

The Islamic Republic of

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Afghanistan



- Location: Asia
- Country Capital: **Kabul**
- Main Cities: Kandahar, Herat, Mazar-E-Sharifi, Jalalabad
- Population: 21,968,000 & Area: 652,090 km²
- Currency: 1 New Afghani = 100 puls
- Languages: Pushtu, Dari (Persian)
- Religions: Sunni Muslim, Shiá Muslim

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's country report

- Top points to be covered:



Customs History Brief



Major Functions & Activities

- a. Organizational structure and chart
- Functions and responsibilities
- Major customs modernization activities



Customs tariff collection system

- Tariff collection system introduction
- Major challenges and existing problems

The Customs History

- Afghanistan a country of more than 5000 years of history. This country has been a developer of several different cultures, traditions, religions, and has huge civilization & education background.
- Its first name Ancient Ariana, later named Khurasan and now THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. Arians were the first people in the world that established cities. Bukhdi (Balkh) is one of the famous cities of that ancient time, which is still exists in Afghanistan & built high towers. Also developer of 3 different Religions in the region as Buddhism, Brahman, & Zurdashat, and finally after hardship introduced to Islam.

- Afghanistan for its geo-political location, rich natural resources, wonderful beauty been many times under attacks of conquerors, like Alexander the great, British, Russians & others. Sometimes it had been part of another territory or a large parts of other territories added to Ariana/Khurasan territory. A country with freedom/peace loving people, but always struggled for their rights & freedom. Never accept any foreign rule or occupation.

- Once Afghanistan was main land road trading route as famous Silk Road. During the time of Great Emperor King Ahmad Shah Abdali later famous as King Ahmad Shah Durrani. Emperor Durrani in year 1747 selected as King by high Council of elders (Loya Jirga). During his emperorship had conquest many neighboring regions & 8 times attacked India and the famous war between Afghans & Indians took place is Pani Pat. Which 300 – 500 hundred Thousand Indian warriors faced only 60,000 Afghan warriors & Afghans' captured Delhi, but the King Durrani gifted to a Mogol king. Customs tariff taking from goods entering and existing Afghan territories started and trade was highly prompted and traders/businessmen was engaged.



- Meanwhile, tax collection is also planned and started by the direct order of king to increase state revenue. But these tariff and tax collection was not in a formal and developed way as it is today. During all regimes corrections are made into Afghan customs tariff rates for the betterment of traders and general public and the government. Now Afghanistan is a member of World Customs Organization (WCO). Afghan Customs also practice same standards as WCO and we also have ASYCUDA system in most of our customs.



What **is** ASYCUDA?



- ASYCUDA is a computerized customs management system which covers most foreign trade procedures. The system handles manifests and customs declarations, accounting procedures, transit and suspense procedures.
- ASYCUDA generates trade data that can be used for statistical economic analysis.
- The ASYCUDA software is developed in Geneva by UNCTAD. It operates on micro in a client server environment under UNIX/Linux and DOS operating systems and RDBMS Software.
- ASYCUDA takes into account the international codes and standards developed by ISO (International Organization for Standardization), WCO (World Customs Organization) and the United Nations.
- ASYCUDA can be configured to suit the national characteristics of individual Customs regimes, National Tariff, legislation,...
- ASYCUDA provides for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) between traders and Customs using EDIFACT (Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport) rules.
- P. S. More information on ASYCUDA can be found in Ministry of Finance, Customs website:
 - <http://www.customs.gov.af/Asycuda/asycuda.asp>
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Major Functions & Activities



Afghan Customs

- As you saw in the Afghanistan's map, we're neighboring with several countries. First I am naming the customs Border wide:



Nimroz province, Milak border with Islamic Republic of Iran.



Qandahar province, Espin-Boldak with Islamic Republic of Pakistan.



Heart province, Torghandi, Islam Qala with Turkmenistan & Iran.

 Andkhoi city, with Turkmenistan

 Mazar-E-Sharif city, Hiratan with
Uzbekistan.

 Kundoz province, Shair Khan Bandar with
Tajikistan.

 Takhar province, I-Khanom with Tajikistan

 Badakhashan province, Isha-ka-sham,
Shegh-nan with Tajikistan.

- Three additional customs check post wit
Pakistan, Tajikistan & China in our fiscal
year 1387 established and soon will be
open.

Afghan Customs – Province wise

 Kabul Customs

 Kunor Customs

 Ninghahar Customs

 Pakiya Customs

 Pakitka Customs

 Khost Customs

 Nimroz

 Qandahar Customs

 Farah Customs

 Badghis Customs

 Heart Customs

 Andkhoi Customs

 Mazar-E-Sharis Customs

 Kundoz Customs

 Takhar Customs

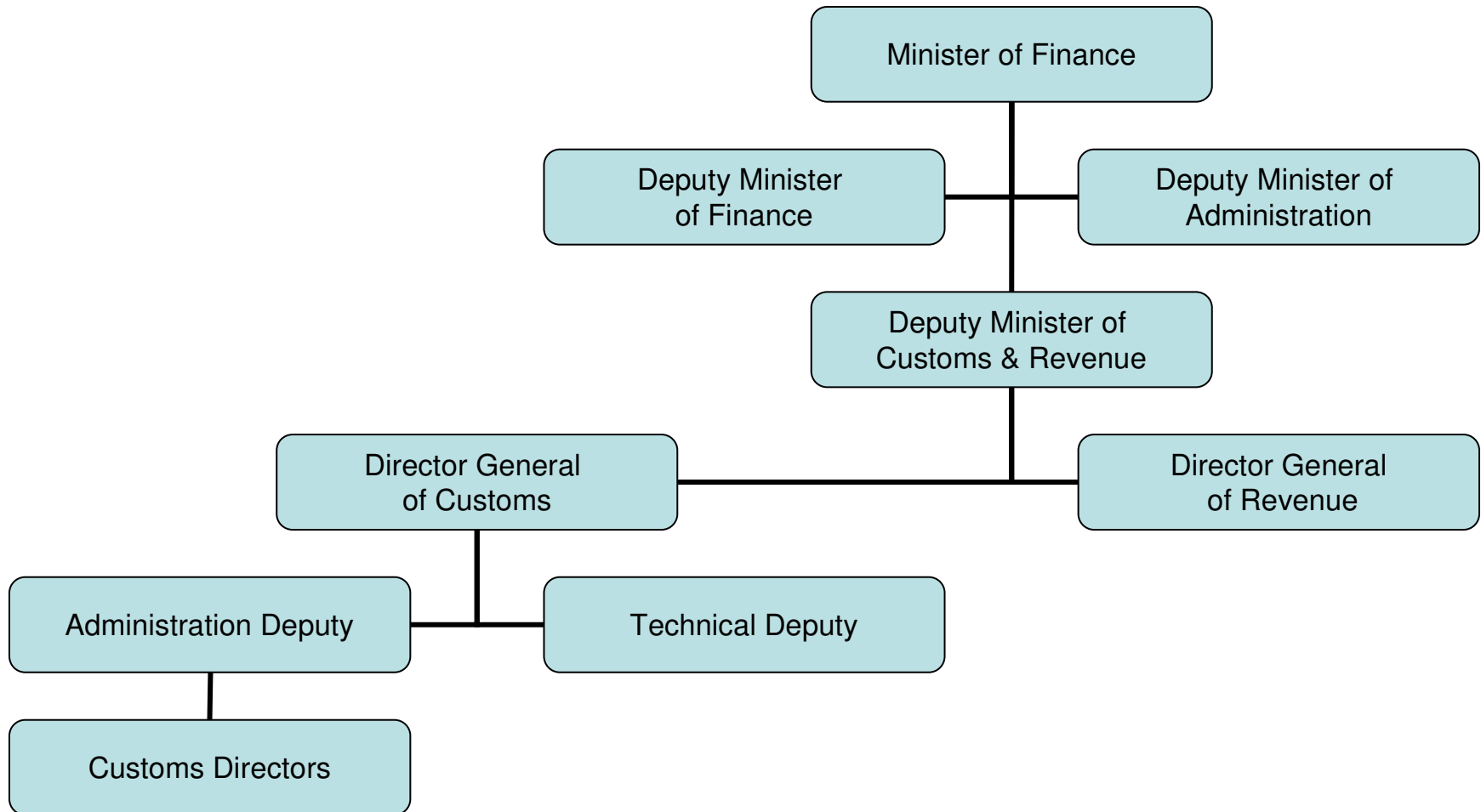
 Badakhshan Customs

 Kabul Airport Customs

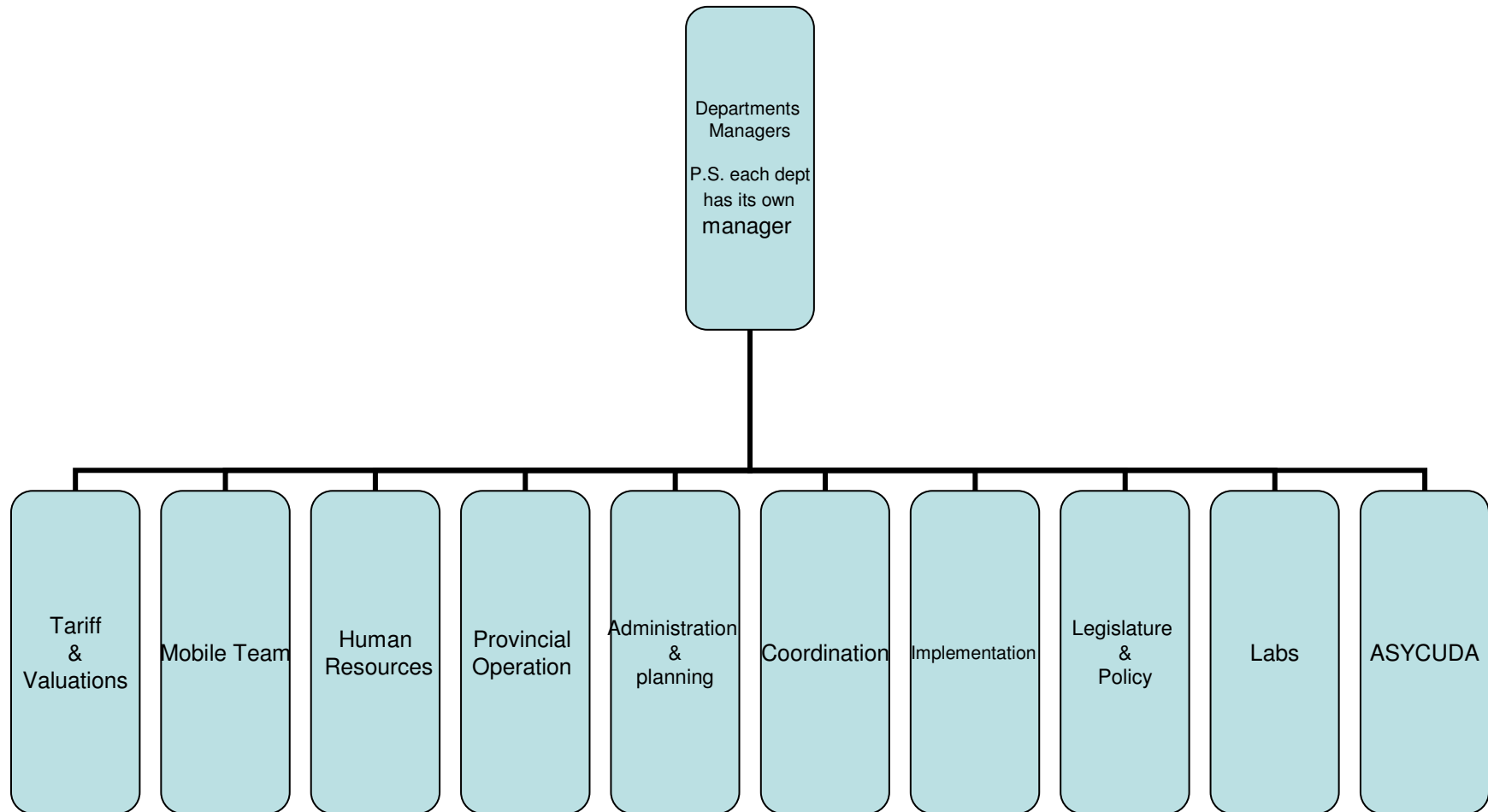
Afghan Border Customs

-  Torkham
-  Islam Qala
-  Torghondi
-  Shair Khan Bandar
-  Milak
-  Spain Boladak
-  Ghulam Khan
-  I-Khanom
-  A-Qina
