveraged and domesticated
Inclusive stakeholders’ dialogue on challenges and solutions

Replicating /domesticating best practices
SSATP, WCO and IRU partnering around this approach:
- Two regional workshops:
  - East and Southern Africa in November 2017
  - West and Central Africa in April 2018
Outcomes: a breakthrough paving the way forward:

- Constructive and fruitful dialogue among the stakeholders on challenges and learning lessons from experiences in addressing them.

- Benchmarking regional practices against standards and guidelines considered as best practices at global level

- Gap assessment and consensus building around possible solutions
Outcomes: a breakthrough paving the way forward:

❖ Consensus around best practices on diverse dimensions of the transit
  • Good practices in each region
  • Best practices from another region
  • Good practices at international level
✓ SSATP partnering with WCO for publication of a compendium on Best Practices in transit in the two regions
Outcomes: a breakthrough paving the way forward:

❖ Consensus around best practices.

Roadmaps at corridor or regional levels:
- Extension of SCT to all EAC countries
- IRU TIR regime piloting on the Dar Corridor
- Review of the ISRT in ECOWAS
- Regional Transit guarantee scheme
Outcomes: a breakthrough paving the way forward:

❖ Consensus around best practices.
- Compiling official charges on transit that are not in conformity with good practices
- Cargo Trucks sealing systems
- Customs interconnectivity

SSATP coordinating the partnership with RECs, regional Associations/federations of the industry, development partners.
✓ Need for high level support at RECs/country levels.