

Trade Facilitation and Security in Asia Pacific Customs Context

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The WCO, brief facts...

- ❑ Customs Co-operation Council (CCC) in Brussels in 1952 and adopted “World Customs Organization” an informal working name in 1994
- ❑ Sole intergovernmental organization competent in Customs matters
- ❑ To secure the highest degree of harmony and uniformity in Customs systems
- ❑ 177 members processing 98% of world trade, grouped in 6 regions
- ❑ Asia Pacific Region: 33 member administrations

TF in Customs context

- Avoidance of unnecessary trade restrictiveness
- ... while improving control quality
- ... in an internationally harmonized manner



WCO Trade Facilitation work

WCO TF Tools

WTO TF Negotiating Measures



High Principle

WCO TF Tools



Implementing Standards

Revised Kyoto Convention

Transparency
Predictability

Simplified
Procedure

Risk
Management

IT
Application

Partnership
with Trade

Facilitated Measures
for Compliant Traders

HS

Advance
Ruling

RM

TRS

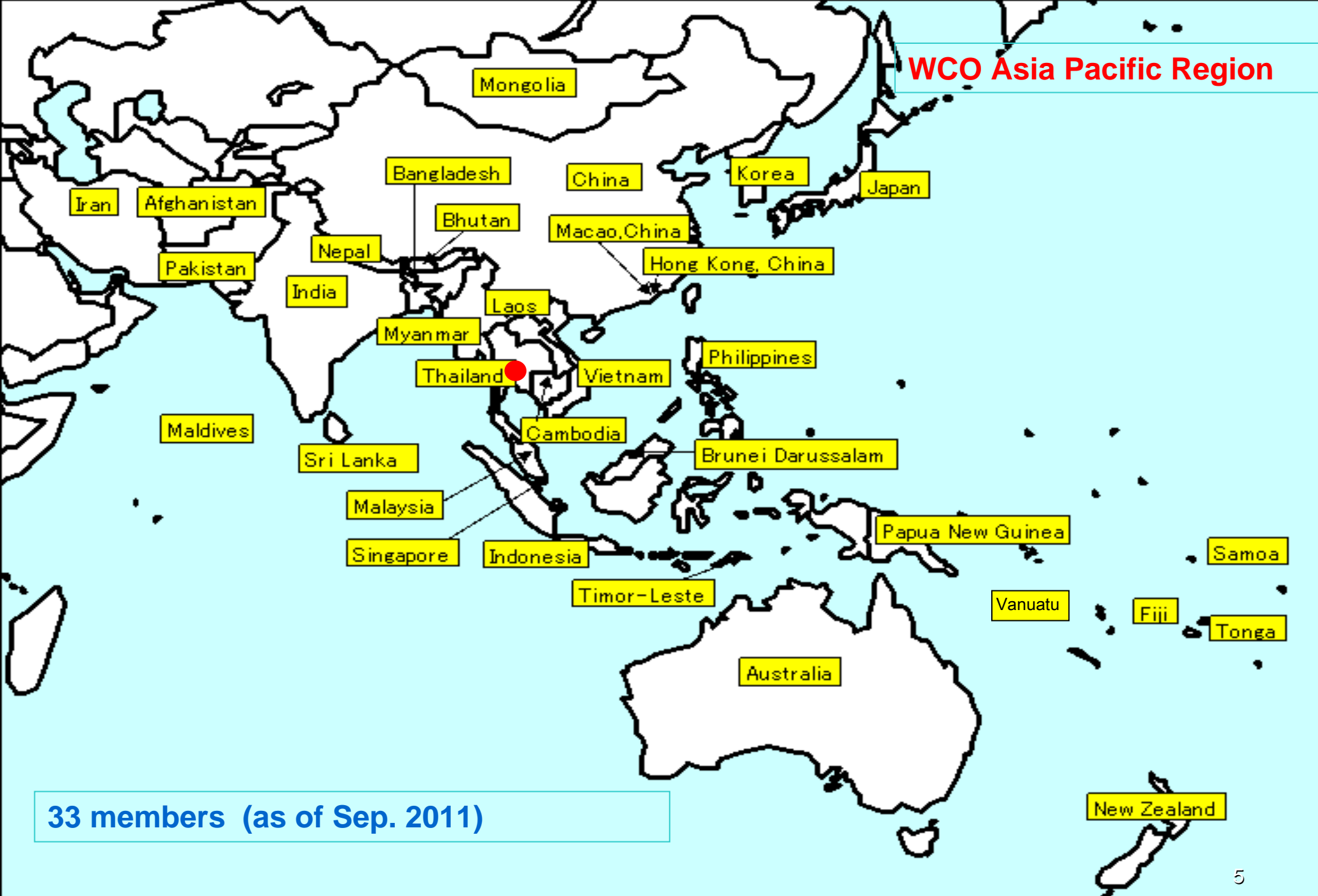
Data
Model

SW

CBM

SAFE/
AEO

WCO Asia Pacific Region



TF & Security in AP Regional Strategic Plan 2010-2012

- Objective 1: *Enhanced security and facilitation of international trade supply chain through implementation of WCO Best practice*
 - Implement the WCO SAFE FoS
 - Develop Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) programs and increase AEO Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA)
 - Use Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) technology
 - Increase number of contracting parties to the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)
 - Implement Harmonized System (HS) 2012
 - Introduce Advance Ruling Systems
 - Undertake Time Release Study (TRS)

