

**WCO Global Transit Conference**  
**10-11 July 2017, Brussels**

**Day 1, 10 July 2017**

Time	Topic
09:00-10:30	<p><b>Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p><b>(1) Opening remarks</b></p> <p>World Customs Organization  <i>Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the WCO</i></p> <p><b>(2) Keynote speeches</b></p> <p>Minister-level speakers from landlocked countries(TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zambia (TBC)</li> <li>- Austria (TBC)</li> <li>- Kazakhstan (TBC)</li> <li>- Bolivia (TBC)</li> </ul> <p>UN-OHRLLS  <i>Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, High Representative of the UN-OHRLLS (TBC)</i></p> <p>World Trade Organization  <i>Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director General of the WTO (TBC)</i></p> <p>Japan International Cooperation Agency  <i>Mr. Shinichi Kitaoka, President of JICA (TBC)</i></p>
10:15-10:30	<b>Launch of the WCO Transit Guidelines and photo session</b>
10:30-11:30	Coffee Break (Press conference in another room)
11:30-13:00	<p><b>Europe and Asia – transit bridges two regions</b></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: TBC</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Union (NCTS) (TBC)</li> <li>- Asian Development Bank (CAREC) (TBC)</li> </ul>

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13:00-15:00	Lunch Break
15:00-16:30	<p><b>Transit changes Africa – transit initiatives in Africa</b></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: TBC</p> <p><b>Presentation of the video on Transit (TBC)</b></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- African Development Bank</li> <li>- COMESA or SADC (TBC)</li> <li>- EAC (TBC)</li> <li>- ECOWAS or UEMOA (TBC)</li> <li>- Customs administrations of LLDCs</li> </ul>
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-18:00	<p><b>Landlocked to land-linked – voices of LLDCs and transit countries</b></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: TBC</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zambia (TBC)</li> <li>- Bolivia or Paraguay (TBC)</li> <li>- Lao People's Democratic Republic (TBC)</li> <li>- Kazakhstan (TBC)</li> <li>- Ivory Coast or Cameroon (TBC)</li> </ul>
19:00 – 21:00	<b>Reception</b>

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**Day 2, 11 July 2017**

Time	Topic
09:30-11:00	<p><b>Challenges and solutions for efficient transit</b></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: TBC</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Turkish Customs Administration (TBC)</li> <li>- International Chamber of Commerce (TBC)</li> <li>- Private Sector (TBC)</li> <li>- JICA (presentation on OSBP Sourcebook) (TBC)</li> <li>- GCC (GCC approach to transit facilitation) (TBC)</li> </ul>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	<p><b>Enabling transit facilitation – support from partners</b></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:TBC</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WTO (Aid for Trade) (TBC)</li> <li>- World Bank (TBC)</li> <li>- JICA (TBC)</li> <li>- Inter-American Development Bank (TBC)</li> <li>- <del>GIZ (TBC)</del></li> <li>- <del>USAID (TBC)</del></li> </ul>
13:00-15:00	Lunch Break
15:00-16:30	<p><b>Very technical but significantly important – Transit Guidelines</b></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: TBC</p>

	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Toshihiko Osawa, Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, WCO</li><li>- Transit expert (TBC)</li><li>- Transit expert (TBC)</li><li>- Transit expert (TBC)</li><li>- Transit expert (TBC)</li></ul>
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Closing ceremony</b></p> <p>Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the WCO</p>

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