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Activity	Comment
<p>To facilitate the task force meeting on development of regional examination policy for the East Africa Customs Freight Forwarding Certificate (EACFFPC). FEAFFA Secretariat, which is funded by USAID-COMPETE, is coordinating implementation of the above programme.</p> <p>Achieved 100%</p>	<p>The retreat was at held Source du Nil, Bujumbura, Burundi on 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and was sanctioned by the EACFFPC Curriculum Implementation Committee (CIC). CIC set up the task force to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop regional examination policy</li><li>• Develop framework for the implementation of the Certificate of Competence (COC) implementation</li><li>• Trainers' enhancement programme</li></ul> <p>It was attended by 15 officers from both the EAC Revenue Authorities and national freight forwarding associations. A regional examination policy is critical in order to ensure harmony and uniformity of practice across the region. Furthermore, Burundi does not have an examination infrastructure hence needs support of the region to conduct examinations.</p> <p>At the end of a week-long retreat, the following draft documents were produced and await adoption/refinement by CIC:-</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional examination policy</li> <li>• Implementation framework for COC</li> <li>• Trainers enhancement programme</li> </ul> <p><i>This activity was funded by Trade Mark East Africa.</i></p> <p><b>Annex 1: Adopted documents</b></p> <p><b>Annex1.1: Group photo</b></p>
<p>To hold the FEAFFA Executive Board meeting</p> <p>Achieved 100%</p>	<p>The first board meeting in 2011 was held on 4<sup>th</sup> July at Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi. 10 out of 11 Board members attended.</p> <p>The Board dwelt with the following matters among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explored possible intervention to strengthen management of the affiliate national associations.</li> <li>• Resolved to develop a leadership code to govern both the leaderships of the national associations and the FEAFFA Board.</li> <li>• Resolved to lobby for the EACFFPC training to be anchored under the EAC Directorate of Customs.</li> <li>• Reviewed the relationship between JICA and the Federation.</li> <li>• Explored strategies of making the Federation self-sustaining.</li> </ul> <p><b>Annex 2: Photos</b></p>
<p>To attend the meeting of the Regional Customs Transit Guarantee (RCTG) Management Committee</p>	<p>The meeting was organized by COMESA Secretariat to review implementation of the RCTG, a regional trade facilitation instrument. It approved the proposed development of a training module for the RCTG and recruitment of a manager for the programmed among other things. It also evaluated implementation of the programme. The meeting was facilitated by COMESA Secretariat with the support of USAID. The full report of the meeting is attached.</p> <p><b>Annex 3: Group photo</b></p> <p><b>Annex 4: Report of the meeting.</b></p>
<p>To launch the regional Freight Forwarders Code of Conduct</p>	<p>In fulfillment of this constitutional requirement, FEAFFA with the support of USAID - COMPETE developed a</p>

	<p>Regional Code of Conduct to regulate professional conduct of Clearing and forwarding agents in East Africa. The Code of Conduct has been endorsed (signed) by all the Commissioners of Customs in the five Revenue Authorities of the Region, Director of Customs at the EAC Secretariat among other key industry regulators and actors.</p> <p>With further support from USAID- COMPETE, FEAFFA organized a regional launch of the Code of Conduct as the first step towards its implementation. The function was held at Sankara Hotel – Nairobi and was presided over by the Minister for East African Cooperation of the republic of Kenya on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011.</p> <p>Annex 4: Photos Annex 4.1: Full Report</p>
<p>To participate in regional task force meeting on establishment of an EAC Single Window, Nairobi</p>	<p>The task force has been set up to fast track established of a regional Single Window. The meeting was attended by participants from all the five countries of EAC including development partners. It was convened by EAC Secretariat. The task force came up with the proposed structure of consultation at national and regional level including the composition of the working groups that will steer national initiatives.</p>
<p>To market and publish the regional directory of freight forwarders. This is a self-sustaining activity.</p>	<p>This is a continuing activity and the directory is expected to be in the market in August 2011. So far, orders amounting USD 25,000 have been secured. However, being the first issue, selling advertising space has been quite a challenge and this has occasioned delay in outputting the directory.</p>
<p>To Partner with the Revenue Authorities in the Region and the World Customs Organisation (WCO) regional office on Trade Facilitation to sensitize freight forwarders on the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) programme and enhance its uptake.</p>	<p>The FEAFFA secretariat is in the process of sourcing for funding for this activity</p>
<p>To Publish a handbook on cargo clearance covering the various borders in the EAC Region.</p>	<p>A concept note has already been developed and submitted to COMPETE seeking funding of this activity. The handbook/manual will be border-specific while an online version will comprehensively cover the entire region. The handbook is expected to be available in both soft and hard forms.</p>