



CTCC Meeting participants at MoF office

### Customs and Trade Consultative Committee (CTCC) meeting .

As part of regular Customs Authority's meeting with its relevant stakeholders, particularly the members of Customs and Trade Consultative Committee (CTCC), the CA held the third CTCC meeting on 29th August 2023 and discussed several topics on trade related activities. The vice Minister of Finance, H. E Helder Lopes attended the CTCC meeting and shared some inputs in the opening session. H.E Helder emphasized that CTCC meeting is important and that the role and contribution of private sectors in the trade area is crucial for the

economic development of the country.

CA Commissioner, Jose Abilio introduced a topic on 'Free Zone' with the participants to enhance a better understanding of the trading community in the export and import activities.

Several topics on trade issues were raised and discussed within all the participating members for further improvement in the trade activities., including a brief overview of Fees and Charges Comparison at Tibar Bay Port .



CA team for Training in Medan, Indonesia

### Building International Relations.

As a continuous collaborations towards fostering bilateral cooperation, the Customs Authority recently facilitated the participation of twenty-five staff members in a comprehensive Basic Customs Training Course. The initiative, which took place at the Directorate General of Customs and Excise (DGCE) in Sumatra, Medan, Indonesia, was carried out under the MoU signed between the two entities.

From 11th to 22nd September 2023, the intensive two-week program encompassed key subjects such as Customs Tariff classification, World Trade Organization (WTO) Valuation Rules, and WTO Rules of Origin, and risk management, and fundamental principles of Customs control.

CA officers expressed their deep appreciation for the opportunity to engage with their Indonesian counterparts and gain valuable insights during the training program, which helped them in enhancing their comprehension of roles and responsibilities within the Customs Authority

Looking forward, the Customs Authority eagerly anticipates further collaborations with the Indonesian Directorate General of Customs and Excise. The success of this training has bolstered their commitment to pursuing future joint initiatives..

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BMC members holding their signed MoU

### Customs Authority Established Border Management Committee (BMC)

Timor-Leste Customs authority (CA) established a Border Management Committee (BMC) with relevant stakeholders from government agencies for a better control and coordination in the Timor-Leste border areas, particularly in the management of people and goods movement along the border area.

BMC initial meeting took place on 3rd August, 2023 at CA Learning & Knowledge Center with participation of representatives from relevant agencies working directly in the border areas on trade related activities.

Following the initial BMC meeting, a working group was formed to discuss contents of Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) and Terms of References (ToR) for the committee establishment, National Strategic Planning and relevant decree laws governing the Coordinated Border Management (CBM).

The working group members composed of representative from Ministry of Agriculture, Health, Transport and Communications, Commerce and Industry, and key security sectors within the National Police such as Immigration Department, Marine Police Unit, Border Patrol Unit and legal representatives from the office of the PNLT Commissioner.

A final revision of the MoU and ToR was signed by authorized delegation from relevant agencies in the presence of the Vice Minister of Finance, USA Chargé d'Affairs and CA Commissioner on 19 October 2023 for further implementations.

### CA Secretariat team led and organized important meetings.

As part of the ongoing support from USAID/Timor-Leste Trade Governance Activity, CA team had taken a good initiative in leading, coordinating and organizing important events such as meetings with their relevant stakeholders working in trade area. The recent evidence from the secretariat team's collaboration had been shown in the current BMC and CTCC meetings held within the month of August and September 2023.

The CA secretariat team is being led by Mrs. Rosa Cruz, the National Director for Administration, Finance and Logistics, with a total of 8 members within the secretariat team. The team collaborate

well in tasks sharing and leading the meeting events smoothly. The team also agree to have an immediate internal valuation meeting after comp-letting any meetings in order to improve any gaps identified in the preparation and during in the events day.

The secretariat team appreciated the collaboration from the USAID/Timor-Leste Trade Governance Activity team for keep supporting them along the process organizing any events.

"It has been a great opportunity to work more closely with you all from USAID team and that by having this type collaboration, we will get familiar to each other in the day to day activity and keep up the good work gong further" said Mrs. Rosa Cruz .