



Current Situation of Drug Law Enforcement in the Maldives

MALDIVES CUSTOMS SERVICE





Strategic Plan 2020-2024

Focus Area 3 – Facilitation And Risk Management

Strategy: 3.4 Strengthen and enhance Risk Management in Customs to achieve a holistic system that effectively facilitate legitimate cross border movements while ensuring compliance and control





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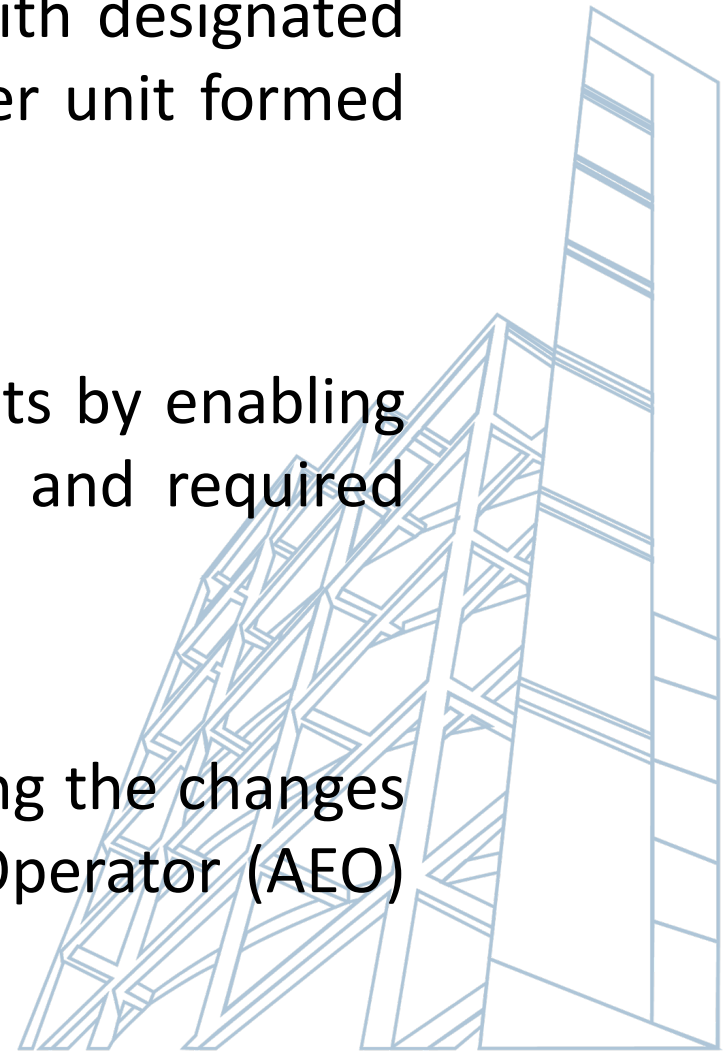
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Milestone	Responsible Section/ Division	KPI	Outcome	Time Frame
Formulate and implement policies according to WCO Framework of Standards on cross-border e-commerce (2018)	Strategic Management Section	Policies implemented according to Framework of Standards on cross-border e-commerce	Facilitate E-commerce services	Mar 2020

MCS initiatives undertaken to facilitate postal-customs corporations:



