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Workshop to raise awareness of single window

Implementation

REPORT

The Workshop to raise awareness of single window implementation was held on 18-19 September 2018 in the framework of the implementation of the measures provided in the Agreement on Trade Facilitation.

The opening session was chaired by His Excellency Dr. Joffre Van-Dúnen Júnior, Minister of Commerce and Chairman of the National Trade Facilitation Committee.

In his speech, the Minister of Commerce thanked the technical assistance provided by the AAEC, African Alliance For Electronic Commerce and all those present at the event, noting the Republic of Angola's interest in embracing good practices for improving trade using the tools and technologies appropriate for its initial development.

He also emphasized the importance of the public sector in the definition of policies that allow greater interaction with the private sector that plays a preponderant role in the implementation of projects that boost the country's economic and social development.

Following the opening session of the Workshop, in representation of the Chairman of AAEC intervened Mr Guilherme Mambo, AAEC Expert from Mozambique with extensive experience in design and implementation of Single Electronic Window in Mozambique, who, in his presentation, spoke about the vision of the African Alliance, objectives, vision and its mission as promotor of single window implementation in Africa, emphasizing the enormous advantages the Single Window can bring to the country development through smooth clearance of goods and trade facilitation of international trade.

Mr Mambo also presented some vivid examples of benefits the creation of the Single Window can bring to African Countries and help them to compete in international arena .

After the presentation of the 1st theme, the participants had the opportunity to ask their questions and receive the answers given by the speaker.

Also in the morning, Dr. Abdullahi FAOUZI, a Cameroonian national, also expert of AAEC presented the theme related to the models of SeW, the road map for the implementation and the stages that can be followed for successful SeW implementation. This intervention was followed by questions and answers session where the participants had opportunity to debate the them and get more clarifications.

Finally, the speaker asked some questions related to the creation of the Single Guide for trade in Angola and that the participants answered that Angola is still in an initial phase but that already has some experiences in the creation of Single Window related to the creation of companies and registration of the Ministry of Justice.

During the Workshop, the experiences of the Republic of Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia were presented on matters related to the implementation and operation of the Single Electronic Guidance. The advantages of the creation of the Single Guidance for the clearing of goods were highlighted.

Experts from the African Alliance for e-Commerce presented the necessary models and steps for the implementation of this important trade facilitation measure.

In the second day of the event the participants to the workshop who are members of the National Trade Facilitation Committee in a two groups round table discussed the challenges for implementing the SeW in Angola, and at the end come up with some recommendations as follow:

- Ensure an appropriate technological model is selected and developed for Angola;
- Ensure the appropriate platform management model is established;
- Ensure adequate measures are put in place and creation of risk profiles to respond to any challenges;

- Training is sufficiently provided to all including managers in trade facilitation matters and particularly in the SeW management and management;

- Development of specific legislation on the subject to ensure interaction between all the bodies involved in the international trade chain, is preserved as well as guarantee the confidentiality of commercial data.

The closing session was hosted by the National Director of Foreign Trade Dr. Lukonde Luansi.