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Monday, 3 June 2013

08.30-09.30	Registration	
09.30-09.45	Opening of the Conference <i>Robert Ireland</i> , Head, WCO Research and Strategies Unit & <i>Gaël Raballand</i> , Senior Public Sector and Governance Specialist, World Bank	
09.45-11.15	Panel 1. Informality and Customs: Institutional and Regional Perspectives Moderator: <i>Thomas Cantens</i>, WCO Research and Strategies Unit and Centre Norbert Elias, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Informal Cross Border Trade in Africa: Implications and Policy Recommendations</i>, Jean-Guy Afrika, Senior Trade Policy Analyst, African Development Bank <i>Informality, Regional Integration and Smuggling in West Africa</i>, Nancy Benjamin, Senior Economist, World Bank, Stephen Golub, Department of Economics, Swarthmore College, and Ahmadou Aly Mbaye, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Business, Cheikh Anta Diop University <i>Can Mirror Data Help to Capture Informal International Trade?</i> Christopher Grigoriou, Senior Economist, Government Security Solution, SICPA, Invited Professor of Econometrics, HEC Lausanne and Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration <i>Working With the Grain of Informality in Fragile States: Development Patrimonialism or Privatization of Privilege?</i> Rens Twijnstra, PhD candidate, Wageningen UR, Social Science Group 	
11.15-11.45	Coffee break	
11.45-12.30	Keynote address, <i>Keith Hart</i>, Co-director, Human Economy Research Programme, University of Pretoria, Centennial Professor, Economic Anthropology, London School of Economics	
12.30-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.30	Panel 2. Regional Dimension: Africa Moderator: <i>Coffet Lebepe</i>, Customs Counsellor, South Africa Revenue Service <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Tantalum Trade in the Central African Great Lakes Area: a Neoliberal Paradise Paradigm?</i> Thierry De Putter, Geodynamics and Mineral Resources, Royal Museum for Central Africa, Belgium <i>Under-appreciated International Trade in the Horn of Africa: The Case of Informal Cross-Border Trade in Livestock</i>, Peter Little, Professor of Anthropology, Director, Development Studies Programme, Emory University <i>The Nature of Informal Cross-Border Trade in Uganda, Its Justifications,</i> 	Panel 3. Regional Dimension: Asia Moderator: <i>Asha Menon</i>, Technical Officer, WCO Compliance and Facilitation Directorate <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Revealing Informal-Formal Trade by the Mirror Trade Statistics Comparison: The Case of Lao PDR and Cambodia</i>, Shintaro Hamanaka, Economist, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank <i>Informality in the Handling of Readymade Garment Cluster by Customs in Nepal</i>, Mallika Shakya, Assistant Professor, South Asian University, Delhi, India <i>A Case Study on Shuttle Trade between Korea and China</i>, Yeonho

	<p><i>Effects and How Customs Administration Handles It</i>, George Muwalya, Customs Audit Officer, Customs Audit Division, Uganda Revenue Authority</p>	<p>Kang, Director, Korea Customs Service, Chang-Ryung Han, Technical Officer, WCO Research and Strategies Unit</p> <p>4. <i>Formalization of Informal Trade</i>, Ghous Bux Sahqani, Customs Officer, Customs House, Karachi, Pakistan</p>
15.30-16.00	Coffee break	
16.00-17.30	<p>Panel 4. Regional Dimension: Americas Moderator: David Dolan, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Attaché at the US Mission to the EU in Brussels</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Repression Policies and the Territorialization of Traditional and Emerging Modes of Smuggling on the Border of Brazil-Uruguay</i>, Adriana Dorfman, Professor, Geography Department, Postgraduate Programme in Geography, IGEO-UFRGS (Porto Alegre, Brazil) 2. <i>Fifteen Dimensions of the Informality in the Brazilian Foreign Trade</i>, Cristiano Morini, Professor, State University of Campinas, Brazil (Unicamp) 3. <i>Trade Relations Between Dominican Republic and Haiti and their Customs Regulation</i>, Miguel Barbero, International Trade and Foreign Relations Specialist, General Directorate of Customs, Dominican Republic 	<p>Panel 5. Informality: Taxes, Smuggling and Money Moderator: Mariya Polner, Research Analyst, WCO Research and Strategies Unit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Informal Cross-Border Trade and Informal Taxation in Sierra Leone: Bargaining, Conflict and Politics</i>, Wilson Prichard, Joint Research Director, International Center for Tax and Development, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, and Vanessa van den Boogaard, Research Officer, International Center for Tax and Development 2. <i>The Impact of Informal Trade Actors and Practices on Customs Risk Management in the Member States of the Economic Community of West African States</i>, Anthony Cambas, Director, Center for International Trade and Development, Oklahoma State University, Assoumane Maiga, Doctoral Student, Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership, Oklahoma State University 3. <i>Guns, Smoke and Mirrors</i>, Aida Hozic, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Florida

