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CCES and ESAMI sign MBA (Customs) Collaboration Agreement Pioneer Group of Students to Commence Studies in July 2011

The Centre for Customs & Excise Studies, University of Canberra, Australia (CCES) has signed an Agreement to collaborate with the East & Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI) in the delivery of a new Master of Business Administration (Customs) programme across nine (9) countries in the East and Southern Africa region.

Foundation and Integration Courses¹ for the MBA (Customs) will be delivered as an integral part of ESAMI's MBA program at centres in **Arusha** and **Dar es Salaam** (Tanzania), **Blantyre** and **Lilongwe** (Malawi), **Harare** (Zimbabwe), **Kampala** (Uganda), **Lusaka** (Zambia), **Maputo** (Mozambique), **Mbabane** (Swaziland), **Nairobi** (Kenya) and **Windhoek** (Namibia).

The Customs-specific elements of the programme will initially be delivered by CCES lecturers at the Arusha, Tanzania headquarters of ESAMI in four (4) intensive interventions during the course of the programme. The Master Thesis will be supervised by CCES lecturers, and will be on a topic agreed between the CCES supervisor and the student. CCES will provide students with a broad range of suggested areas in which students may wish to focus their research, and they will be required to submit their research proposals before the commencement of the third Customs course.

Candidates for the MBA (Customs) Programme must be in the possession of a recognized Bachelor's Degree. In addition, they should have at least three years of work experience at managerial level before they can be admitted to the MBA (Customs) Programme. Finally, the candidates must be proficient in both spoken and written English.

This unique programme expands the postgraduate study opportunities available in Africa for customs staff, customs and international trade consultants and those working in the clearing and forwarding, logistics and supply chain industry.

More information on this programme may be obtained from:

¹ See Annex 1 for Details.

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For application forms and details on fees, contact the ESAMI Country Coordinators using the details provided in Annex 2.

ANNEX 1: PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

AWARD: MASTER IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: CUSTOMS			
Course	Delivery by	ECTS Credits	Teaching Hours
Foundation Courses			
General Management and Organizational Behaviour	ESAMI	4	32
Gender in Management	ESAMI	3	24
Marketing Management	ESAMI	3	24
Quantitative methods	ESAMI	3	32
Financial Management & Accounting for managers	ESAMI	4	32
Human Resources Management	ESAMI	3	24
Total Credits		20	

Integration Courses			
Research Method	ESAMI	3	24
International procurement	ESAMI	3	24
International Finance and Financial Markets	ESAMI	4	24
Global supply chain and logistics management	ESAMI	3	24
Global corporate strategy	ESAMI	4	24
Commodity Markets and international trade	ESAMI	3	32
Total Credits		20	

Customs Courses			
Customs Management Theory and Practice	CCES	4	32
International Customs Law	CCES	4	32
Regulatory Compliance Management	CCES	4	32
Customs Reform and Modernization	CCES	4	32
Total Credits		16	

Master Thesis			
<i>On a Customs issue</i>	CCES	24	N/A

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