

UNCTAD Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport and Trade Facilitation

"Challenges and Policy Options for Transport and Trade Facilitation"

7–9 December 2011
Palais des Nations
Room XXVI

PROGRAMME

10.00-13.00

15.00-18.00

**Wednesday
7 December
2011**

OPENING SESSION

**SESSION I
TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE
TRANSPORT**

**SESSION II
TRANSPORT EFFICIENCY**

**Thursday
8 December
2011**

**SESSION III
CUSTOMS AUTOMATION AND TRADE
SECURITY**

**SESSION IV
TRADE FACILITATION**

**Friday
9 December
2011**

**SESSION V
THE WAY FORWARD**

**CLOSING SESSION
CHAIR'S SUMMARY AND REMARKS**

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Wednesday 7 December 2011

10.00 - 11.00 OPENING SESSION

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Opening remarks by the Chairperson

Opening statement

[Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi](#), Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Welcoming remarks

[Ms. Anne Miroux](#), Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Introduction to the issues note

[Mr. José María Rubiato](#), Officer-in-Charge, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

11.00 - 13.00 Session I: Trade and Sustainable Transport

Introduction

[Ms. Regina Asariotis](#), Chief Policy and Legislation Section, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

Speakers:

[Mr. Simon Bennett](#), Director External Relations, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)

[Mr. Philippe Crist](#), Senior Researcher, OECD-ITF, Joint Transport Research Center

National experiences:

[Mr. Oliver Alexander D'Oleo](#), Lawyer, General Customs Direction, Dominican Republic

Discussion

Lunch

15.00 - 18.00 Session II: Transport Efficiency

Introduction

[Mr. Vincent Valentine](#), OIC Transport Section, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

Speakers:

[Mr. Solomon Kasa](#), Secretary General, Tanzania Freight Forwarders Association
Improvements in Dar es Salaam's Port Efficiency

[Mr. Yashwin Bhoola](#), Associate Partner, Letsema, South Africa

[Ms. Sharmila Chavalv](#), Executive Director, Railway Board, Government of India

National experiences:

[Ms. Elizabeth Tamale](#), Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Tourism, Trade & Industry,
Uganda

Discussion

18.00 - 19h 00 Cocktail - Escargot Bar (Third Floor , E-Building)

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Thursday 8 December 2011**10.00 - 13.00 Session III: Customs Automation and Trade security****Introduction**

[Mr. Fabrice Millet](#), Programme Coordinator, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

Speakers

[Mr. David King](#), Analyst, Cargo Targeting, Office of Intelligence and Investigative Liaison, US Customs and Border Protection

[Ms. Carina Dixon](#), Chair of ICHCA International Security Panel

National experiences:

[Mr. Sam Toyota](#), IT Director, Revenue Authority of Rwanda

[Mr. Idris Elmi Doubed](#), Assistant du Directeur des Douanes, Douanes de la République de Djibouti

[Mr. Malyar Jabarkhel](#), IT Director, Customs Department, Afghanistan

Discussion

Lunch**15.00 - 18.00 Session IV: Trade Facilitation****Introduction**

[Mr. Jan Hoffmann](#), Chief Trade Facilitation Section, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

Speakers

[Mr. Joakim Reiter](#), Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the WTO

[Ms. Elizabeth Tamale](#), Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Tourism, Trade & Industry, Uganda

[Mr. Mario Matus](#), Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Chile to the WTO

National experiences:

[Ms. Amani MUSAAD](#), Head of WTO Unit, Ministry of foreign Trade, Sudan

[Mr. Binod Prasad Acharya](#), Under Secretary, International Trade Division of Commerce and Supplies, Nepal

[Mr. Zephania Muhigi](#), Head of Field Operations Division, Customs Department, Rwanda

Discussion

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Friday 9 December 2011, 10.00 - 13.00

**10.00 - 13.00 Session V: The way forward
Policy options for Transport and Trade facilitation**

Speakers:

Mr. José María Rubiato, Officer-in-Charge, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

[Mr. Andreas Kopp](#), Lead Transport Economist; Transport, Water and Information and Communications Technologies Department, World Bank

[Mr. Thomas Hamlin](#), Technical Adviser, Energy, Transport and Climate Change, Division for Sustainable Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

[Mr. Arvind Mayaram](#), IAS Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, India

Discussion

Lunch

**15.00 - 18.00 Closing Session
Chairperson's Summary and remarks**

Discussion

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