



**AFRITAC South (AFS) Regional Workshop
Ebene, Mauritius – September 17-20, 2024**

The Use of Mirror Data Analysis by Customs Administrations

PROPOSED PROGRAM

Day 1 – Tuesday September 17	
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival of participants
9:00 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Opening of the workshop (Mr. Sukhwinder Singh, Director AFRITAC South, Mr. Sudhamo Lal, Director General, Mauritius Revenue Authority)
10:00 – 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Group Photo followed by Coffee break
10:15 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Importance of data analytics for customs, relevance and merits of mirror data analysis
11:00 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Methodology to identify and compute data gaps (Phase 1)
12:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Statistical procedures, COMTRADE (Mr. Sanjev Bhonoo, Principal Statistician, Statistics Mauritius)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Gap identification/computation COMTRADE/COMTRADE
15:45– 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Gap identification/computation:○ Country experience with customs data (Antsa Rakaotoarisa, Madagascar Customs)○ Country experience with customs data (Zayd Rahiman, Mauritius Revenue Authority)
Day 2 – Wednesday September 18	
9:00 – 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Possible automatization of gap computation (UNCTAD- Jean-Marc Benoit)
9:30 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Takeaways from discussions on Phase 1 – Computing the gaps</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break
10:15 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sorting the gaps (Phase 2)
11:00 – 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Trade data asymmetries- “Trade systems”- Exclusions and inclusions- Partner country (origin, provenance, ...)

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currency conversions - Valuation asymmetries
15:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Country experience (Bassem Chermini, Tunisia) - Virtual
1830 - 1930	Cocktail reception - Le Suffren Hotel
Day 3 – Thursday September 19	
9:00 – 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Takeaways from discussions on Phase 2 – Sorting the gaps</i>
9:30 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exploiting the Results (Phase 3) – Overview of possibilities
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break
10:15– 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Optimizing the overall compliance management strategy
11:00 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o PCA/Investigation: focus on use of mutual administrative assistance agreements; right of access to documents and data of parties involved in transaction
11:30 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Possible periodical data reconciliations among customs administrations
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Country experience (Zayd Rahiman, Mauritius Revenue Authority)
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Takeaways from discussions on Phase 3 – Exploiting the Results</i>
Day 4 – Friday September 20	
9:00 – 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs organizational arrangements for the mirror data analysis function/broader data analytics
9:00 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Country experience (Saleem Rajah, South Africa Revenue Service) -Virtual
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break
10:15 – 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conclusions and recommendations from the workshop. The way forward. ▪ Available capacity development support by IMF (AFS and FAD) ▪ Closure of workshop
12:00	Lunch and end of workshop