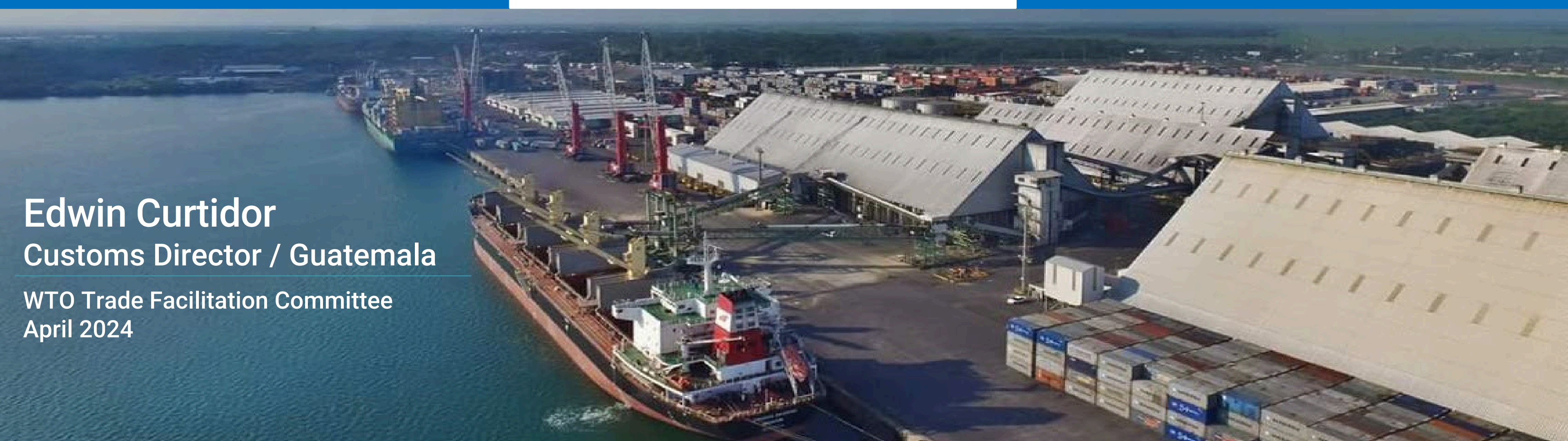


DIGITALIZATION

Port Processes in Guatemala



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Project Profile



01

OBJECTIVE

Simplify and automate ship arrival and departure procedures, to increase competitiveness.

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ASSISTANCE

Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation.

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AUTHORITIES

Customs, Harbormasters, Health, Immigration, and Agriculture.

04

PRIVATE SETOR

Assoc. (ASONAV), APM Terminals (Maersk), Chiquita Brands, Chamber of Intl. Transport Users, Chamber of Industry.

