

# WCO Origin Conference 2017

– Tentative programme –  
3-4 May 2017, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

As of 26 April 2017

Day 1: Wednesday 3 May 2017	
08:30-09:30	<b>Arrival of participants and registration</b>
09:30-10:00	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
	Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General, World Customs Organization (WCO) Ato Kebede Chane, Director General, Ethiopia Revenues and Customs Authority
10:00-10:30	<b>Key Note Speech</b>
	Commissioner of Trade and Industry, African Union Commission (AUC), H.E. Ambassador Albert M. Muchanga
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
11:00-12:30	<b>Session 1: Regional Integration and its Impact on Rules of Origin</b>
	<p>This session will provide an overview of regional integration, covering trade in goods on a global level. It focuses on the latest trends and developments and their impact on rules of origin as well as on the economic impact of rules of origin. The session will also provide success stories for regional integration.</p> <p>Moderator: Ping Liu, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Speaker 1: Michael Lux, Hamburg Customs Academy</p> <p>Speaker 2: Edward Kafeero, University of Münster</p> <p>Speaker 3: Mondher Mimouni, ITC and Global EPAs Research Consortium</p>
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch and networking break</i>
14:30-16:00	<b>Session 2: Regional Integration and Rules of Origin in Africa</b>
	<p>This session will discuss regional integration on the African continent including the latest developments, challenges encountered in the region, its vision and its impact on rules of origin. It will touch upon the process of developing rules of origin for the regional integration within the African Union.</p> <p>Moderator: Khauhelo Mawana, Trade and Industry Department, African Union Commission</p> <p>Speaker 1: Aissata Koffi, Customs Directorate of the ECOWAS Commission</p> <p>Speaker 2: Eckart Naumann, Trade Law Center for Southern Africa (TRALAC)</p>
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>

16:30-18:00	<b>Session 3: FTA Utilization</b>
	<p>This session will present good practices which serve as basis for decision making at policy level and raising awareness of the stakeholders regarding the effectiveness and efficiency of preferential rules of origin. The session will also present tools used for the promotion of FTAs.</p> <p>Moderator: Brian Staples, Trade Facilitation Services (TFS), consulting group</p> <p>Speaker 1: Jeremy Harris, Inter-American Development Bank</p> <p>Speaker 2: Bonggyu Chae, Korea Customs Service</p> <p>Speaker 3: Nan Ding, General Administration of Customs of China</p>
18:00-20:00	<p><b>Launch of the WCO Origin Compendium</b></p> <p><i>Followed by networking cocktail hosted by Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General, WCO</i></p>

<b>Day 2: Thursday 4 May 2017</b>	
09:00-11:00	<b>Session 4: Implementation of the WTO Nairobi Decision on Preferential Rules of Origin for LDCs</b>
	<p>This session will give an introduction to the WTO Decision on Preferential Rules of Origin for LDCs to make it easier for LDC's exports to qualify for preferential market access. It will also analyze the challenges, progress and future actions in relation to the implementation of the Decision.</p> <p>Moderator: Ping Liu, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Speaker 1: Darlan Marti, Market Access Division, WTO</p> <p>Speaker 2: Stefano Inama, UNCTAD</p> <p>Speaker 3: Rodolfo Vilches Velasco, Chile Customs</p> <p>Speaker 4: Gail W. Strickler, Brookfield Associates, L.L.C., Global Trade Consulting</p>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
11:30-12:30	<b>Session 5: Administration of Rules of Origin</b>
	<p>A major challenge for all stakeholders is the lack of harmonization within the area of origin. The WCO is promoting procedural harmonization to ensure facilitation and compliance through the proper implementation of WCO Guidelines on Origin Certification and Verification. This session will focus on the role of the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention and the further development of a work program for the simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures. It will also provide good national practices for the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement in relation to rules of origin.</p>

	<p>Moderator: Mette Azzam, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Speaker 1: Mette Azzam, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Speaker 2: Brian Staples, Trade Facilitation Services (TFS), consulting group</p>
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch and networking break</i>
14:30-15:30	<b>Session 5: Administration of Rules of Origin (cont.)</b>
	<p>Speaker 3: Rodolfo Vilches Velasco, Chile Customs</p> <p>Speaker 4: Gabrielle Tramby, Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Australian Border Force</p>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
16:00-17:45	<b>Session 6: Future of Rules of Origin</b>
	<p>This session covers views from different stakeholders to predict the future developments and the role of the trade community and Customs on a global level in the field of rules of origin. The aim of this session is to generate active discussions between all stakeholders in order to initiate a useful roadmap for the way forward on rules of origin.</p> <p>Moderator: Stefan Moser, Attorney at Law and former Chair of the WCO Technical Committee on Rules of Origin and the WTO Committee on Rules of Origin</p> <p>Speaker 1: Jean-Michel Grave, DG TAXUD, B.4, EU Commission</p> <p>Speaker 2: Jonas Kasteng, National Board of Trade, Swedish government agency</p> <p>Speaker 3: Darlan Marti, Market Access Division, WTO</p> <p>Speaker 4: Hiroshi Imagawa, Japan Association for Simplification of International Trade Procedures (JASTPRO)</p>
17:45-18:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
	Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General, WCO and the AUC Commissioner of Trade and Industry, H.E. Ambassador Albert M. Muchanga