

WCO Global Transit Conference
10-11 July 2017, Brussels

Day 1, 10 July 2017

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09:00-10:15	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>(1) Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the World Customs Organization</i></p> <p>(2) Keynote Speeches</p> <p><i>H. E. Mr. Felix C. Mutati, Honourable Minister of Finance, Zambia</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Fekitamoeloa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of Office Of The High Representative For The Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries And Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Kenichi Tomiyoshi, Senior Vice-President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, Deputy Executive Secretary For United Nations Economic Commission For Europe (UNECE)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Wencai Zhang, Vice-President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)</i></p>
10:15-10:30	Launch of the WCO Transit Guidelines and photo session
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	<p>Europe and Asia – transit bridges two regions</p> <p><i>This session highlights regional initiatives in Asia and Europe, such as the 'One Belt, One Road' concept, and explains their dynamics. The EU's New Computerized Transit System is recognized as being a highly advanced transit system. The application of the UN TIR Convention in the regions also facilitates transit movement in both regions. The CAREC and other regional initiatives have shown tangible progress in the area of transit.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the WCO</p> <p>(1) High-level statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>H.E. Mr. Mukai Kadyrkulov, Minister in Charge of Customs Cooperation of the Eurasian Economic Commission</i> - <i>Ms. Bettina Vogl-Lang, Vice-Chair for the Europe Region and Deputy Director General, Austrian Tax and Customs</i>

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	<p>(2) Panel discussion on transit</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Susanne Aigner, Head of Unit A2, DG Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission - Mr. Ying Qian, Director of Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank - Mr. Hua Dong Li, Director, China Customs - Mr. Sergey Sokolov, Adviser of the Customs Legislation and Law Enforcement Practice Department, the Eurasian Economic Commission - Mr. André Sceia, Information Systems Officer, TIR secretariat, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe - Mr. Dmitry Zhukov, Head of the Directorate General for Organisation of Customs Clearance and Customs Control, Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation 		
13:00-15:00	Lunch Break	14:00-15:00	Side Event of UNECE/IRU on TIR Convention (room “Brussels”)
15:00-16:30	<p>Transit changes Africa – transit initiatives in Africa</p> <p><i>This session looks at various regional corridor initiatives in Africa. There are many Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Africa and they play key roles in effective transit and transportation there. These initiatives include the management of the One Stop Border Post (OSBP). The session discusses how such practices contribute to economic growth in Africa.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ernani Checcucci, Director of the Capacity Building Directorate</p> <p>(1) High-level statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H. E. Mr. Felix C. Mutati, Honourable Minister of Finance, Zambia <p>(2) Panel discussion on transit</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Bokang R. Mokati-Sunkutu, Senior Trade Facilitation Officer, African Development Bank - Mr. Alcides Monteiro is Programme Officer, the Secretariat of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) - Ms. Catherine Muhanguzi, Transit Monitoring Unit, Customs Department Uganda Revenue Authority - Mr. Felix Kwame Kwakye, Principal Programme Officer for Customs Procedures, the Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS) - Mr. Zerezghi Kidane, Senior Customs Affairs Officer, Trade, Customs and Monetary Affairs Division, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) - Mr. Pierre Alphonse Da, Director General of Customs, Côte d’Ivoire 		

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16:30-17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-18:00	<p>Landlocked to land-linked – voices of LLDCs and transit countries</p> <p><i>In this session, participants discuss various initiatives and strategies of LLDCs that may convert them from landlocked countries to land-linked countries. Panellists will share their perspectives on challenges for LLDCs and the importance of efficient transit procedures for their economy. The role of the transit countries is indispensable, and cooperation between landlocked and transit countries is of prime importance.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Gladys Mutangadura, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UN-OHRLLS</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Nkanga Shimwandwe, Acting Commissioner for Customs, Zambia Revenue Authority - Mr. Gosman Amrin, Deputy Chairman of State Revenue Committee of Kazakhstan - Mr. Nelson Valiente, National Director, Paraguay Customs - Mr. Sompasong Amphaengphai, Deputy Director of Customs Procedures and Formalities Division, Lao People’s Democratic Republic - Mr. Samson Uridia, Head of International Relations Department, Georgia Revenue Service
18:30-19:00	<p>Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the World Customs Organization and the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)</p>
18:30-20:00	<p>Reception</p>

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Day 2, 11 July 2017

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09:30-11:00	<p>Challenges and solutions for efficient transit</p> <p><i>This session focuses on existing challenges and solutions for transit facilitation in the context of regional integration. The session discusses how efficient transit regimes may contribute to regional economic integration, as well as inclusive and sustainable economic growth. The session also focuses on the prominent role of Customs administrations in streamlining complicated transit procedures.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ana Hinojosa, Director of the Compliance and Facilitation Directorate</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Didem Dirlık Songür, Head of Department for Multilateral Relations, Ministry of Customs and Trade of Republic of Turkey - Mr. Daniel Broekhuizen, Director, Accounting, Treasury and Tax, Toyota Motor Europe - Mr. Takeshi Kozu, Project Formulation Advisor for Transport, OSBP, Energy and Natural Resources, Japan International Cooperation Agency, South Africa office (JICA) - Mr. Umberto de Pretto, the Secretary General of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) - Mr. François Davenne, the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) 		
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30-13:00	<p>Enabling transit facilitation – support from partners</p> <p><i>The session will focus on the development aid available for transit facilitation initiatives. Participants will learn of the latest projects by development partners.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Mariya Sossedenko, Project Manager on Transit Guidelines, WCO</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raul Torres, Counselor Development Division, WTO - Mr. Erich Kieck, Senior Specialist, World Bank - Ms. Ai Wakamiya, Assistant Director, Planning and TICAD Process Division, Africa Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency - Ms. Dinara Dairabayeva Programme Advisor, Trade Facilitation in Central Asia, German International Cooperation (GIZ) - Poul Hansen, Officer in Charge Trade Facilitation section, UNCTAD - Ms. Brenda Mundia, Deputy-Director, Capacity Building Directorate, WCO 		
13:00-15:00	Lunch Break	13:10-14:45	Side event of the UN-OHRLLS at the Progress Hotel

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15:00-16:30	<p>Very technical but significantly important – Transit Guidelines</p> <p><i>The session brings together Customs experts on transit who contributed to the development of the WCO Transit Guidelines. The session reviews some of the key standards in the Guidelines, and Members' practices which may be of interest. In this session, participants will learn about the basic principles of the Guidelines and their main components.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Toshihiko Osawa, Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Farid Valiyev, WCO Technical operational advisor on transit, Azerbaijan - Mr. Hugo Mayer, WCO Technical operational advisor on transit, Austria - Mr. Fredrick Mpeusa, WCO Technical operational advisor on transit, Malawi - Ms. Mercedes Gomez Chavez, WCO Technical operational advisor on transit, Peru
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-17:30	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p><i>Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the WCO</i></p>

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