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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: WCO Call for Papers from Customs officials on Academic/Policy research-reg.**

The undersigned is directed to inform that the World Customs Organization (WCO) has invited research/policy proposals in its Call for Papers in any subject of research that is related to Customs policy and operations. This includes the core functions of Customs administrations, namely revenue collection, fraud detection, anti- smuggling, border security and trade facilitation, as well as emerging trends such as data analytics, disruptive technologies, the circular economy and fragile borders.

2. Applicants must be Customs officials and they may submit proposals in maximum 500 words. The proposal should include the motivation for and objective of the research, the data sets and methodologies to be used, and possible outcomes. The PICARD Scientific Board members will select the successful proposals and notify the applicants by 30 May 2023.

3. The selected applicants will draft their research/policy paper under the supervision of a faculty member, or members, at the University of Victoria's Borders in Globalization (BiG) Lab. Please note that the supervision includes the selected applicants' participation in a week-long course (either online or in-person) namely (i) Modern Border Management: Trade and Customs or (ii) Artificial Intelligence in Border Management given by the University of Victoria's BiG Lab during the second half of July 2023, with a tuition waiver (for one of the courses) supported by the Korea Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF Korea). The selected applicants funded by CCF Korea must complete their paper by 15 October 2023. Papers submitted by that date will be considered for publication in the Borders in Globalization Review journal.

4. The submission should include the following details:

- Name, title and biography (maximum 250 words) of researcher or researchers.
- Current position, organization and country of researcher or researchers.
- Contact email address and telephone number.
- Proposed title of contribution.
- Proposal (maximum 500 words)

Papers should be submitted in accordance with the following requirements:

- Arial font size 11.
- In English or French.

5. It is requested to forward submissions in prescribed format for the WCO Call for Papers from Customs officials on Academic/Policy research by **e-mail to [indiaawco-cbec@nic.in](mailto:indiaawco-cbec@nic.in)** on or before **30.04.2023**. The submission should be a self-contained document containing all the details as specified above, and may be submitted in both .pdf and .doc formats.

6. It is requested that the officers be advised not to send their academic/policy research paper proposal to WCO directly. Further, they should not enter into any correspondence with WCO in this regard. The suitable submission/s will be finalized after requisite approvals.

Yours faithfully,

(Vivek Kumar)  
Deputy Commissioner

To,

All Members of CBIC  
All Pr. Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners of Customs and  
Customs (Preventive)  
All Pr. Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners of Customs and Central  
Tax  
All Pr. Directors General/ Directors General  
All Joint Secretaries/Commissioners working in the Board  
Web Manager, CBIC with request to upload it on the CBIC website.