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Dear Director General,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Customs Organization (WCO), in close collaboration with the Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia and the Pacific (RILO A/P) and funded by the Customs Cooperation Fund-Japan, will provide an opportunity for four (4) Customs officials from developing country Members in the Asia-Pacific Region to take part in the WCO Asia-Pacific Regional Data/Intelligence Professionals Programme. This one-month programme will take place at the RILO A/P in Tokyo, Japan and will be conducted in English.

The main objective of the Programme is to offer the opportunity for technical officials to expand and update their knowledge and skills in risk management, data/intelligence analysis, and Customs enforcement through training and practical work experience in the RILO A/P.

Under this Programme, Customs officials at an appropriate technical level will be selected. First, they will receive a week-long in-person training to learn and update their knowledge of CEN applications and data analysis, which is necessary to carry out a variety of tasks in RILO. This will be followed by on-the-job training over the course of three (3) weeks in November - December 2026.

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 knowledge on the subject matter to benefit fully from the Programme. More detailed information on the requirements and 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: wcordipp@wcoomd.org) and copy RILO A/P (e-mail: rilo@rilo-ap.org) by Friday, 31 July 2026. Please note that only one nomination per Member administration will be considered, and nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted. Your staff can send any questions about this Programme to wcordipp@wcoomd.org.

I look forward to receiving your candidate nominations for the WCO Asia-Pacific Regional Data/Intelligence Professionals Programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Saunders', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian Saunders
Secretary General