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Commencement of the Niue AW Project phase 2: AW Declaration Module

Straight after the implementation of Phase 1: AW Manifest, in August 2022, the Niue NPT was very pleased to finally embark on another new journey in commencing the second phase of the Niue AW project. Majority of Importer stakeholders are waiting for this phase: AW Declaration which is the Import entry or import declaration. We kindly acknowledge you for your patience and continue support. This phase 2 on AW Declaration will enable all Importer stakeholders and Customs Brokers to submit their import declarations online on ASYCUDA World (AW) system. A transition from manual process to AW, many benefits for our trading community elimination of unnecessary paperwork, time travel to and from the Customs office.

This Declaration Module is the core component in ASYCUDA World that provides a robust and comprehensive declaration processing capability using the Single Administrative Document (SAD) form. Declaration in ASYCUDA World follows the standards. The SAD includes data used for import/ export, tax calculation and collection of due taxes and duties. AW project will help streamlining Customs processes while facilitating legitimate trade.

In the next month the Niue NPT will be conducting trainings to all our Importer stakeholders and Customs Brokers on AW Declaration. This will be done in groups, and we are looking forward to working closely in the near future.



2nd Customs Reform and Modernization Committee (CRMC) Meeting

As per the recommendation from the first CRMC meeting, this meeting will take place every two months. In this regard this meeting took place on Thursday 29th September 2022 at the old Premiers office, Sialekula in Alofi. This second CRMC meeting was chaired by the Assistant Collector of Customs Mr Morgan Mougavalu.

CRMC members were updated on the progress of the Niue AW project. A presentation of the detailed work plan for the second phase showed the start of AW. The CRMC members were invited to comment and and make recommendations.

In attendance: Doreen Siataga (Comptroller of Customs) Frank Sioneholo (HOD Trade/ Investment), Aytron Tatui (Pacer Plus Focal Point), Morgan Mougavalu (Assistant Collector of Customs), Rodney Alec (Senior Customs Officer), Millyan Taufitu (Senior Customs Officer) Acestacey Kalauni (Secretary), Chamberlin Pita (Project Manager), Saeid Yarandi (UNCTAD), Patricia Havan (UNCTAD)

Tax Office ASYTIN 2nd Meeting and Training

On Tuesday 6th September 2022, the 2nd ASYTIN meeting took place at the ASYCUDA National Project Team's office in Alofi, Niue.

The purpose of this meeting was to prepare the work on ASYTIN for Tax office. Currently one of the requirements from Customs is to use a unique identifier in ASYCUDA World (AW) for each stakeholder. The Tax identification number which is issued by Tax Office will be assigned to each stakeholder and will be used on the declaration. Currently Tax office TIN numbers processing is manual based so as an outcome from the meeting the Tax office agreed to pilot the processing of TIN in AW.

Tax Office weekly meetings and trainings on ASYTIN are scheduled on Mondays from 10am to 11am.

In preparation for the trainings, the NPT have completed Installation of the Java software on laptops of five Tax officers who learnt how to process TINs in AW. Furthermore the NPT completed setting up of logins for all the Tax Office staff with Chief of Tax approval.

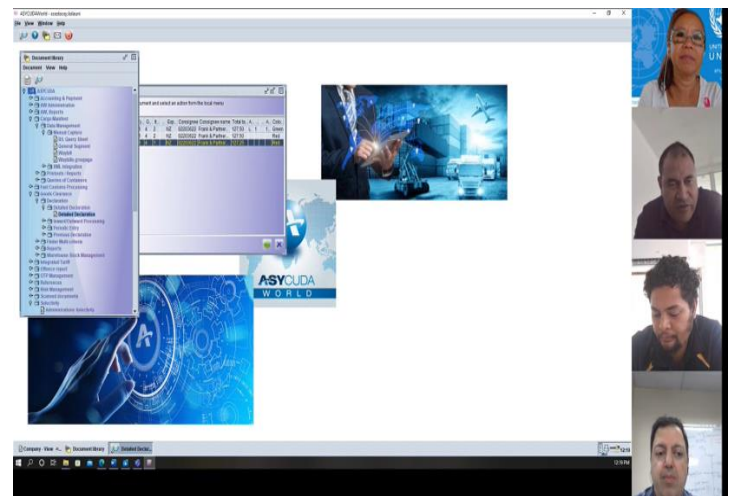
In attendance: Ben Tanaki (Chief Collector of Tax), Nitaligi Pihigia (Senior Tax Officer) Acestacey Kalauni (NPT), Chamberlin Pita (NPT), Saeid Yarandi (UNCTAD), Patricia Havan (UNCTAD)

NPT Meetings and Trainings on AW Declaration

Niue's NPT meetings and trainings on this second phase continue to take place via online MS Teams platform facilitated by the two respected Experts from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Mrs Patricia Havan and Mr Saeid Yarandi. These weekly meetings are from Tuesdays to Thursdays, three hours a day. Meetings discussions are focussing on HSPAC 2022, identification of Customs regimes and processes, taxation rules, references tables and others elements are set up in the system to configure declaration.

On this second phase the NPT meet with Customs Management regularly about Declaration fields in AW for endorsement before finalization of configurations of those fields. Another very import task that NPT currently undertake is assisting the Customs Service reviewing its HS 2022 for use in the AW Declaration.

There's also Importers stakeholder onsite meetings undertaken by the NPT for awareness purposes and planning.





Upcoming Events

- Internal Training for Customs officials.
- External Training for Key Stakeholders (Customs Brokers, Importers).
- Review and Formulations of respective Business Processes.
- Access to AW system for on-hand training and practical exercise on Declaration Process.
- Live Implementation of Declaration.



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