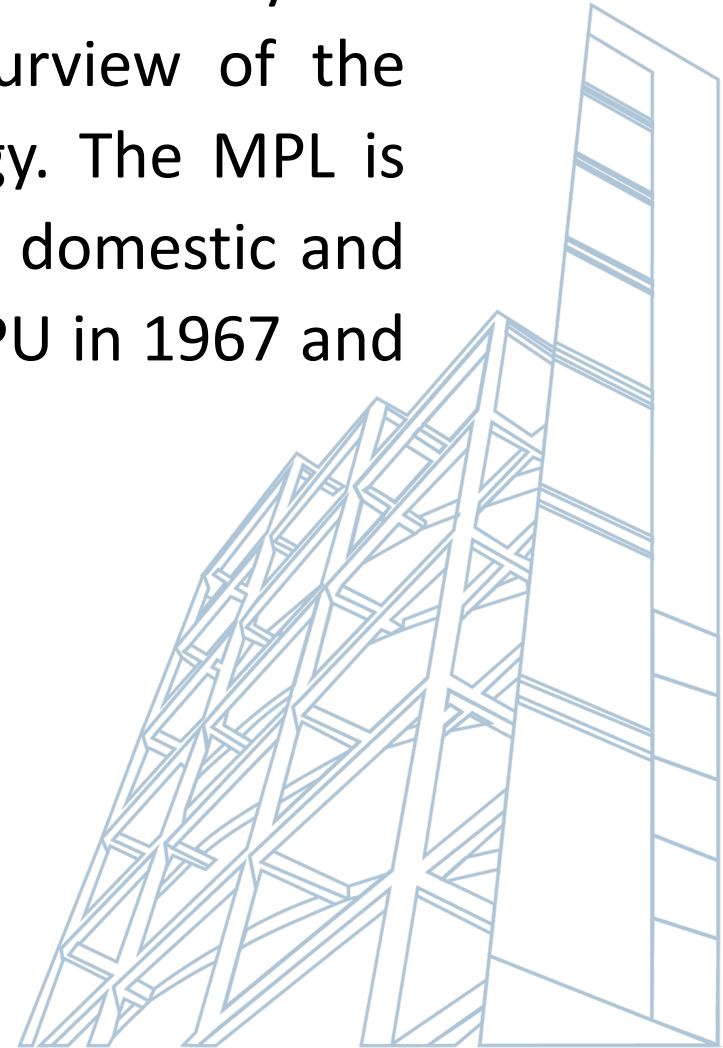
- Have specific Section under the organization structure with designated supervisors assigned for Postal goods and recently courier unit formed to focus specifically for such goods.
- MCS encourages pre-arrival processing of postal shipments by enabling advanced electronic submission of customs declarations and required documentation.
- MCS have formalized all the legal requirement and bringing the changes to the systems used to introduce Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programs.





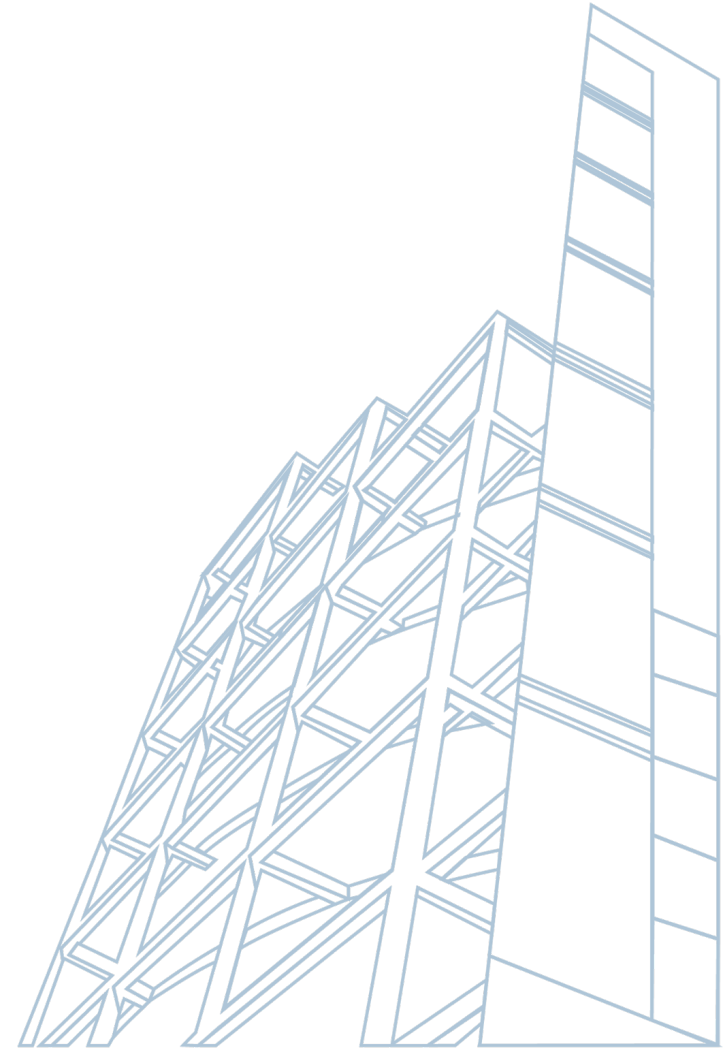
UPU & Maldives:

