



World Customs Organization

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Dear Director General,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Customs Organization (WCO) will provide an opportunity for twelve (12) Customs officials from developing country Members to take part in the **“WCO Regional Customs Laboratory Professionals Programme”**.

The main objective of the Programme is to offer the possibility for technical officials to expand and update their knowledge and skills in the chemical analysis of goods for the purpose of classification under the Harmonized System (HS). The Programme is designed for laboratory analysts who are or will be working in Customs laboratories, to gain practical experience at one of the WCO Asia/Pacific Regional Customs Laboratories (RCL) in either India, Japan or the Republic of Korea, and to gain knowledge about the HS at the WCO Headquarters. The detailed objectives of the Programme are set out in Annex I.

This Programme, funded by the Customs Administrations of India, Japan and the Republic of Korea, will be conducted in English.

Under this Programme, Customs officials of an appropriate technical level will be selected and will spend **one week, from 14 to 18 October 2024**, at the WCO Headquarters. Participants will then be divided into three groups and each group will attend a six-weeks' training at an RCL, in either India, Japan or the Republic of Korea, **from 21 October to 28 November 2024**, to acquire practical experience.

This is a needs-oriented training programme which takes into consideration the needs of each participant and of their home administration. However, there are requirements set for candidates to ensure they will have sufficient analytical knowledge to benefit fully from the Programme. More detailed information on the requirements, conditions regarding the training and logistics, is set out in Annex I.

If you wish to nominate a candidate for this Programme, please return the attached nomination form (Annex II) and application form (Annex III), duly completed by your Administration and the candidate respectively, to the WCO Secretariat (e-mail: rcl.hsclassification@wcoomd.org) **by 31 May 2024**.

Please note that applications received after the deadline will not be considered. If you nominate more than one candidate, please indicate the order of priority of the candidates.

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding this Programme, your staff may contact Mr. Kazuhiro TONAI (tel: +32 2 209 92 71; e-mail: rcl.hsclassification@wcoomd.org).

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I look forward to receiving nominations of candidates for the WCO Regional Customs Laboratory Professionals Programme.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary General