

6th WCO Global AEO Conference

**ADVANCING WOMEN
EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AEO
PROGRAMMES:
ADDRESSING GENDER RELATED
BARRIERS IN GLOBAL TRADE**

Directorate General of Customs
of the Dominican Republic

Authorized Economic Operator

INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY WITHIN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S AEO PROGRAMME

- ESTABLISHMENT OF THE **SIMPLIFIED AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATOR PROGRAM.**
- DGA'S SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF **THE SEAL EQUALIZING DR.**
- **PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS THAT PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY: GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR TRADE FACILITATION – “DRIVING INCLUSIVE TRADE: EMPOWERING SMES AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES TO SEIZE NEARSHORING AND GLOBAL VALUE CHAIN OPPORTUNITIES”.**

THE IMPACT OF AEO INITIATIVES IN EMPOWERING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS AND BUSINESS OWNERS.

- INCLUSION WITHIN THE ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN OF THE AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATOR, ACTIVITIES RELATED TO FEMALE LEADERSHIP WITHIN ITS FUNCTIONS. **EXAMPLE: AEO WORKSHOPS LEADING BY WOMEN IN THE LOGISTICS INDUSTRIES.**
- COMPONENT 2 – SIMPLIFIED AEO CERTIFICATIONS FROM THE PROJECT **“DRIVING INCLUSIVE TRADE: EMPOWERING SMES AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES TO SEIZE NEARSHORING AND GLOBAL VALUE CHAIN OPPORTUNITIES”.**

STRATEGIES FOR FURTHER INTEGRATING GENDER-RESPONSIVE APPROACHES INTO THE AEO PROGRAMME TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC CHALLENGES FACED BY WOMEN IN THE TRADE SECTOR.

- **SUPPORT/LEADERSHIP FROM TOP MANAGEMENT** (ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS, ENSURE PROVISION OF THE RESOURCES NEEDED)
- **RAISING AWARENESS ON ISSUES RELATED TO THE AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATOR**, FOCUSED ON SMES/ASSOCIATIONS LED BY WOMEN.
- **ESTABLISH IN THE WORK PLANS OF THE AEO PROGRAMS**, ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROMOTING THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND ACCESS TO TOOLS TO STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN OF THEIR COMPANIES.

NEXT STEPS – AEO/DOMINICAN CUSTOMS



The Training Workshop on AEO Requirements and Audit – June 2024.



Continue working on the project “ Driving Inclusive Trade: Empowering SMEs and Women Owned Businesses to Seize Nearshoring and Global Value Chain Opportunities”. (Achieve the goal: 35 AEO Simplified Companies).



Raise awareness through private sector associations.

CLOSING REMARKS

CHALLENGES IN TRADE

**CONTINUE PUBLIC
PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP**

**EXCHANGE BEST
PRATICES / PROJECTS**

THANK YOU!

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