-  Hiratan

Afghan Customs **Organizational** Structure



Internal Customs Departments



Functions and responsibilities

- H. E. Dr. Anwar-Ul-Haq Ahady Minster of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has assign authority to the Deputies, DGs as decentralized power sharing and Management by Objective (MBO). Each Deputy, & DG know his duties & responsibilities accordingly.

Reporting Line

- Reporting is systemized vertically as bottom-to-top. Top-authority is the Minister that the final important information must be pass to him and also in the most important cases is the decision maker.

Afghan Customs Modernization

- Computerization of all Ministry of Finance and specially Customs department.
- Establishment of ASYCUDA system.
- Re-building of many new customs houses, warehouses, personnel training.
- New Scanner Machines procurement.
- Providing Training for brokers.

Afghan Customs Tariff

- Afghanistan in the past six years, adopted Free Market Economy. MoF encouraged (es) liberalized trade, lowest tariff rate in the region comparing to our neighboring countries. Afghan Customs Tariff rate has been set up according to WCO standard and we successfully implementing it. Afghanistan became WCO & WTO member.
- *P.S. more information on Afghan Customs Tariff rate is available in the website:*
- <http://www.customs.gov.af/Tariff/Tariff.asp>

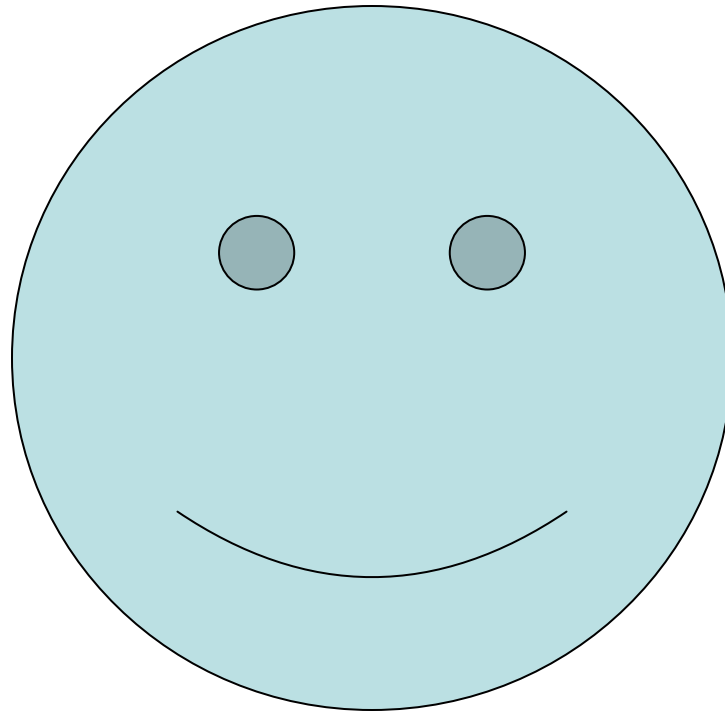
Major challenges and existing problems

- More need for professional & skilled personnel
- Anti smuggling
- Anti Drugs Trafficking
- Quality Control Lab



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- Thank You so Much!!!



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