- In the case of the Maldives, the postal services are administered by the Maldives Post Limited (MPL), which falls under the purview of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology. The MPL is responsible for the provision of postal services, including domestic and international mail. Maldives Post became a member of UPU in 1967 and ever since than participated the congress of UPU.
 1. Harmonized Data Standards
 2. Integrated Information Systems
 3. Risk Management Collaboration
 4. Identify clear mandates and roles



Challenges:

1. Threatening & Sensitive mail sent through the postal system is a serious matter that requires immediate attention



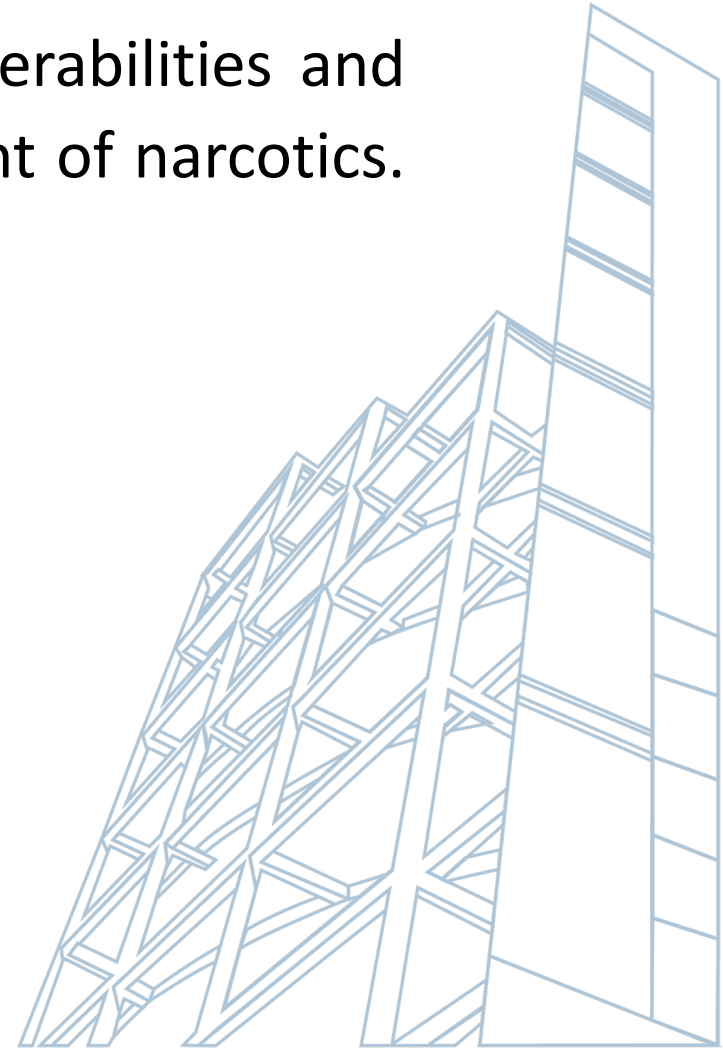


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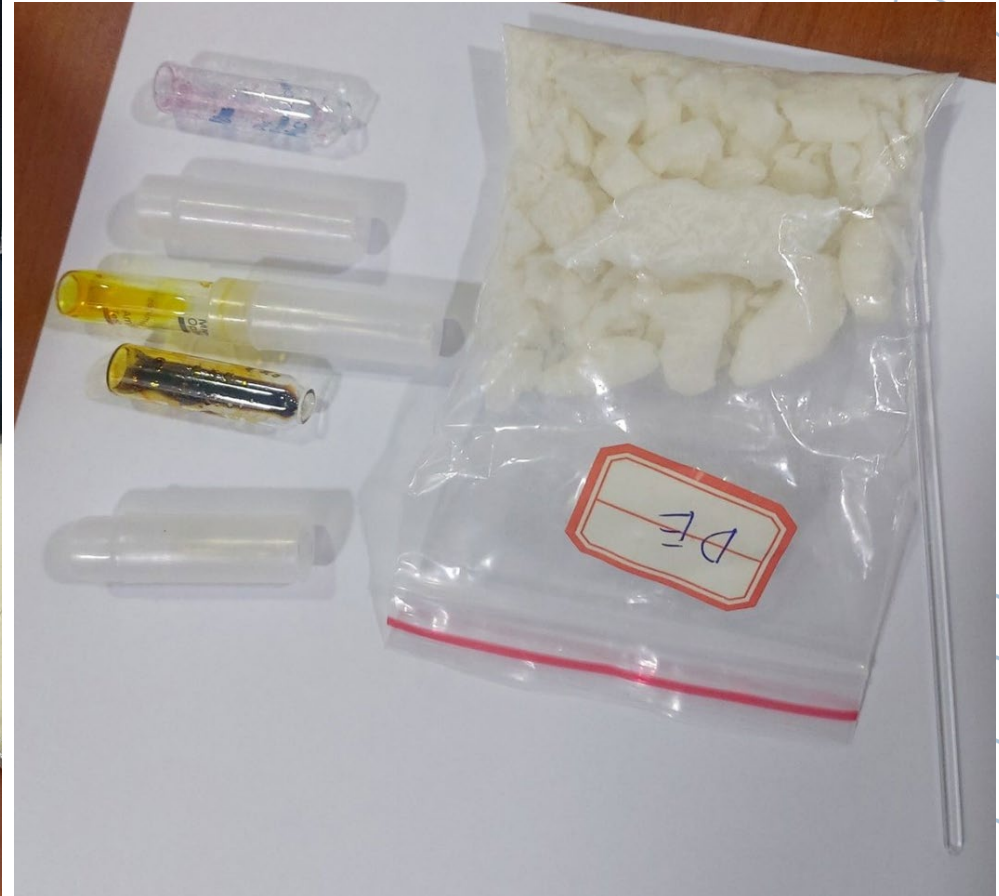
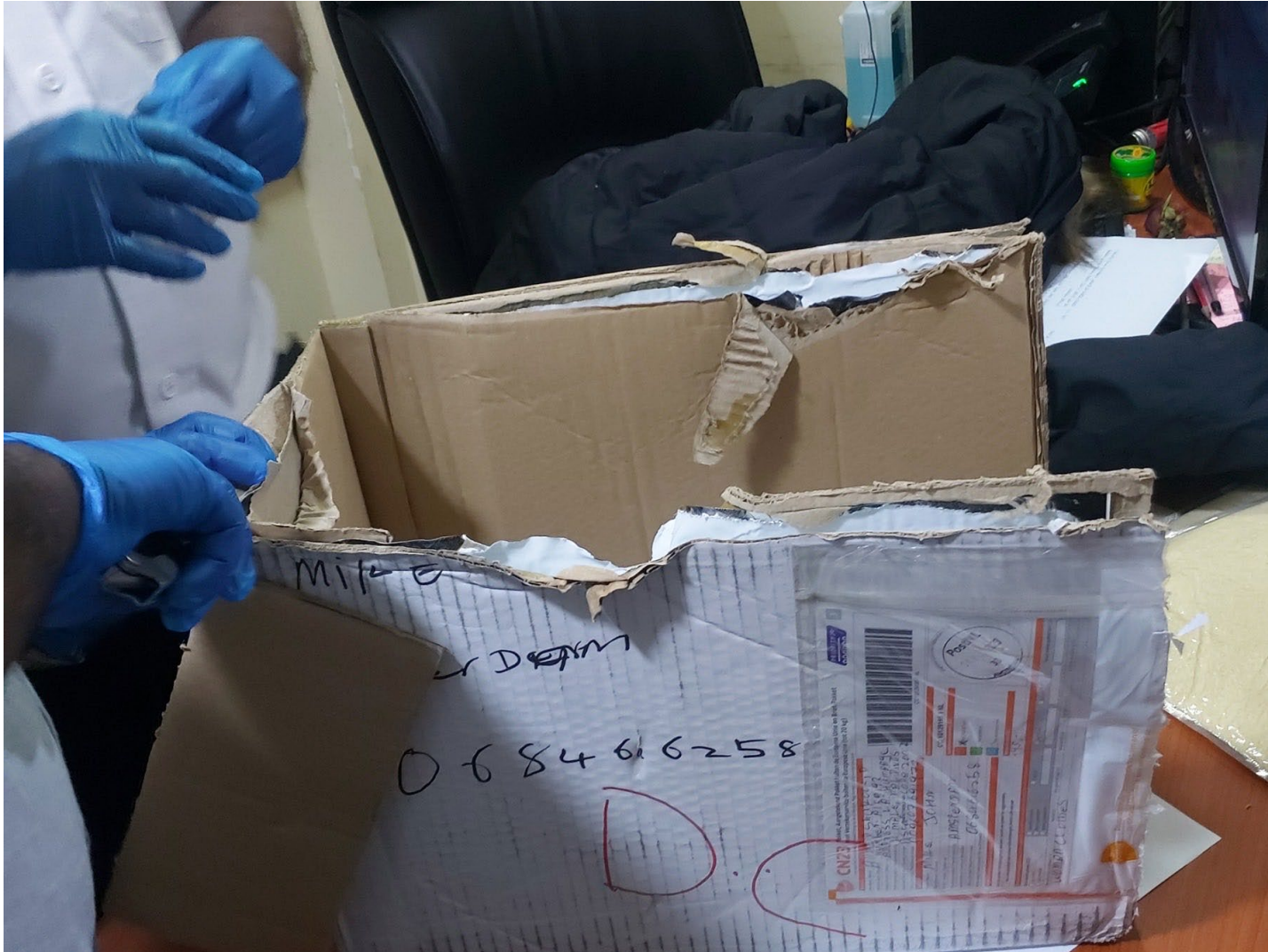
2. Exploitation of Postal Systems to facilitate the movements of narcotic
Criminal networks take advantage of the inherent vulnerabilities and complexities of postal systems to facilitate the movement of narcotics.

