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# GREEN CUSTOMS

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# TODAY'S CRASH COURSE ON GREEN CUSTOMS



WHY?



WHAT?



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HOW?

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Change: [Vital Signs of the Planet](#)



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# The New York Times

Source for the Record

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## 'Smashed': summer of 2023 the hottest ever recorded

The climate crisis and emerging El Niño event pushed up temperatures and drove extreme weather across the world

In the summer of 2023, no matter where you lived, it was difficult to ignore how our shifting climate has upended many rites of the season.

This map depicts global temperatures how much warmer or cooler different regions were than average. Credit: NASA's Earth Observing

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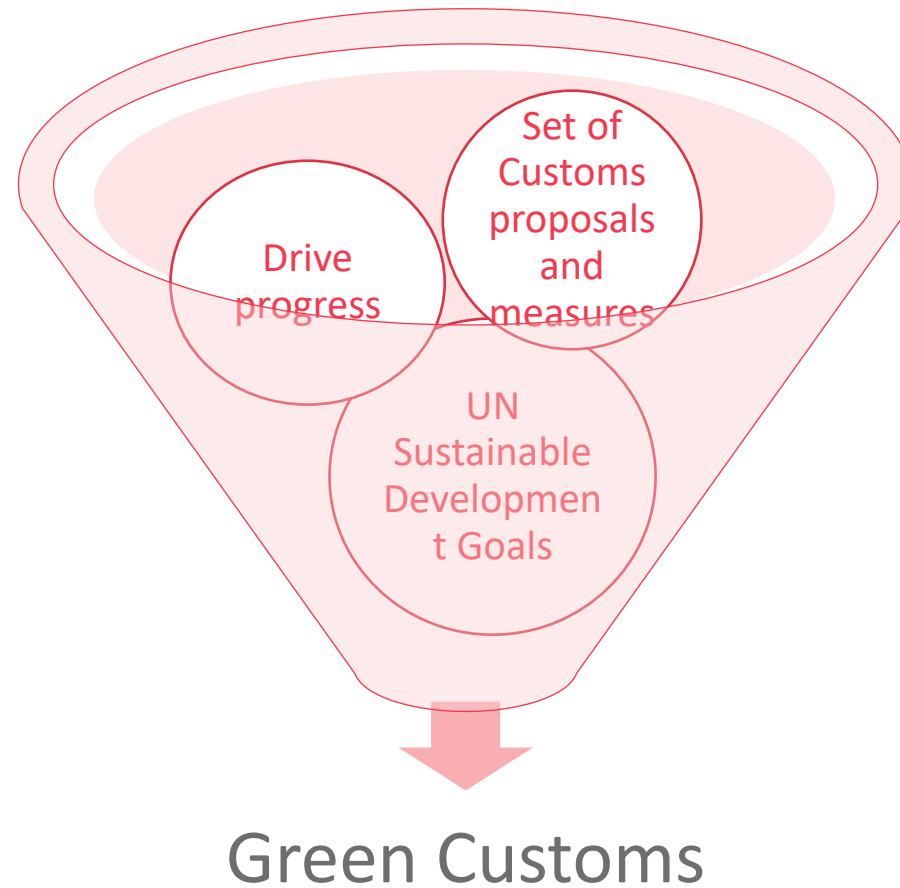
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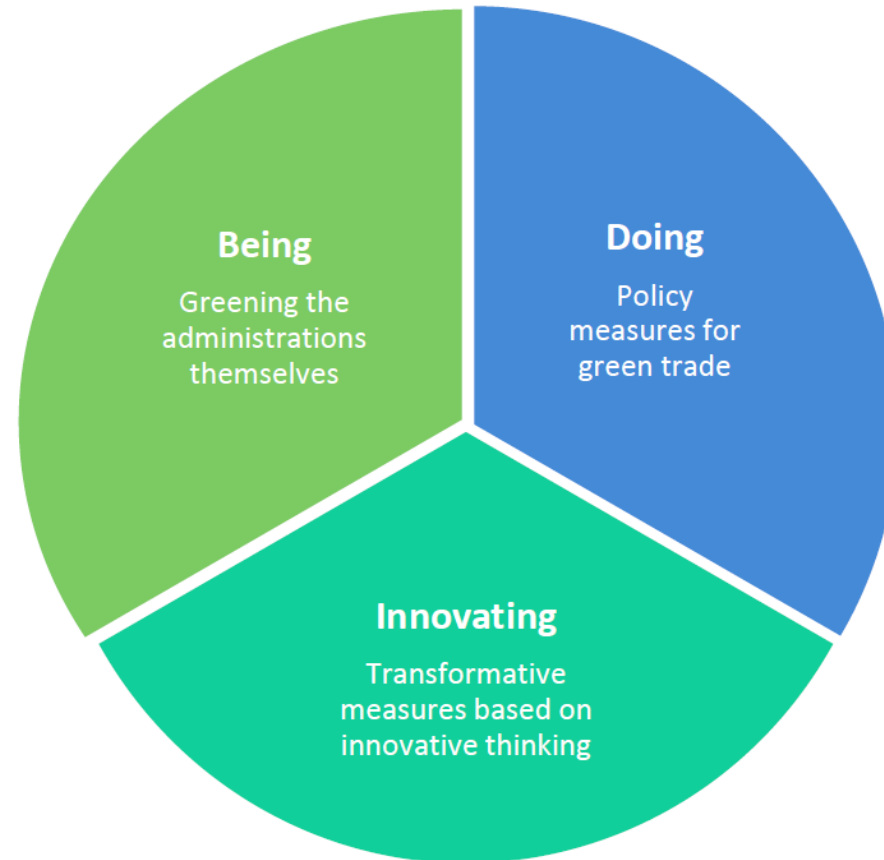


# WHAT IS GREEN CUSTOMS: DEFINITION





## GREEN CUSTOMS: BEING, DOING, INNOVATING





# WHO? THE GLOBAL CUSTOMS COMMUNITY

## WCO VISION





# HOW? WCO GREEN CUSTOMS ACTION PLAN

## Being

- Carrying out a stocktake of practices
- KPIs and tools to measure environmental performance
- Capacity building to green the Customs administrations themselves
- Guide to educate staff on how everyone's contribution counts
- Familiarize Customs officials with the principles of sound environmental management

## Doing

- Carrying out a stocktake of measures to green trade
- Greening WCO tools
- Incorporating green objectives in the work programmes of WCO working bodies
- Raise awareness of the circular economy, waste, IPR, and improve the related capabilities
- Enhance collaboration with other regulatory agencies
- Foster regional cooperation
- Joint operations
- Promote the use of the WCO Customs Enforcement Network (CEN)

## Innovating

- Collect experiences in implementing green disruptive technology and innovative working methods to promote intelligence-led cooperation
- Study on Circular Economy and the implications for Customs administrations
- Research workshop on Customs and the environment to prepare for COP28
- Explore key topics in partnership with academia
- Share experiences on the impact on Customs of implementing mechanisms to reduce carbon leakage



## WCO PUBLICATIONS

- [June publication on Circular Economy](#)
- “**WCO Position Paper on Green Customs**”, a communication from the global Customs community to international society to explain the former’s contribution to environmental issues and the importance of involving Customs in environmental policy development
- Still to come... ***Exploratory Study on a Possible Strategic Review of the Harmonized System (HS)***. The symposia series on Visualizing a greener HS was used as form of input into the Study, in exploring whether the HS classification system can support the international environmental agenda.





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