		<p>4. <i>Import Value De-Minimis Level in Selected Economies as Cause of Undervaluation of Imported Goods</i>, Steven Pope, European Head, Customs and Regulatory Affairs, DHL Express, EU HQ,</p> <p>Cezary Sowinsky, Customs and Regulatory Affairs Manager, DHL Express, Ives Taelman, Senior Director of Customs and Regulatory Affairs, DHL Express</p>
17.30	Cocktail offered by WCO	

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09.00-10.30	<p>Panel 6. Informality and Long Distance Travel Moderator: Keith Hart, Co-director, Human Economy Research Programme, University of Pretoria, Centennial Professor, Economic Anthropology, London School of Economics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Representations, Official and Unofficial Practices of Border Administrations Related to What They Call 'Informal': a Case Study Inspired by Cameroon Customs</i>, Samson Bilangna, Technical Officer, WCO Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, and Louis Pagou, Customs Officer, Risk Management Team, Cameroon Customs 2. <i>Informality, Transnational Trade and Customs in a Stateless Democratic Republic of the Congo</i>, Patience Kabamba, Assistant Professor, International Studies, Marymount Manhattan College 3. <i>Taking Copies from China Past Customs: Routines, Risks, and the Possibility of Catastrophe</i>, Gordon Mathews, Professor, Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong 4. <i>From "Eutt" to Asia (Dubai, China and India): Trajectories of Senegalese Women Attacking International Trade</i>, Mohamadou Sall, Associate Professor, Population Sciences, Cheikh Anta Diop University
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.30	<p>Panel 7. Informality, Illegality and Legitimacy Moderator: Cristiana Panella, Royal Museum of Central Africa, Belgium</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Reconsidering Clandestine Economies: Changing Perspectives on African Cross-Border Trade</i>, Kate Meagher, Lecturer, Department of International Development, London School of Economics 2. <i>Customs Control Over Illicit International Trade: The Impact of Different Forms of Illegality</i>, Alan Smart, Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Calgary 3. <i>Informal Cross-Border Trade in Southern Mozambique (Mukhero)</i>, Albert Farre Ventura, Postdoctoral Fellow, Human Economy Programme, Humanities Faculty, University of Pretoria 4. <i>Informality and Smuggling: Asian Textile Imports from Brazzaville to Kinshasa</i>,

	Sylvie Ayimpam , Associate Researcher, CEMAF
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	<p>Panel 8. Informality, Illegality and Legitimacy (cont'd) Moderator: Mick Moore, CEO, International Centre for Tax and Development, Professorial Fellow, Institute of Development Studies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Hong Kong as an Entrêpot of Illicit and Illegal Trades</i>, Josephine Smart, Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Calgary 2. <i>"Pèpè" vs the State: Circulation and Commercialisation Negotiations of Second-Hand Textile at the Dominican-Haitian Border</i>, Catherine Bourgeois, [Prix du Fonds Van Buuren – LAMC], ULB 3. <i>Informality, International Trade and Customs: The official practices of the Revenue Authority in relation with what Zimbabwe calls "informal"</i>, John Chakasikwa, Research and Development Manager, Zimbabwe Revenue Authority 4. <i>One Smuggler Can Hide Another: Israel and West Bank (2007-2010)</i>, Cedric Parizot, Researcher, CNRS, IREMAM
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.30	<p>Panel 9. Informality: Norms and Practices Moderator: Gaël Raballand, Senior Public Sector and Governance Specialist, World Bank</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Where Informal Procedures Become Formal – Cross-Border Trade Between West and Central Africa</i>, Mombert Hoppe, Trade Economist for Southern Africa, World Bank 2. <i>Customs Reforms in Eastern Congo : Between Norms and Practices</i>, Omer Mirembe, Researcher, University of Antwerp 3. <i>Informal Taxes, Informal Trade and Custom Points in the Great Lakes Region</i>, Kristof Titeca, Postdoctoral Fellow, Research Foundation Flanders, Institute of Development Policy and Management (University of Antwerp) and the Conflict Research Group (University of Gent) 4. <i>Global Circulations and Commodity Chains: CDs and Digital Piracy in Latin America</i>, Jose Carlos Aguiar, Assistant Professor, Department of Latin American Studies, Leiden University
17.30-18.05	<p>Closing Remarks Moderator: Christine Msemburi, Head, WCO Regional Office for Capacity Building, East and Southern Africa Region Panelists: Thomas Cantens, Keith Hart, Peter Little, and Mick Moore</p>