

GTS partners with WCO ESA RILO to launch Website

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The Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Eastern and Southern Africa (RILO ESA) is a Regional Centre for collecting and analysing illicit trade information as well as dissemination of information throughout the Global Customs Enforcement Network (CEN). The WCO ESA Regional Intelligence Liaison Office (RILO) launched their new online presence **www.wcoesarilo.org** on Monday 20th July 2020.

The event was celebrated with support and remarks from the WCO Secretary General, Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, the Commissioner General (Zimbabwe) and host of the RILO ESA, Ms. Faith Mazani, Head of the RILO, Mr. Sitheni M. Ncube, MD of GTS - Global Trade Solution, Ms. Louise Wiggett and WCO ESA Vice Chair (Botswana), Mr. Philiso P. Valashia.

You can view the virtual ceremony via YouTube - **<https://youtu.be/4JefloDtoj8>**
Read the WCO article - **WCO article 20 July 2020**

The WCO ESA RILO online presence will go a long way in ensuring that the general public appreciates their efforts and can contribute to the cause of fighting smuggling which is rampant in the region. The online presence will enhance the compliance and enforcement activities in the region through greater sharing of information and best practices and increased interactions among the RILO National Contact Persons (NCPs) through the new secure platform.

The development of the WCO ESA RILO online presence, as well as the capacity building which includes the training and skills transfer to all of the Regional NCPs has been achieved through the partnership and support of GTS.

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“The importance of looking after Africa’s animals and the scarce natural resources in the region is something that is very close to our hearts and which we are very passionate about both from an organisational and personal perspective. This initiative is also an excellent example of how powerful a public/private partnership collaboration can be and is the result of excellent collaboration and teamwork from various participants in the region.” Louise Wiggett, GTS.