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- *Objective 2: Strengthened cooperation among Customs, border management agencies and international organizations*
 - Enhance Customs-to-customs and Customs-to-business interconnectities
 - Promote cooperation and coordination with other border agencies
 - Actively participate in WTO TF negotiation
 - Develop close links with regional organizations like ASEAN, APEC, OCO and others

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ROCB AP: 4-Pillar Strategy

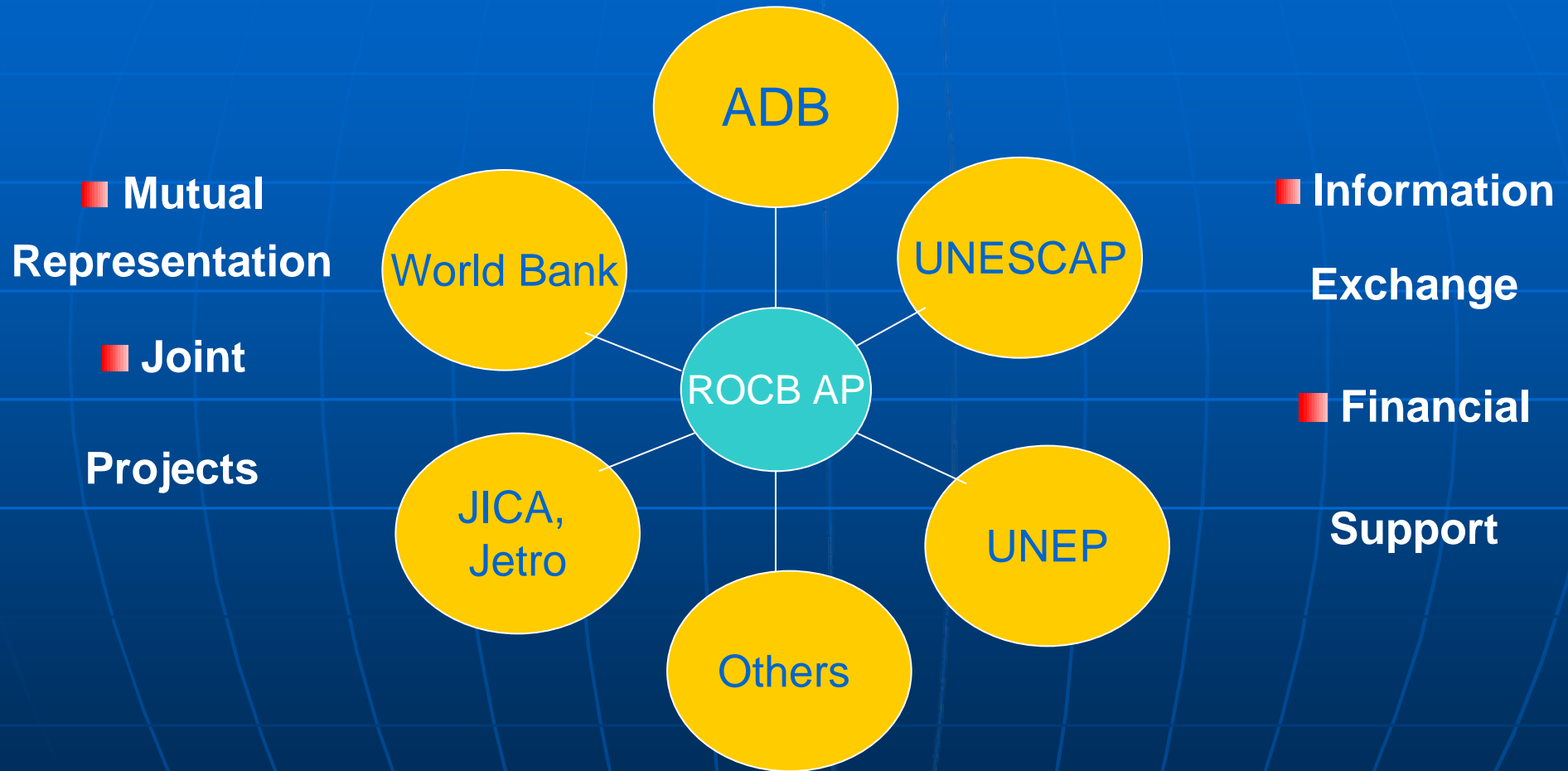


Pillar I: WCO Columbus Program Delivery

Milestone	Global	Asia Pacific
Signed the letter of intent to implement the SAFE FoS	162 out of 177 members	31 out of 33 members
Ask for assistance	120 out of 162 members	26 out of 31 members
Phase I: Diagnostic mission delivered	114 members	25 members
Phase II: Action plan and recorded progress	83 members	17 members

