



IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCE TOGETHER !

**Facilitating importation and Customs
clearance of relief items during disease outbreaks**

Help Logistics - IFRC - World Customs Organization - International Humanitarian City – ITU –
MSF Belgium - OCHA – Save the Children – UNCTAD – WHO

1. ROLE OF CUSTOMS

Role of Customs:

- Protect borders from illegal traffic and smuggling activities, including counterfeit medical supplies
- Ensure the speedy and efficient importation of relief goods



2. PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

Advocacy:

- Ratify international conventions and adopt national legal framework
- Enhance information sharing of Customs procedures for humanitarian settings
- Provide capacity building support to Customs Administrations
- Strengthen collaboration and coordination at national and regional level

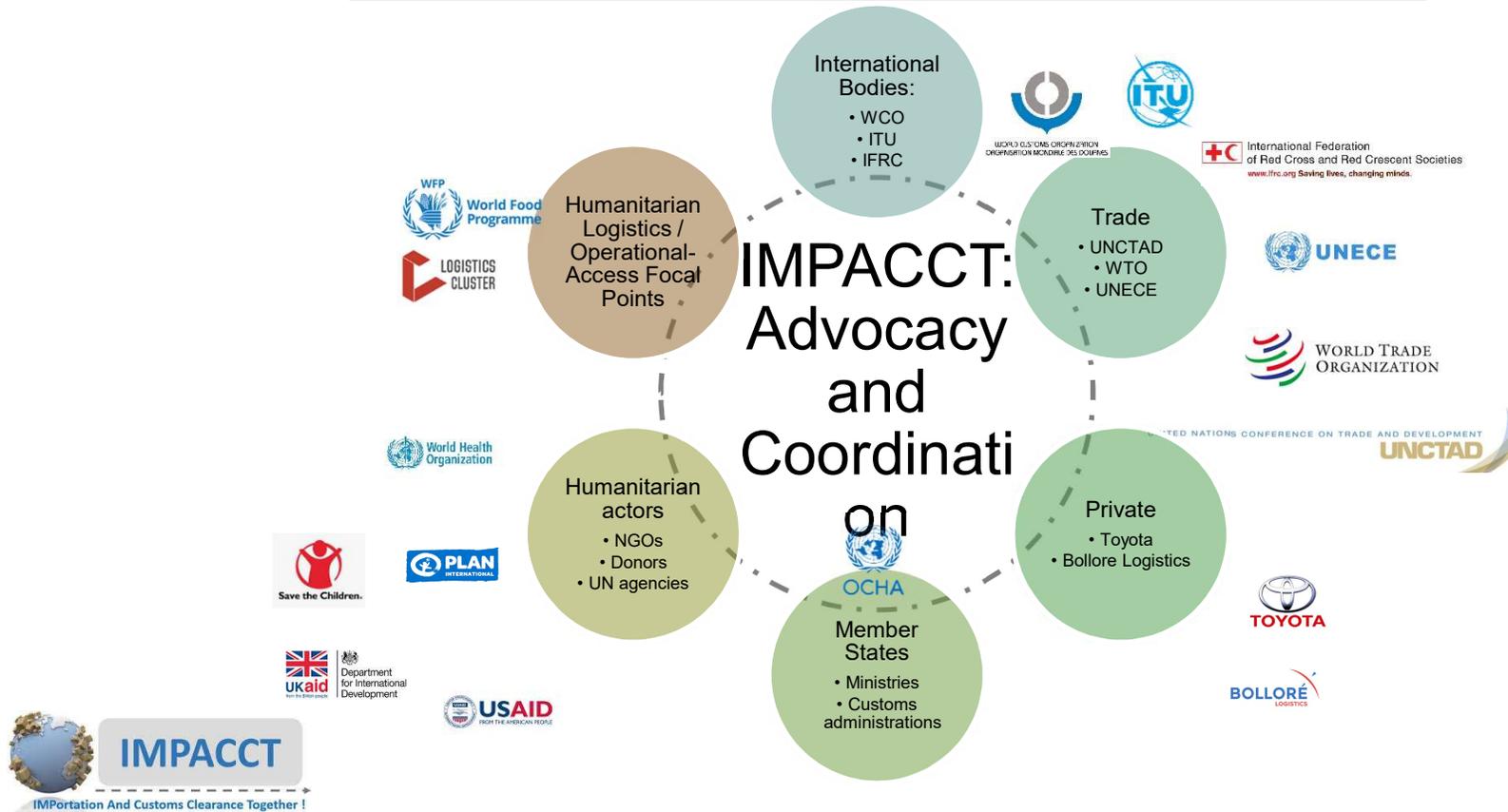
Objectives:

Minimize bureaucratic Customs access impediments

Enable rapid humanitarian response



IMPORTATION OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: WHO IS INVOLVED?



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The screenshot shows the homepage of the World Customs Organization (WCO) website. At the top left is the WCO logo and the text "World Customs Organization / Organisation Mondiale des Douanes". To the right is a language dropdown menu set to "English - English", and links for "Sitemap", "Contact Us", "RSS feeds", and "FAQ". A search bar is located below these links. A blue navigation bar contains the following menu items: "ABOUT US", "MEDIA", "ONLINE SERVICES", "TOPICS", "EVENTS", "MEETINGS", and "SIGN OUT".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a "COVID-19" section with a sub-link "WCO updates" circled in red. Below this is a video thumbnail titled "Temporary export control measures" showing a 3D model of a coronavirus. The right column features a video player titled "Message of the Secretary General on the Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019)". The video shows the WCO Secretary General speaking, with a play button overlaid on the center. Below the video player is the caption "Message of the WCO Secretary General on the Coronavirus".



Response to COVID-19

- HS Classification reference for COVID-19 medical supplies
- List of contact points in Member Customs administrations (restricted access to the list)
- Members' best practices

Response to COVID-19

- Provide guidance to Customs administrations and cross border agencies to guide them as to how to better communicate on Customs facilitation measures for the importation of medicines and medical equipment
- Provide guidance to humanitarian operators as to how to direct their efforts, addressing questions the operators must ask themselves



3. Advocate for SMART borders for disaster relief with ASYREC:

- Secure
- Measurable
- Automated
- Risk Management based
- Technology Driven



3. Questions

- How to enhance our collaboration with existing platforms to avoid any duplication of efforts?
- What are your needs ?
- Your priority countries?





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