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Dear Director General,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Customs Organization (WCO), in cooperation with the Customs Cooperation Fund Korea (CCF/Korea), is organizing the 4th BACUDA Scholarship Programme on Data Analytics. The Scholarship Programme is intended for working-level officials from WCO Member administrations eligible for CCF/Korea funding support. The Programme will take place from 24 January 2027 to 23 April 2027 at the Hanyang University (HYU) in Korea and it will be conducted in English.

As Customs administrations worldwide collect and manage increasing volumes of data, strengthening their capacity to analyze and use this information effectively has become essential. Data analytics can significantly enhance operational efficiency and support key functions such as revenue collection, post-clearance audit, compliance, and risk management. This initiative aligns with the WCO Strategic Plan 2025–2028, particularly the focus area “Technology and Innovation,” by building Members’ capabilities to leverage advanced analytics and data-driven tools for smarter, more future-ready Customs operations.

In this context, the WCO is pleased to offer the BACUDA Scholarship Programme to enable carefully selected participants to acquire data analytics knowledge applicable to Customs operations alongside relevant academic foundations. The Programme will support participants in contributing to the transformation of their Customs administration into more data-driven organizations.

The Programme will invite twelve (12) Customs officials from Member administrations whose qualifications meet the criteria set out in the attached documents. In this regard, I kindly request your Administration to nominate no more than two candidates for an optimal candidate selection process.

To be eligible, applicants must submit a project proposal that: (i) sets out a Customs-relevant analytics topic; (ii) explains current data-use challenges; (iii) outlines problem-solving methodologies and required technical skills; and (iv) describes expected outcomes. Following the evaluation of applications, shortlisted candidates may be invited to an interview as part of the final selection process.

Please also note that the candidate’s application must be supported by a formal statement from the Director General confirming that, upon the completion of the Programme, the official will be assigned to the relevant area of work where the acquired knowledge and skills can be applied.

The nomination form should be completed and returned by e-mail as soon as possible, and no later than 6.00 pm CET on 20 October 2026 to:

- Mr. Hyunsang Jo, BACUDA Project Manager, Implementation and Capacity Development Directorate, WCO Secretariat: Hyunsang.Jo@wcoomd.org;
- Mr. Mohan PUDASAINI, BACUDA Project Officer, Implementation and Capacity Development Directorate, WCO Secretariat: Mohan.Pudasaini@wcoomd.org.

The Programme will cover all participation-related expenses for selected candidates, in accordance with the Administrative Provisions annexed to this document. Please be advised that the WCO does not cover the risk of accidents, hospitalization costs, or medical repatriation. Additionally, the responsibility for visa arrangements lies with participants. Attached you will find the relevant documents outlining the administrative provisions governing the Programme, as well as the nomination form.

Should you require any additional information regarding the BACUDA Scholarship Programme, your staff may contact the above-mentioned officials from the WCO Secretariat.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your continued and valuable support for the capacity-building activities of the WCO.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Saunders
Secretary General

Annexes:

1. General presentation;
2. Administrative provisions;
3. Nomination and Application Form
4. Preliminary curriculum.