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Foreword

The 15th UNCTAD quadrennial conference to be held in Barbados in October 2021 will be a major international event aiming at devising strategies and policies for aligning of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with tackling the economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Massive resource mobilization is needed in developing countries, especially Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States, many of which are mired in recession. Supporting developing countries' efforts to increase their domestic revenues has never been more important, and needs to be recognized by the deliberations in Barbados.



UNCTAD'S *Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) Programme* plays a key role supporting countries efforts to mobilize domestic revenues through implementing trade facilitation policies, efficient procedures and regional integration, while building capacity, and safeguarding natural resources. The ASYCUDA Programme's focus on reform and automation, the expertise of its many partners, the sustainable economic and social impacts of its projects and its willingness to further expand its trade-related field of work have built trust among 120+ nations and territories since its creation.



The 2020 edition of ASYCUDA's Compendium of case studies highlights some of the achievements and benefits reported by user-countries following efficient and effective collaboration with the ASYCUDA Programme and trade stakeholders. It further proves the need for and relevance of establishing close partnerships for mobilization of resources for development.

On behalf of UNCTAD, I extend my sincere thanks to all member States that participated in the preparation of these case studies and donated their time to demonstrate the value and ongoing importance of the ASYCUDA programme and its partnerships.

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