These include:

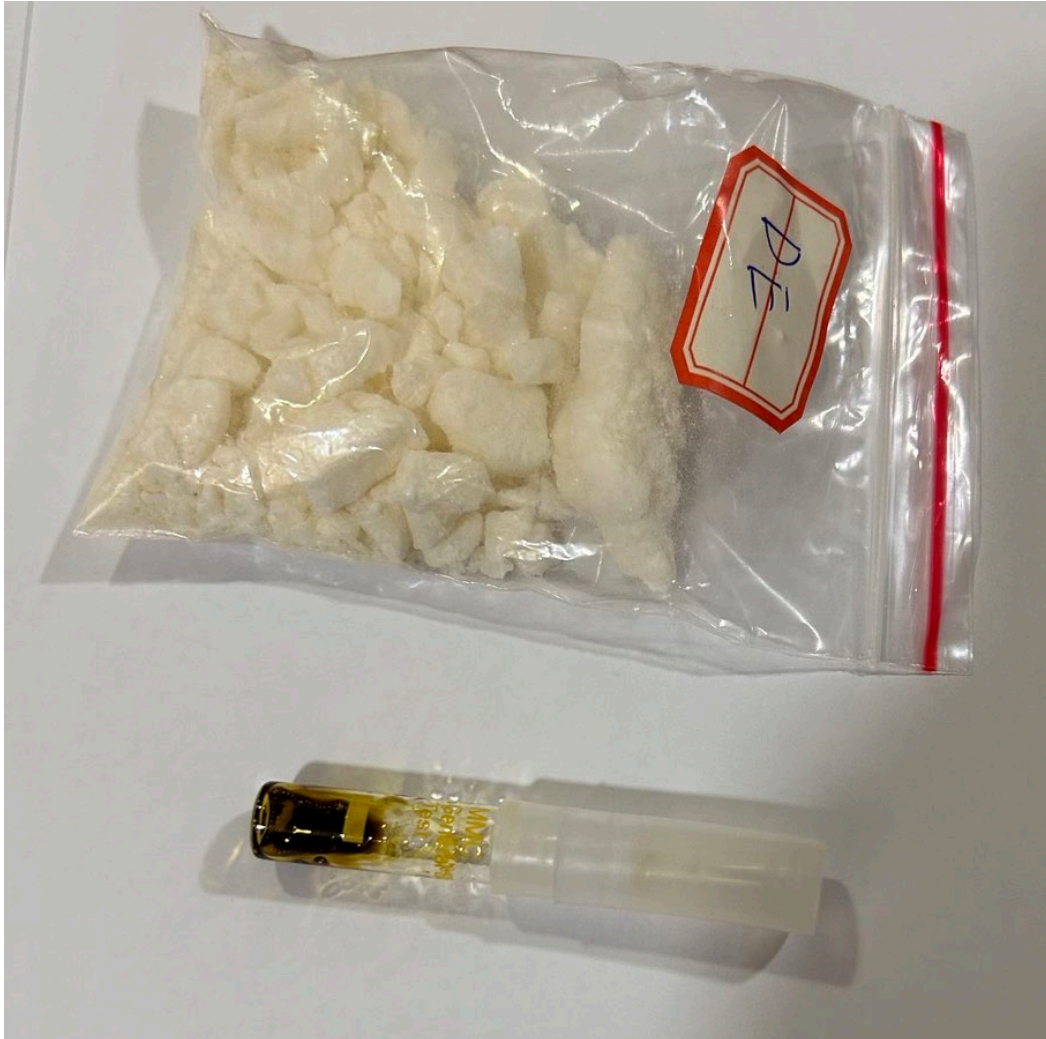
- Anonymous Sender Information
- Concealment Techniques