Notes: as of Sep. 2011

Pillar II: Partnership with Donors



Case: Support to Cambodia Customs

WCO Conducted SAFE FOS Diagnosis
(February 2006)

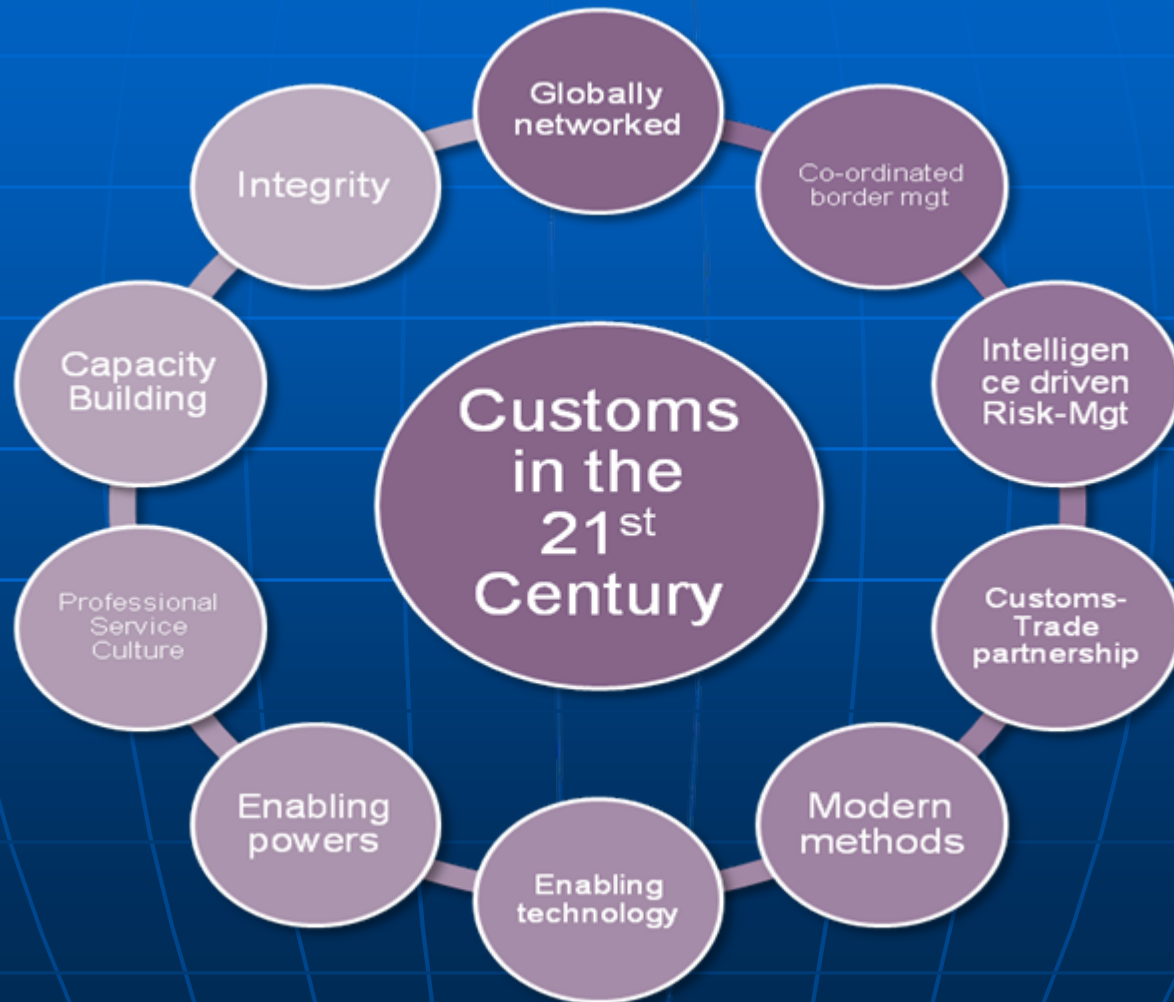
ROCB organized Action Plan Workshop
(May & September 2007)

Cambodia Customs developed AP
(December 2007)

ROCB organized National Donor Meeting
(February 2008)

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(March 2009)

Way forward: Customs in 21st Century



Reflections and Recommendations

- Balance should be struck between trade facilitation and security, risk management should be well applied.
- WCO standards lay basis for uniform, simplified and harmonized procedures for cross-border control and facilitation and are useful beyond Customs area.
- Treat Customs as a key party in trade facilitation and security initiatives.
- Coordinated border management should be promoted.
- Capacity building is critical.
- ROCB is keen to coordinate and cooperate with concerned partners.

Thank you!

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