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BUDGET AND DURATION

\$ 0.6 Million

May 2021 – May 2024

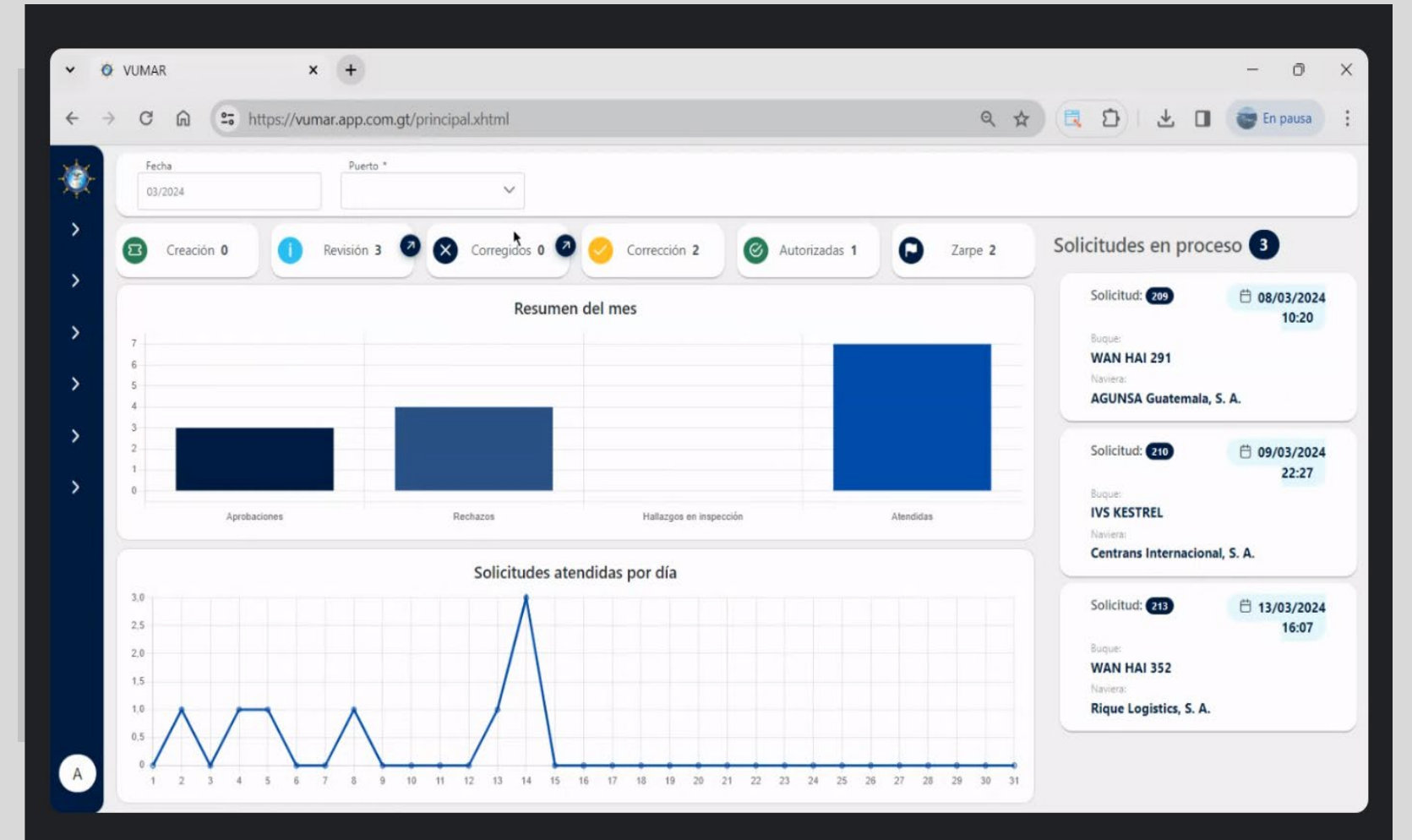


Key Activities



Phase I: Process reengineering

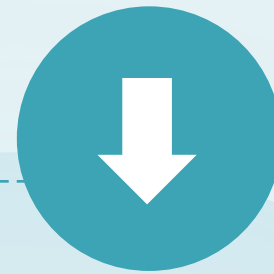
Gap analysis with best practices and international standards (FAL 65 - OMI). Inter-agency and public-private collaboration for design and adoption of new procedures. .



Phase II: Digitalization

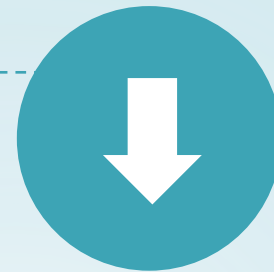
Inter-agency agreement on adoption of the Maritime Single Window (VUMAR) and public-private collaboration for Development of tailor-made system. Acquisition of computers for agencies with lower IT capabilities.

Benefits



From \$1,482 to \$221

Cost of each process.



80%-94%

Average process time reduction.



21%

Increase in capacity of Guatemala's Port System to service ships, from current volume of 3,175 per year to 3,842 with VUMAR.



Savings \$4 M per year (est.)

Combining private and public sector, based on current quantity of ships entering Guatemala's Port System.



1.5 M less sheets of paper

Eliminating an average of 10 printed copies of 16 documents (aver. 3 sheets each) per ship.

Transformación Digital del Sistema Informático Aduanero

Alignment with national strategy

Each project must consider interconnectivity and offer value for the country's digital environment. From the new maritime dispatch model to port community systems, foreign trade windows, and new computer platforms.

Focus on collaboration

Joint work between government agencies and with the private sector facilitates the adoption of technology and the transition to electronic processes. It also encourages creativity for additional improvements.



Digitalization best practices

Next steps



April 30, 2024
Official launch
VUMAR



May 2, 2024
Inauguration at
the ports



GATF Evaluation
-Impact and benefits
-Methodology and performance

