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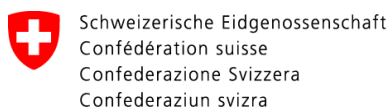


FIRST INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES

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Agenda - Palais des Nations – Room XVIII – Geneva - #NTFCForum



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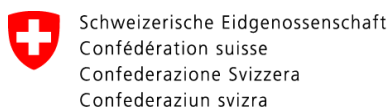
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Monday – 23 January 2017

09:30 – 10:00	Welcome coffee, photocall and registration
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Moderated by: Jan Hoffmann, Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General, UNCTAD (10 min) • Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO) (10 min) • Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre (ITC) (10 min) • William Gain, Global Program manager, Trade facilitation and Border Management, World Bank Group (WBG) (10 min) • Matthew Bannon, Senior Technical Officer, World Customs Organisation (WCO) (10 min)
11:00 – 11:15	Group picture
11:15 – 11:30	<p>Presentation of programme, agenda, team of experts, objectives of the week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arántzazu Sánchez, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 1: The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement: State of Play and Road Ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheri Rosenow, Counsellor, World Trade Organisation (WTO)
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 18:00	<p>Session 2: Technical assistance for the implementation of Trade Facilitation reforms – International Agencies</p> <p>Moderated by: Jan Hoffmann, Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shamika Sirimanne, Director Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD (15 min) • Mohammad Saeed, Senior Trade Facilitation Adviser, ITC (15 min) • Mikiko Ollison, Regional Trade Specialist, WBG (15 min) • Matthew Bannon, Senior Technical Officer, WCO (15 min) • Jonathan Werner, Coordinator, Executive Secretariat for the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) at the WTO (15 min) • Frank Van Rompaey, Representative to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) (15 min) • Dovi Amouzou, International Development Expert, NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade Department, African Development Bank (AFDB) (15 min) • Further speakers tbc (1h45 so far, we need 3 further speakers at least) • Questions and Answers, 30 min

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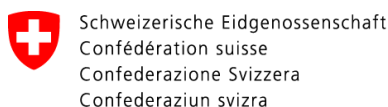
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Tuesday – 24 January 2017

<p>10:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>Session 3: Support for the implementation of Trade Facilitation reforms – Bilateral Donors Moderated by: Poul Hansen, Officer in Charge, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sushila Hirani, Project Manager, Customs Directorate, Her Majesty Revenue and Customs (HMRC) (15 min) • Andreas Schaumayer, Deputy Head, Trade Division, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (15 min) • Guy Platton, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission (15 min) • Mark Henderson, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission (15 min) • Representative from Netherlands (name tbd) • We need 2 more speakers • Questions and Answers (30 min)
<p>12:00 - 13:00</p>	<p>Session 4: NTFCs around the world – main challenges and lessons learned from UN Repository of NTFCs Moderated by Mohammad Saeed, ITC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poul Hansen, UNCTAD (30 min) • Maria Ceccarelli, Chief Trade Facilitation Section, UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (on recommendation 4) (15 min) • Questions and answers (15 min)
<p>13:00 - 15:00</p>	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>
<p>15:00 - 16:30</p>	<p>Session 5: The role of regional organizations in the implementation of trade facilitation reforms Moderated by: Joy Kategekwa, Head, UNCTAD Office in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youssouf Kone, Regional Integration Consultant, NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade Department, AFDB (15 min) • Aly Ibouura Moussa, Head of Customs Cooperation Division, African Union (15 min) • Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, UNECE (15 min) • Sebastián Herreros, International Trade and Integration Division, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC) (15 min) • Questions and Answers (30 min)
<p>16:30 – 18:00</p>	<p>Session 6: How to ensure coordination of national and regional Trade Facilitation Committees and agendas Moderated by: Manuel Henriques, Senior Private Sector Development Specialist, WBG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hermie George, Technical Attaché, Compliance and Facilitation, WCO (10 min) • Ulrika Lyckman, Swedish Permanent Representation in Brussels (10 min) • Javier A. Gutierrez, Executive Director, Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (10 min) • Samuel Chemisto, Secretary NTFC, Kenya (tbc) (10 min) • Questions and Answers 30 min

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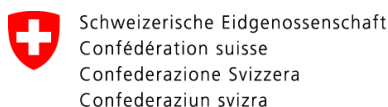
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Wednesday – 25 January 2017

