

ASYCUDA World — Iraq's AI-Assisted Customs Risk-Scoring Roughly Doubled Trade Revenue, Then Stranded Thousands of Containers

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Iraq

Quality score: 73/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Iraq's Customs Authority deployed UNCTAD's ASYCUDA World, whose newest generation adds AI-based risk-scoring to sort shipments into inspection channels. Revenue roughly doubled in 2024, but stricter, non-negotiable fees left about 76,000 containers uncollected.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability beyond pilot	3/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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