- Bulk Shipments



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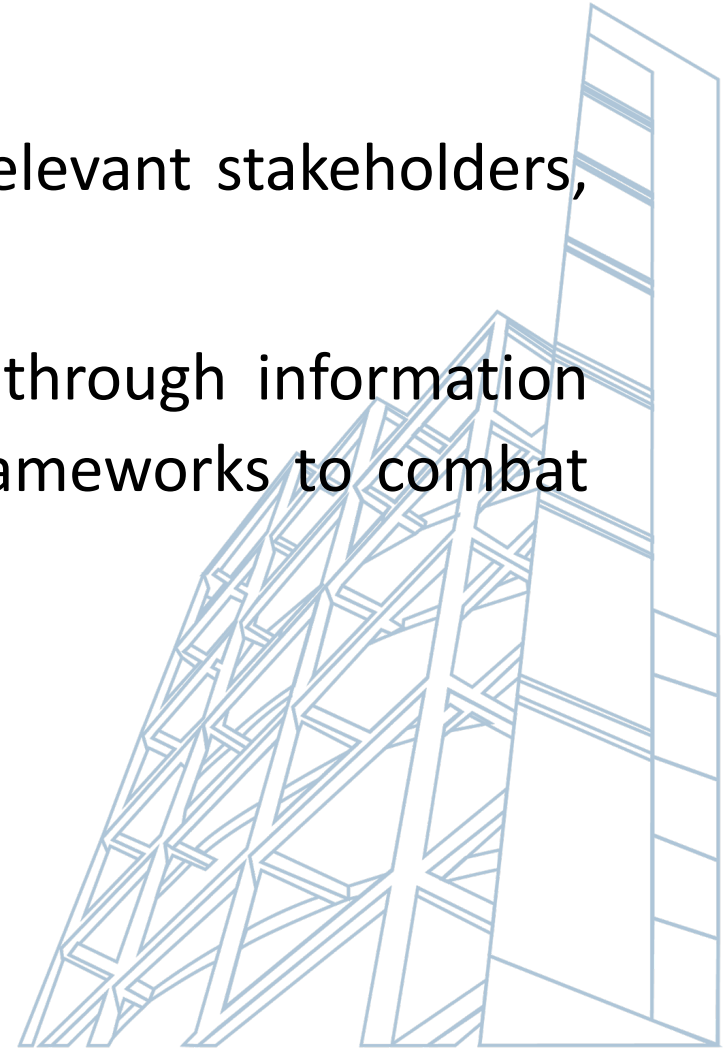




