

Workshop Guidelines

Introduction

The PICARD Programme is aimed at supporting capacity building initiatives of member Customs administrations through academic research and professionalization. Under the WCO/INCU partnership, the foundations have been laid to enable Customs leaders, education institutions and students to satisfy a previously unidentified and unmet demand. Professional standards have been set to encourage an academic approach to Customs development and research is being published in the World Customs Journal.

With this structure in place, we need to address the more practical matters of how to direct, encourage and support research in the interests of better informed leaders and practitioners.

Expected Workshop Outcomes

1. Demand: Stimulation of practitioner and academic demand for research on strategic Customs issues.
2. Barriers: Understanding the possible barriers to research “supply” and proposals for strategies to overcome them.
3. Principles: A statement of key principles and methodology for commissioning research.
4. Topics: A number of potential research topics specified.

Process:

There will be four work groups formed on the basis of responses to the annexed questionnaire. Due to interpretation service constraints, only one work group will work in both languages. Each of the other three groups will work in one language only, to be determined by questionnaire preferences.

Each group is asked to consider and formulate responses to all of the above expected outcomes. In order to give focus to the deliberations, one of four specified topics will be assigned to each group according to the interest expressed by each delegate. So far as practicable, delegates will be assigned according to their specified preferences. If a delegate cannot be so assigned, he/she will be asked to join the bi-lingual group.

A moderator/rapporteur has been appointed for each group as follows:

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| 1) Origin: | Dr. Frank Altemoeller, University of Muenster |
| 2) Single Window: | Mr. Stephen Holloway, University of Canberra |
| 3) Strategic Performance Measures: | Prof. Jhon Fonseca, Universidad, Costa Rica |
| 4) Regional Cooperation: | Jacqueline Penfold
Southern African Development Community
(SADC) |

Questionnaire

Name: Representing:

Please indicate in the table below your first and second choices (marked 1 and 2 respectively) your preferred workshop discussion topic:

- Non-Preferential Origin
- Single Window
- Strategic Performance Measures
- Regional Cooperation

Please indicate your language preferences, French (F) or English (E). It would be helpful for organisational purposes if you could also indicate whether you are able and willing to participate in the other language.

- Preference (E or F)
- If necessary, could you work in the other language? (Y or N)