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

The Programme is designed for laboratory analysts who are or will be working in Customs laboratories at one of the WCO Asia/ Pacific Regional Customs Laboratories (RCL) in either India, Japan or the Republic of Korea. Selectees will spend **one week (20-24 October 2025)**, at WCO Headquarters. Participants will then be divided into three groups, each of which will receive six-weeks' practical training at one of the aforementioned RCLs **from 27 October to 4 December 2025.**

The objective of the Programme is to enable technical officials to expand their knowledge of, and skills in, the chemical analysis of goods for classification under the Harmonized System (HS). This training programme takes the needs of each selectee's administration into consideration. The detailed objectives of the Programme are set out in Annex I. More detailed information on the requirements and conditions regarding the training and logistics, is also in Annex I.

If your Administration wishes to nominate a candidate for this programme, then this can be done by returning the attached nomination form (Annex II) from your Administration, accompanied by the application form (Annex III) completed by the candidate, to the WCO Secretariat (e-mail: rcl.hsclassification@wcoomd.org) **by 2 June 2025**.

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 (rcl.hsclassification@wcoomd.org).

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

Yours sincerely,

Ian Saunders
Secretary General