<p>10:00 - 11:30</p>	<p>Session 7: How to formally establish and sustain an NTFC (Lead UNCTAD) Moderated by: Bismark Sitorus, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poul Hansen, Officer in Charge, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD (15 min) • Ali Giddo, Chairman, Working Group on Trade Facilitation, Sudan (15 min) • Mohammed Benayad, General Secretary of the Ministry of Trade, Industry, Investment and numeric economy, in charge of Foreign Trade, and also Chairman of the National Commission for Simplification of International Trade Procedures, Morocco (15 min) • Ombeni Mwashia, Assistant Director of Multilateral Trade cooperation, Ministry of Industry, Tanzania (15 min) • Questions and answers (30 min)
<p>11:30 - 13:00</p>	<p>Session 8: NTFCs – Potential Problems and Pitfalls (Lead WB) Moderated by: Manuel Henriques, WBG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathan Taylor, WCO • Questions and answers 30 min
<p>13:00 - 14:00 <i>Lunch break</i></p>	
<p>14:00 - 15:00</p>	<p>Technical assistance trade fair Participants are invited to discuss assistance with organisations in a trade-fair style.</p>
<p>15:00 – 16:30</p>	<p>Session 9: How to engage the private sector in the work of the NTFC (Lead ITC) Moderated by: Mohammad Saeed, ITC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Morris, Chairman of the Customs Affairs Institute, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) • Donia Hammami, Vice President, Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation; Head Customs & Trade Facilitation, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) • Babar Badat: Managing Director of Transfreight Corp and member of National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee, Pakistan • Adamu Abdulhamid, Chairman National Trade Facilitation Committee, Nigeria • Questions and answers 30 min
<p>16:30 – 18:00</p>	<p>Session 10: How to engage effectively with other border agencies in a coordinated border management context (Lead WCO) Moderated by: Hermie George, WCO and Nathan Taylor, WCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina Mudzingwa, Co-chair, Zimbabwe National Trade Facilitation Committee • Ghulam Ahmed, Director General, Training, Federal Board of Revenue, Pakistan (TBC) • Questions and answers 30 min

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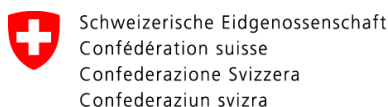
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Thursday – 26 January 2017

10:00 - 13:00	<p>Session 11: How to lead and guide your NTFC in the process of drafting a National Trade Facilitation Roadmap (UNCTAD lead with coop of UNECE)</p> <p>Moderated by: Arantzazu Sánchez, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a National Trade Facilitation Roadmap and why it is important / Why using a Guide for Drafting a Trade Facilitation Implementation Roadmap (Maria Teresa Pisani, Acting Chief, UN/CEFACT Support Unit, UNECE) – (15 min) • Initiation, Conception and Validation phase – (Poul Hansen, UNCTAD) (15 min) • Vision statement (Arantzazu Sánchez, UNCTAD) – 10 min • Baseline current situation: techniques for baselining, use of trade facilitation indicators to assess current situation of a country (Pamela Ugaz, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD) – 15 minutes • Goals and Activities: identifying them, compliance indicators, importance of interdependency and prioritization of activities (Arantzazu Sanchez, UNCTAD) – 60 min • Governance structure, risks and assumptions (Julian Fraga-Campos, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE, UNECE) (30 min) • The experience of drafting a Trade Facilitation Roadmap, Mohamed Ibrahim Adam, Rapporteur Working Group on Trade Facilitation, Sudan (15 min) • Questions and Answers (20 min)
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 15:00	<p>Technical assistance trade fair</p> <p>Participants are invited to discuss assistance with organisations in a trade-fair style.</p>
15:00 – 17:00	<p>Session 12: How to draft project proposals and adapt them to different donors (WCO Lead)</p> <p>Moderated by: Nathan Taylor, WCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Mpairwe, Legal Officer, Uganda Revenue Authority (TBC) • Iris Hauswirth, Chief of the Strategic Planning, Performance and Governance Section, ITC • Questions and Answers 30 min
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Session 13: The specific role of NTFCs in the evaluation and monitoring of TF reforms (UNCTAD lead)</p> <p>Moderated by: Jan Hoffmann, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation and monitoring – what they mean and why are they important for the NTFC? Pamela Ugaz, UNCTAD (10 mins) • ASYCUDA System for Performance Management – How can the NTFC benefit from the data gathered by this system? Giuseppe Di Capua, ASYCUDA Team, UNCTAD (10 mins) • “PPD and Monitoring& evaluation” Rajesh Aggarwal, Chief Trade facilitation and Policy for Business, ITC (10 mins) • Hermie George, WCO (10 mins) • Questions and Answers (20 min)

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Friday – 27 January 2017	
10:00 - 11:30	<p>Session 14: The role of NTFCs in the future of Trade Facilitation Moderated by: Shamika Sirimanne, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Window - Hermie George; WCO (15 min) • Single Window – Giuseppe Di Capua, UNCTAD (tbd - 15 min) • Trade portals as tools for completion of Article 1, Frank Grozel, XX, Business Facilitation Programme, UNCTAD (15 min) • Questions and Answers (45 min)
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Hoffmann, UNCTAD • Mohammad Saeed, ITC • William Gain, WBG • Nathan Taylor, WCO • Sheri Rosenow, WTO
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Short event evaluation and distribution of attendance certificates</p>

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