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# TCBoost to hold Post Clearance Audit Training the Trainers Program

## **New Post Clearance Audit Handbook to be launched at regional training in Dominican Republic**

Following the official launch of USAID's Post Clearance Audit (PCA) Handbook in October, the TCBoost Project will hold a regional train the trainer program in the Dominican Republic. The handbook is part of a series aimed at helping developing country customs authorities modernize according to international best practices in customs reform and project management.

The November training will be implemented in partnership with the IADB and the WCO, and will be hosted at the WCO's Regional Training Center in Santo Domingo. The training will draw from USAID's handbook on Post Clearance Audit and will also utilize training materials focused on providing in depth training on the technical skills needs to conduct an audit. Over the course of the five days, mid-level customs professionals will be provided with training that will first review the basics up a post-clearance audit unit, including the operational and legal structure necessary for PCA to function according to international standards. The training will then do a deeper dive into how to conduct an audit, focusing on skills such as planning and preparation for individual audits and interview techniques. The aim of this training will be to provide the participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to train staff in their respective administrations on post clearance audit while also communicating the purpose of PCA as a trade facilitator and not an additional burden to simply impose on traders.

Following the training, participants will have not only completed the program themselves, but will be expected to train their fellow comptrollers and other audit staff, using the training program provided. They will then provide an update to USAID and its partners on number trained by January 2012. The PCA train the trainers manual, once finalized, will also be provided as a supplement to the PCA handbook.

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