

**Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport and Trade  
Facilitation:**

**Emerging Challenges and Recent Developments Affecting  
Transport and Trade Facilitation**

8–10 December 2010  
Geneva, Palais des Nations  
E Building (UNCTAD), Room XXVI

**PROGRAMME**

| <b><u>WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER</u></b>     |  |
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| <b>OPENING PLENARY SESSION</b>          |  |
| 10:00-11:00                             | <p><i>Election of officers,</i></p> <p><i>Opening remarks by the Chairperson</i></p> <p><i>Welcome remarks by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD</i></p> <p><i>Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</i></p> <p><i>Introductory remarks by <a href="#">Ms. Anne Miroux</a>, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</i></p> <p><i>Introduction: <a href="#">Mr. José María Rubiato</a>, Officer-in-Charge, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</i></p>   |
| <b>SESSION I</b>                        |  |
| <b>RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TRANSPORT</b> |  |
| 11:00-13:00                             | <p><i>Recent developments in international trade, transport and trade facilitation. Addressing the main challenges and opportunities in the field of transport and trade facilitation at the national, regional and international level.</i></p> <p><i>Introduction: <a href="#">Mr. Vincent Valentine</a>, Officer-in-Charge, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Mr. Ravi Bhattarai</a>, Représentant permanent adjoint (Affaires commerciales/OMC) Nepal</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Mr. José Luis Barettino</a>, Sub-director General, Port of Gijon, Spain</i></p> <p><i>National experiences</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap-up remarks</i></p> |
| 13:00-15:00                             | <i>Lunch break</i>   |

## SESSION II

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TRADE FACILITATION

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| 15:00-18:00 | <p><i>Trade facilitation is a key instrument that determines the level of developing countries' integration into the global trade and economy. Increased attention is paid to this issue on the multilateral, regional and national level. Launched in 2004, negotiations on trade facilitation under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO) have made important advances. In parallel, developing countries are increasingly engaging in regional transport and trade facilitation initiatives. On the national level, countries are seizing synergies between national trade facilitation objectives and commitments at the multilateral and regional level.</i></p> <p><i>Introduction: <a href="#">Ms. Maria Misovicova</a>, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Mr. Carlos Enriquez</a>, Counselor, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the WTO, Geneva</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Mr. Shintaro Hamanaka</a>, Economist, Asian Development Bank</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Mr. Ousmane Mbengue</a>, Senior Inspector of Special Class Customs, Facilitation and Partnership Director, Senegal</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>National experiences:</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Mondol, Acting Chief of Notification Office, Department of Notification and Legal Compliance, Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Purushottam Ojha, Secretary Ministry of Commerce and Supplies and Mr Rauniar, Managing Director of Inter-State Multi-Modal Transport Pvt Ltd., Nepal</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Javad Gasimov - First Deputy Chief of the Head Department Organization of Customs Control, Republic of Azerbaijan.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap-up remarks</i></p> |
| 18:00       | <p><i>Cocktail — Delegate's Restaurant (Eighth floor)</i></p>   |

**THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER**

**SESSION III**

**EMERGING GLOBAL CHALLENGES AFFECTING TRANSPORT AND TRADE**

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| 10:00-13:00 | <p><i>Against a background of an increasingly integrated world economy, transport infrastructure and services need to be ever more efficient, cost-effective, reliable and environmentally sustainable. Meeting these demands, however, is complicated by growing concerns over a number of global challenges, which include increasing pressure on conventional energy supplies, the implications of elevated levels of oil prices for transport costs and trade, as well as the potential impacts of climate change on transportation and the costs of taking effective adaptation measures. In this context and with the world economy currently at a critical juncture, it is important to build perspective and consider ways in which these challenges can be effectively addressed. To provide a forum for discussion, this session considers some key issues at the interface of the energy and climate change debate, in particular with a view to their implications for transport costs and trade.</i></p> <p><i>Introduction: Ms. Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Mr. Lew Fulton</a>, Senior Transport Energy Specialist, Division of Energy Technology Policy, IEA</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Mr. Simon Baptist</a>, Engagement Manager, Vivideconomics</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Mr. Andreas Kopp</a>, Lead Transport Economist - Energy, Transport and Water Department, World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>National Experiences:</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Berhanu Ayalew Bezabeh, Director, Environmental Standards Program Directorate, Environmental Protection Authority, Ethiopia</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap-up remarks</i></p> |
| 13:00-15:00 | <p><i>Lunch break</i></p>   |

**SESSION IV:  
IMPORTANT REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS**

15:00-18:00

*Highlighting the growing strategic importance of sustainability in shipping, this session focuses on some recent developments in the field of international environmental regulation and labour standards, namely (a) liability for ship-source pollution under the 1996 HNS Convention and the 1992 IOPC Fund Convention regimes, with emphasis on latest developments, (b) the 2009 Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, and (c) the 2006 Maritime Labour Convention.*

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*[Mr. Jerry Rysanek](#), Chairman of the 1992 IOPC Fund Assembly and Executive Director, International Marine Policy, Transport Canada*

*[Mr. Nikos Mikelis](#), Senior Implementation Officer, IMO*

*[Ms. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry](#), Director, International Labour Standards Department, ILO*

*Discussion*

*National experiences:*

*Mr. Dimitri Ayyvatoglou, Representative from Turkey*

*Discussion*

*Wrap-up remarks*

**FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER**

**SESSION V**

**THE USE OF ICTS IN LOGISTICS, TRADE FACILITATION AND SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY**

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| 10:00-13:00                           | <p><i>This session will address the main challenges and opportunities emerging from supply-chain security imperatives as applied in the field of transport and trade facilitation. The presentations will examine the role and importance of the use of ICT in this context; they include World Customs Organization (WCO) proposals for the interconnection of Customs Administrations and other measures related to the implementation of the WCO Framework of Standards; the current regional initiatives in favour of transit facilitation in central Africa; the case of St.Lucia in the implementation of risk management schemes and policies, as an example for Small Island Developing States (SIDS); a proposal for a methodology to develop performance indicators in goods dispatch in freight terminals at border stations.</i></p> <p><i>Introduction: <a href="#">Mr. Fabrice Millet</a>, ASYCUDA Programme Coordinator, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Ms. Susanne Aigner</a>, Deputy Director Compliance and Facilitation, WCO, Belgium</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Ms. Deontee King-Sackie</a>, Commissioner Bureau of Customs and Excises, Liberia</i></p> <p><i><a href="#">Mr. Peter Terence Leonard</a>, Director of Trade Facilitation</i></p> <p><i>Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade and Investment, St. Lucia</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>National experience:</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Samson Bilangna, Customs IT Director, Cameroon</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Khaled Othman, Customs IT Director, Syrian Arab Republic</i></p> <p><i>Mr Salem Bashabesh, Customs Deputy Director, Jordan</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Sameer Mubarak, Nafith Logistics, Jordan</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Jaime Mendoza, UNCTAD / ASYCUDA Regional Expert</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap-up remarks</i></p> |
| 13:00-15:00                           | <p><i>Lunch break</i></p>   |
| <p><b>CLOSING PLENARY SESSION</b></p> |   |
| 15:00                                 | <p><i>Chairman's summary and final remarks</i></p>  |

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