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Q1: TITLE OF CASE STORY

European Union provides training to Papua New Guinea's Customs to benefit from the EU – PNG Free Trade Agreement

Q2: CASE STORY ABSTRACT

In December 2014, European Union customs and origin experts trained 40 government officials on the correct implementation of the rules of the PNG – EU Trade Agreement, the Interim Economic Partnership Agreement (iEPA). The capacity building mission aimed to work with PNG customs counterparts to strengthen the control systems and help correctly implement the preferential rules in the interest of the country. The training also fostered closer collaboration between PNG Customs and the National Fisheries Authority and key implementing agencies. This activity is the first of a series of activities of the EU funded Trade Related Assistance Programme to PNG (EUR 6.7 million or 20 million PGK). The TRA 2 program is implemented by PNG government under the leadership of the Department of Trade Commerce and Industry.

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Q3: LONG DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE STORY

European Union Customs and Origin experts arrived in Papua New Guinea on the 3rd of December to deliver a Capacity Building Training and to monitor the implementation of the rules of the PNG – EU Trade Agreement, the Interim Economic Partnership Agreement (iEPA).

Papua New Guinea obtains 100% free market access to the European Union for all its products under the bilateral trade agreement (the Interim Economic Partnership iEPA). The idea is that free market access helps products "made in PNG" to find a lucrative market and helps to create jobs and income in Papua New Guinea.

In force since 2011, the agreement has resulted already in an increase of PNG exports to the EU to €987 million in 2012 (over 3 billion PGK), most of which is non-minerals exports (fisheries and marine resources, coffee, cocoa, tea, vegetable oils, spices and rubber) and in the creation of some 40,000 jobs in PNG in the fisheries sector alone. The Union has become Papua New Guinea's second export market, accounting for 9.2% of total exports.

For the trade agreement to function properly, it is important to make sure that exports are indeed from Papua New Guinea and therefore benefit the country. The risk is that other countries just use the label and name of Papua New Guinea to benefit from free access to Europe. In this case, jobs and income are created elsewhere but not here.

This is why PNG customs has an important role to play in watching over the origin of products exported to the European Union. PNG customs certifies the origin.

The mission of European Union customs and origin experts aimed to work with their PNG customs counterparts to strengthen the systems in the interest of the country. The training also fostered closer collaboration between PNG Customs and the National Fisheries Authority, which also took part in this exercise.

One outcome has been that PNG customs officials have been made better aware of the requirements concerning the export of frozen fish, for which exporters need to comply fully with the procedures and exporters must follow the applicable declarations and certificates. This will not only guarantee that benefits of PNG fish accrues to Papua New Guinea but also help better control catches and fish stock conservation in PNG waters.

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Follow up training sessions are being organised throughout the country targeted at regional customs officers and exporters.

The European Union will continue to work closely with PNG to help draw the maximum benefit out of the trade agreement for sustainable "green" development.

Q4: Please add here web links to project/programme materials.

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/papua_new_guinea/press_corner/all_news/news/2014/20141209_en.htm

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Q5: YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

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Q6: FUNCTION

Public sector

Q7: FUNDING PARTNER Tick the appropriate box(es)

Bilateral donor

Q8: Additional information

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Q9: START DATE OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME

03/04/2014

Q10: STATUS OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME

On-going

Q11: DURATION OR, IF ON-GOING, EXPECTED DURATION OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME

3-5 years

Q12: COST OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME

Between US\$5 million and US\$10 million

Q13: Additional information

The EU funded Trade Related Assistance Programme to PNG phase 2 aims to contribute, through an increase in international trade, to PNG sustainable economic growth and development ultimately leading to poverty alleviation.). The program has 3 components: 1: Institutional reform and capacity development 2: Trade policy development and 3: Trade facilitation. The activity implemented with PNG Customs falls under the third component. It is a 4 year program, started in 2014. The total budget is EUR 6.7 million or 20 million PGK, with the EU contribution to the tune of EUR 6 million through the 10th European Development Fund, the rest being co-funded by PNG government.

Q14: TYPE OF FUNDING FOR PROJECT/PROGRAMME

Grant

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Q15: PROJECT/PROGRAMME TYPE

Single country / customs territory

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Q16: SINGLE COUNTRY/CUSTOMS TERRITORY	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
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Q17: REGION(If the region does not appear in the drop down menu, please enter manually.)	Pacific Islands
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Q18: MULTI-COUNTRY(Enter all countries or customs territories)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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Q19: CASE STORY FOCUS Tick the appropriate box(es)	Other (please specify) Training for a correct implementation of rules of origin of the EU - PNG interim Economic Partnership Agreement. For the trade agreement to function properly, it is important to make sure that exports are indeed from Papua New Guinea and therefore benefit the country. The risk is that other countries just use the label and name of Papua New Guinea to benefit from free access to Europe. In this case, jobs and income are created elsewhere but not here. This is why PNG customs has an important role to play in watching over the origin of products exported to the European Union. PNG customs certifies the origin
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Q20: HOW SUCCESSFUL WAS THE PROJECT/PROGRAMME Tick the appropriate box(es)	On-going project
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Q21: WHAT WERE THE OUTPUTS OF THE PROJECT/PROGRAMME Tick the appropriate box(es)	Officials trained
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Q22: Additional information(maximum 300 words)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q23: WHAT WERE THE OUTCOMES OF YOUR PROJECT/PROGRAMME Tick the appropriate box(es)

Other (please specify)
correct implementation of rules of origin under the EU - PNG free trade agreement

Q24: Additional information(maximum 300 words)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q25: WHAT WERE THE IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT/PROGRAMME Tick the appropriate box(es)

Other (please specify)
PNG benefits from the EU - PNG free trade agreement

Q26: Additional information(maximum 300 words)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q27: LESSONS LEARNT Tick the appropriate box(es)

Importance of engagement by private sector ,
Importance of agreeing clear project implementation responsibilities
,
Importance of political will and commitment by project partner

Q28: Additional information(maximum 300 words)

Respondent skipped this question

Q29: PROJECT OR PROGRAMME MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK Tick the appropriate box(es)

M&E framework used, Ex post evaluation