Proposed ways to combat the challenges:

It is essential to establish a coordinated response among relevant stakeholders, including:

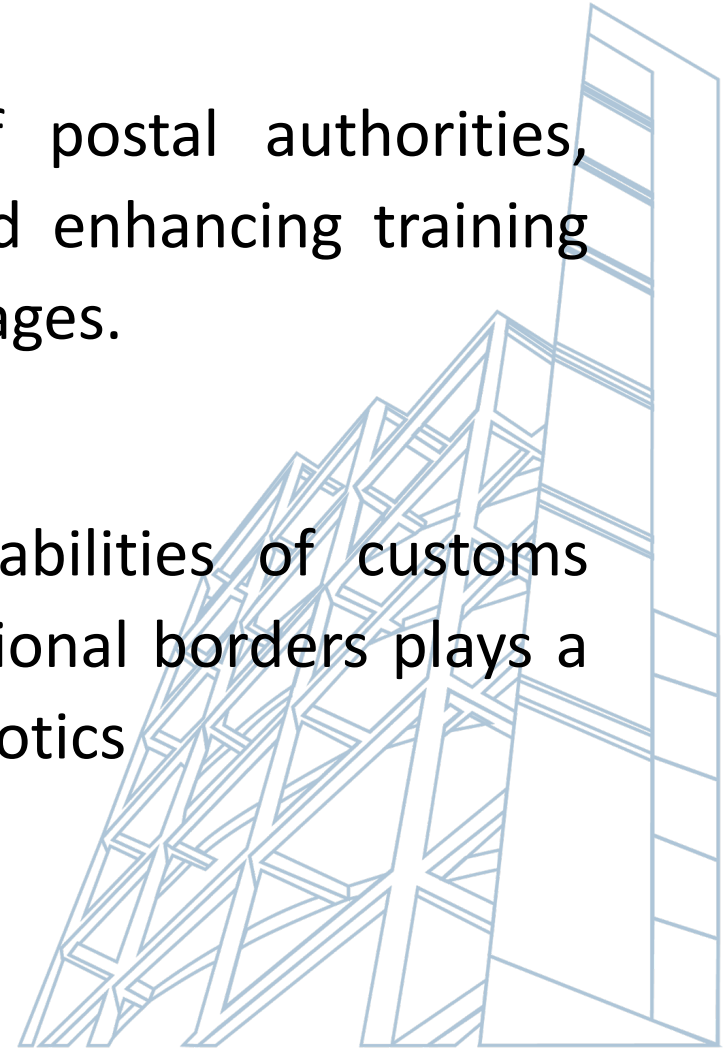
- **International Cooperation:** Countries must collaborate through information sharing, joint operations, and the harmonization of legal frameworks to combat this global issue collectively.





Proposed ways to combat the challenges:

- **Postal Authorities:** Strengthening the capabilities of postal authorities, providing them with advanced detection technologies, and enhancing training programs are crucial in detecting and intercepting illicit packages.
- **Customs and Border Protection:** Enhancing the capabilities of customs agencies to identify and interdict illicit packages at international borders plays a crucial role in preventing the cross-border movement of narcotics





Thankyou

