

# **Customs Reforms and Key Priorities**

**Government of Afghanistan**

**Ministry of Finance**

**Deputy Ministry Customs and  
Revenue**

# Agenda

- Why Custom Reform?
- Achievements of Afghan Customs
- Future Plans – Next 5 Years
- Challenges
- Recommendations

# Why Customs Reforms?

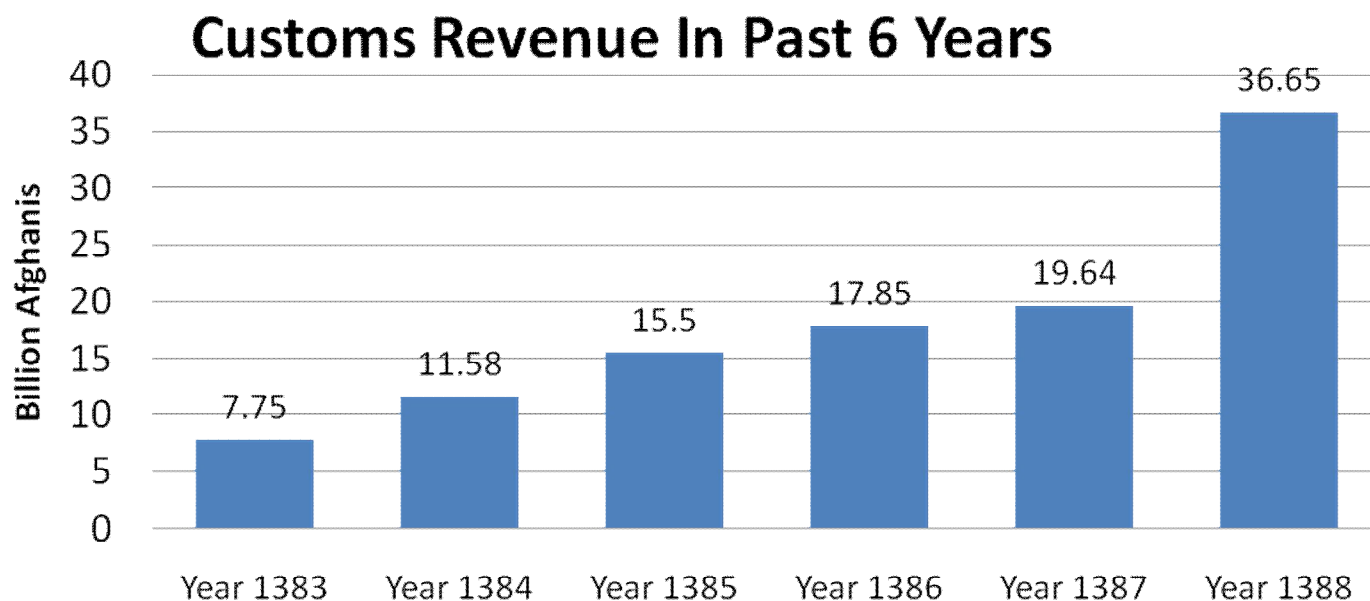
- Customs Reform is High on the Agenda of the Government of Afghanistan
- Mobilization of Fiscal Resources Essential for the Fiscal Sustainability of Afghanistan
- Customs Reforms Essential for Trade Facilitation and Economic and Social Development

# Achievements of Afghan Customs Department

Reform Initiated in Afghan Customs

Department in 2002-2003

➤ Raised Revenue



# **Achievements of Afghan Customs Department**

## **Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures**

- Introduction of Modern Customs Law
- 27 Customs Procedures Finalized and Approved
- Exemption Regime Revised
- Harmonized System of Classification of Goods  
Implemented (HS 2007)
- Methods of Valuation Implemented
- Membership of WCO

# Achievements of Afghan Customs Department

## Automation of Customs System

- Implementation of the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA )
  - DPS Module
  - Transit Module
  - Brokers Module
  - Valuation Module
- Accelerated Processing of Customs Documents
- Official Correspondence through internet
- Enhanced Revenue Collection
- ASYCUDA Implemented at 7 Transit Routes

# **Achievements of Afghan Customs Department**

## **Post Clearance Audit and Risk Management**

- Post Clearance Audit Established in 5 Major Custom Regional Offices
- Risk Management Module Integrated into ASYCUDA

# **Achievements of Afghan Customs Department**

## **Combating Corruption**

- Robust HR Management and Transparent Recruitment System in Place
- Enforcement Mechanism in Place
- Disciplinary Action Taken Against Corrupt Staff



# Future Plans – Next 5 Year

- Existing Customs Procedures Revised and New Procedures Introduced
- ASYCUDA Implementation Planned in All Customs Stations in Next 5 Years
  - Additional modules such as international transit and bonded carrier
- Implementation of Post Clearance Audit Function in All Customs Offices
- Single Window Assessment

# Challenges

- Non-availability of Adequate Infrastructure and Equipments in Customs
- Lack of laboratories in Customs
- Retention of Talented Staff Due to Low Incentives Compare to Other Organization
- Worsening Security Situation in Some Customs Areas
- Weak Capacity
- Corruption
- Interference of Other Organizations in Customs Affairs
- Structural Reform

# Recommendations

- Develop Modern Infrastructure
- Implement the Customs Law and Regulation Uniformly in all Customs Territories
- Limit the Role of Investigating Bodies
- Raise Salary and Improve Incentive System
- Improve Capacity
- Improve Cooperation with Neighboring Countries
- Speed up Measures Against Corruption

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